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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher in the East, steady to firm in the Midwest and steady to mostly firm in the West. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate as blizzard like weather conditions moves into the Northeast. Trucking issues persist mostly in regard to winter storm delays, as well as limited availability and increased expense. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts structure, movement is moderate as dealers assess market conditions following the holiday downtime. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings; firm for tenders; steady to weak for bone-in breast and steady for the balance of items. Offerings of tenders and wings are in good balance and clearing well. Boneless skinless breast and most dark meat items are sufficient. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

## 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.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
872	99.25-110.30	104.38

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	193.00	1,438
Breasts - B/S	192.00	6,150
Breasts - Whole	107.00	1,138
Thigh Meat - B/S	144.50	1,045
Thighs	73.00	1,219
Drumsticks	72.00	1,079
Leg Quarters	50.50	7,909
Wings	124.00	3,211

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

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	95.83	↑ 1.25	11,727
<b>Last Week:</b>	94.58		11,013
<b>Last Year:</b>	104.98	↓ 9.15	11,248
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Dec</b>	94.60		45,464

## 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:	78.00 - 119.00	93.00 - 100.00	98.87	↑ 1.53	5,463	97.34	5,205
WOGS:	80.00 - 117.00	95.00 - 100.00	96.85	↑ 1.15	1,439	95.70	1,297
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	89.00 - 102.00	95.00 - 100.00	97.59	↑ 1.05	1,508	96.54	1,421
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	79.00 - 109.25	85.00 - 93.00	91.54	↑ 1.74	4,867	89.80	3,832
WOGS:	79.00 - 105.00	87.00 - 93.00	89.81	↑ 2.22	3,837	87.59	2,862
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	79.00 - 109.25	85.00 - 95.00	91.91	↑ 1.21	2,870	90.70	2,350
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.00 - 113.00	95.00 - 101.00	98.86	↑ 2.29	1,397	96.57	1,976
WOGS:	89.00 - 109.00	95.00 - 98.00	96.60	↑ 1.59	970	95.02	1,730
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	89.00 - 111.00	95.00 - 100.00	97.85	↑ 2.73	1,022	95.11	1,621

### 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.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER 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.

Jan 02, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	315	112.00-135.00	115-117	116.99
TENDERLOINS	141	141.00-176.00	-	159.87
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	149	35.00-41.00	36-38	37.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	160	39.00-44.00	41-43	41.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	109	35.00-44.00	35-38	37.17
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 02, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
60.50 - 67.00	62.68

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.

POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG	
389	112.00-135.00	115-117	116.49	1,335	116.76	
151	142.00-176.00	-	161.23	538	159.63	
TOO FEW TO REPORT					114	78.51
TOO FEW TO REPORT					156	88.01
118	46.00-51.00	-	49.14	383	48.60	
267	35.00-41.00	36-38	36.22	774	36.82	
190	39.00-44.00	41-43	42.05	695	41.84	
TOO FEW TO REPORT					249	98.82
TOO FEW TO REPORT					293	115.56
129	35.00-44.00	35-38	37.30	468	37.05	
TOO FEW TO REPORT					TFEWR	
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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Jan 03, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.50 - 67.00	62.13	62.47

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for wings; firm for tenders; steady to weak for bone-in breast and steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate entering the weekend as dealers assess market condition following the holiday downtime and as blizzard like weather conditions moves across most of the area. Offerings of tenders and wings are in good balance and clearing well with premiums noted. Boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat items are sufficient for current needs; bone-in breast was noted as slightly more available. Movement is moderate.

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

Jan 02, 2014

CURRENT NEG ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	128.79	712,120
TENDERLOINS	155	150.25	174,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	111.36	39,033
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.82	77,136
LEGS	64-65	59.34	148,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.58	220,146
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	59.40	130,973
THIGHS	64-65	78.35	58,600
B/S THIGHS	122-123	127.92	67,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	116-117	123.74	317,380
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.61	11,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.86	27,500

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. \*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

CURRENT NEG ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	125.62	1,038,000	127.15	2,948,970
TENDERLOINS	155	150.63	269,880	150.00	745,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	107.33	63,233	109.62	205,535
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	93.84	79,244	93.53	306,487
LEGS	64-65	64.76	95,760	61.20	579,900
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	43.26	300,000	41.50	1,190,096
DRUMSTICKS	45-46	58.70	156,320	56.61	530,366
THIGHS	64-65	76.43	68,240	77.07	240,040
B/S THIGHS	122-123	127.16	111,880	127.19	308,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	117-118	124.61	311,240	122.88	1,162,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,120	18.00	19,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.12	14,795	57.65	40,205
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.11	24,040	80.05	71,520

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	01/03	01/02	01/01	12/31	01/01	12/31	12/27	12/25
Alabama	4,000	3,118	(A)	2,792	(A)	5.55	4,484	(A)
Arkansas	5,397	4,924	(A)	3,572	(A)	5.33	5,641	(A)
Delmarva	3,923	2,237	(A)	1,490	(A)	6.41	3,909	(A)
Ky-LA-TN	3,002	2,255	(A)	2,008	(A)	5.67	2,687	(A)
Mississippi	2,888	2,554	(A)	2,423	(A)	5.99	2,992	(A)
North Carolina	4,692	2,919	(A)	2,095	(A)	7.80	4,576	(A)
Texas	2,847	2,275	(A)	1,983	(A)	5.93	3,369	(A)
Total	26,749	20,282	1,761	16,363	(A)	5.99	27,658	(A)
Mon-Friday	86,235 (B)						80,234 (B)	
Saturday	6,564 (included in total for date shown)						7,387	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan-14 and 04-Jan-14 is estimated to be 40,080,000 head down 3.58 percent from a week ago and up 49.91 percent from a year ago. (Last week 41,566,000, last year 26,736,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Jan-14 is estimated to be 129,211,000 head up 7.16 percent from a week ago, and down 1.04 percent from a year ago. (Last week 120,580,000, last year 130,573,000)

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL** Prices are trending mostly steady. Supplies are light to moderate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is seasonally moderate. Retail feature activity is very light with the bulk of interest being South Central region.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-22.0 13.99  
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)  
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL** Prices are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate. Processing schedules are reduced due to the holiday. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is light with the majority interest being in the Southeast region.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV;  
North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI;  
South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week ending 28-Dec-13

	Thousands				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	29,510	44,556	24,112	22,402	120,580
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.45	6.88	8.77	5.94
% of total /1	24%	37%	20%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,414	60,716	24,765	29,256	156,151
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.43	6.90	8.69	5.84
% of total /1	27%	39%	16%	19%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,418	36,798	25,492	18,677	115,385
Avg Live Wgt	3.41	5.44	6.79	8.56	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	22%	16%	100%
To date/2013*	2,140,619	2,826,338	1,546,918	1,455,040	7,968,915
To date/2012*	1,922,297	3,202,051	1,522,143	1,228,014	7,874,506
% Change YTD	11%	-12%	2%	18%	1%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Dec-13

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	120,580	896	706	1,602	280
Avg Wt	5.94	2.98	7.51	4.98	6.72
Last week	156,151	1,728	1,360	3,088	465
Same wk yr ago	115,385	940	780	1,720	239
Avg Wt	5.64	3.04	8.31	5.43	6.16
To-date/2013*	7,968,917	75,273	75,875	151,148	22,753
To-date/2012*	7,874,507	76,192	80,930	157,122	21,412
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-6%	-4%	6%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	544,346	1,442	3,632	5,074	1,345
Last week	693,061	3,005	6,475	9,480	2,311
Same wk yr ago	491,332	1,543	4,246	5,789	1,053
To-date/2013*	35,194,175	129,820	411,084	540,904	109,516
To-date/2012*	34,162,250	129,543	422,729	552,272	102,600
% Change YTD	3%	0%	-3%	-2%	7%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.0% 68.5% 71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 147.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 122.0 million head, or 25.0 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
11/23	154.9	151.2	102%	5.72
11/30	124.5	149.6	83%	5.79
12/07	151.2	147.6	102%	5.86
12/14	160.6	151.7	106%	5.79
12/21	158.0	143.9	110%	5.84
12/28	122.0	147.0	83%	5.94
Year to date	8064.2	7993.9	101%	
01/04		144.7		
01/11		150.5		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	01/04/14	12/28/13	% chg	01/05/13	% chg
Broilers	129,211	120,580 <sup>1</sup>	+7.16	130,573 <sup>1</sup>	-1.04
Cattle	521	429	+21	519 <sup>2</sup>	0
Hogs	2,011	1,843	+09	1,972 <sup>2</sup>	+02

<sup>1</sup>Actual data incorporated when available.

<sup>2</sup>Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of December 30, 2013

**DUCKLINGS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 Lbs., Delivered In Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, Cents/Lb.

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	226-230	231-237
MIDWEST	197-212	202-218

**ROASTERS:**

Prices Negotiated By First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. & Up, Delivered, Cents/Lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	77.00-98.25	79.00-89.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	79.00-99.50	84.00-91.00

**SQUABS:**

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1-10 Boxes

11 oz.	83.52-104.16
13 oz.	91.44-124.26
15 oz.	99.36-132.46

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS**

This week, prices are steady. Demand remains fairly good to good with the approach of the Chinese New Year. Supplies are moderate to short for current requirements. Processing schedules are varied to reduced in observance of the New Year holiday. Transportation availability continues to present difficulties. Market activity is moderate to active. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.52-8.80, bone-in legs at \$3.45-4.00, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.80-.95, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet \$.95-1.45 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for us grade a delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb. Week of December 30, 2013

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	184-219	189-224

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Date of Auction: December 31, 2013 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	- 3.25 lbs.
Goose Eggs	- 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.35 - .55 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.75 - 1.95 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.55 - .70 lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.25 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	- 3.00 ea.
White Pigeons	- 4.50 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.00 - 2.00 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.30 - 2.45 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.50 ea.
Bunnies	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - .70 lbs.
Total Coops Sold	890