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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate with trucks availability continuing to be a huge issue. Food service demand is light to instances good, mostly moderate entering the holiday week; however, curtailed plant schedules during the holiday period will help bring product into close balance. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to fair as dealers remain cautious and selective. Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, steady to weak for wings and steady for the balance of items. Offerings of tenders are balanced to adequate and clearing well; breast cuts, wings and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with the larger wings noted as slightly more available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

The National Composite Weighted Average for 12/20/13 is 93.94 compared to 94.89 a week earlier, and 98.17 a year ago.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **104.25** cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
878	91.65-110.30	103.83

Confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	190.50	1,677
BREASTS - B/S	187.50	7,258
BREASTS - WHOLE	109.00	1,556
THIGH MEAT - B/S	140.00	1,040
THIGHS	73.50	1,247
DRUMSTICKS	72.50	1,252
LEG QUARTERS	50.50	9,110
WINGS	124.50	3,226

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

EASTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	65.00 - 121.00	92.00 - 99.00	97.54	↓ 0.61	5,263	98.15	5,303
WOGS:	84.00 - 117.00	92.00 - 99.00	95.51	↓ 0.58	1,368	96.09	1,336
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	85.00 - 100.00	92.00 - 99.00	95.95	↓ 0.60	1,393	96.55	1,438
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	74.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 92.00	89.02	↓ 1.10	4,177	90.12	3,672
WOGS:	74.00 - 105.00	83.00 - 91.00	87.21	↓ 1.34	3,442	88.56	2,837
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	76.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 94.00	90.90	↑ 0.33	2,335	90.57	2,355
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	78.00 - 113.00	90.00 - 97.00	94.59	↓ 0.42	2,500	95.01	2,066
WOGS:	78.00 - 101.00	90.00 - 97.00	93.31	↓ 0.33	2,235	93.64	1,855
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	78.00 - 111.00	90.00 - 97.00	94.35	↑ 0.88	2,185	93.47	1,711

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

Eastern Region: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV. **Central Region:** AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NM, OK, OH, SD, TX, WI. **Western Region:** AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders; steady to weak for wings and generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to fair as dealers remained cautious and selective and maintained closely balanced floor stocks. Offerings of tenders are balanced to adequate and clearing satisfactorily; breast cuts, wings and most dark meat items are moderate to heavy with the larger wings noted as slightly more available and slow in clearing. Movement is slow to moderate.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	125.83	788,160
TENDERLOINS	150	147.01	165,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	109.18	61,008
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.00	81,000
LEGS	64-65	61.03	201,340
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	41.65	293,040
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	52.18	44,240
THIGHS	64-65	64.89	62,560
B/S THIGHS	122-123	128.86	58,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	118.38	274,520
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,500
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	63.98	9,220
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.80	15,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/23	12/19	12/19	12/16	12/12
Alabama	3,775	3,702	5.64	3,590	5.67
Arkansas	4,891	4,796	5.72	4,681	5.85
Delmarva	2,125	2,128	6.12	1,957	6.16
Ky-LA-TN	2,559	2,145	4.85	2,519	5.02
Mississippi	2,822	2,292	5.68	2,767	6.43
North Carolina	2,856	2,911	7.65	2,841	7.65
Texas	2,440	2,152	5.72	2,402	5.75
Total	21,468	20,126	5.93	20,757	6.06
Mon	21,468 (A)			20,757 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Dec-13 is estimated to be 32,167,000 up 3.12 percent from a week ago and up 395.8 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,195,000 last year 6,489,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	135	113.00-135.00	-	117.89
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	188	35.00-41.00	-	36.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	128	39.00-44.00	-	41.19
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DEC 23, 2013 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.00 - 66.00	62.27	62.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 23-DEC-13 TO 27-DEC-13, CENTS PER POUND

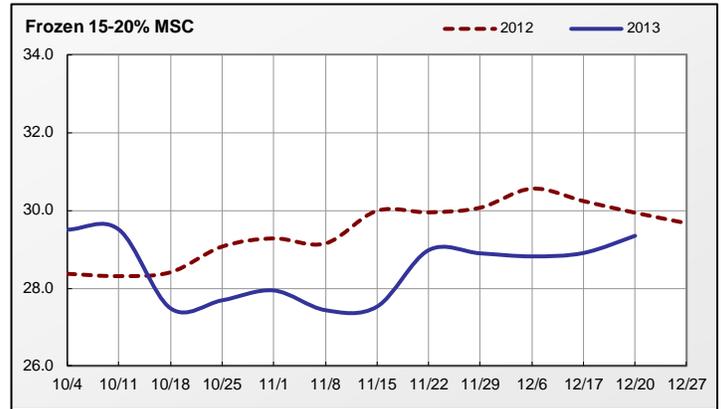
	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 150.00	114.00 - 123.00
TENDERLOINS	143.00 - 157.00	143.00 - 153.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	85.00 - 115.00	91.00 - 104.00
LEGS	59.00 - 66.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38.00 - 51.00	40.00 - 44.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	41.00 - 51.00	42.00 - 46.00
DRUMSTICKS	41.00 - 51.00	-
THIGHS	62.00 - 73.00	-
B/S THIGHS	115.00 - 132.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	98.00 - 110.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 61.00	-

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices of MSC are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Industry continues to watch the spot marketplace for any developments, however the marketplace appears to be in its usual seasonal pattern with many making preparations for next week's Christmas holiday. Negotiations for 2014 contracts are starting to wind down as most have committed both MSC and frames, however some are still finalizing terms; contracts with Mexico persist for a majority of companies. Flat pricing on MSC and frames have been confirmed at levels below those in 2013 in addition to some formula pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak with trading levels between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 10-12 cents FOB.

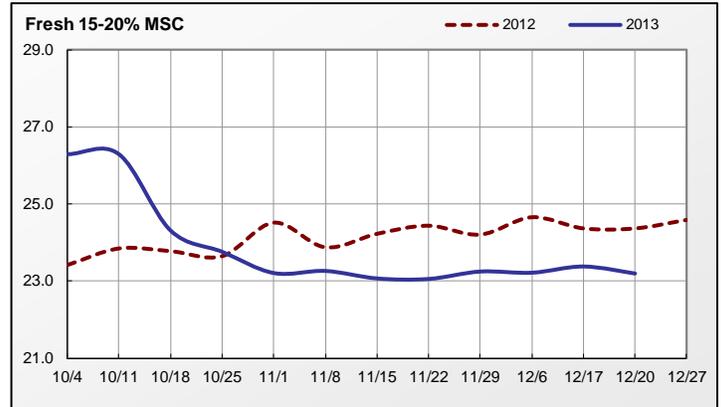
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year	20-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	32.00	-	28.00	27.00 - 28.00	23.50-26.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	28.00	27.75	25.21
Volume Traded	-	40	-	122	163	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 31.00	29.00-32.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 26.00	22.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.35	28.90	30.56	23.20	23.38	24.66
Volume Traded	1,405	1,622	1,750	3,386	2,509	4,182
Volume Exported	1,165	1,542	1,510	1,020	816	775
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.50	33.00	30.00	27.53	28.17	25.04
Volume Traded	80	40	40	734	245	938
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.01	27.60	29.74	23.17	24.01	24.24
Volume Traded	10,769	5,090	8,995	14,982	6,294	20,460
Volume Exported	9,449	4,730	7,875	2,489	1,142	2,447
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.10
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	82	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)