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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in the West, firm to higher elsewhere. Offerings are mixed for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good best movement on promotion items. Floor stocks are balance to short. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate entering the weekend as extremely cold weather moves into the area. Prices are trending steady to higher for tenders and boneless skinless breast, steady to weak for bone- in breast and steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breast are in good balance and clearing well; wings and bone-in breast are moderate to heavy with jumbo wings noted as slightly more available. All other parts are sufficient for current needs. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas live supplies are moderate, weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **104.50** 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	***no range today***	104.38

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	94.40	↑ 2.78	11,780
Last Week:	91.62		12,671
Last Year:	104.52	↓ 10.12	10,928
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Feb	92.45		46,764

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	194.00	1,438
Breasts - B/S	196.00	6,150
Breasts - Whole	109.00	1,138
Thigh Meat - B/S	146.50	1,045
Thighs	74.00	1,219
Drumsticks	73.00	1,079
Leg Quarters	51.00	7,909
Wings	128.50	3,211

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:	80.00 - 117.00	93.00 - 99.00	96.48	↑ 2.17	5,642	94.31	5,664
WOGS:	82.00 - 112.00	94.00 - 98.00	95.57	↑ 2.85	1,406	92.72	1,360
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	89.00 - 99.00	94.00 - 98.00	95.64	↑ 3.24	1,473	92.39	1,370
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	81.50 - 106.25	85.00 - 94.00	90.88	↑ 3.76	4,030	87.13	4,536
WOGS:	81.50 - 105.00	85.00 - 91.00	89.53	↑ 4.59	3,235	84.94	3,441
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	82.50 - 106.25	85.00 - 95.00	91.68	↑ 3.37	2,195	88.31	2,675
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	84.00 - 114.00	91.00 - 99.00	95.55	↑ 1.85	2,109	93.70	2,471
WOGS:	84.00 - 103.00	91.00 - 95.00	94.02	↑ 1.82	1,860	92.20	2,220
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	84.00 - 114.00	91.00 - 95.00	94.57	↑ 1.88	1,754	92.69	2,116

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.

Feb 27, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	237	112.00-133.00	114-116	114.83
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)	169	37.00-41.00	39-40	39.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	184	41.00-45.00	43-44	43.58
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	132	40.00-46.00	40-43	41.59
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Feb 27, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
58.50 - 64.00	61.30

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.

WEEKLY				WEEKLY	
POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WTD AVG
247	112.00-137.00	116-118	116.78	1,158	115.14
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			367	146.87
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			593	83.92
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			413	83.11
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			254	53.34
199	37.00-41.00	39-40	39.76	850	39.51
219	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.44	981	43.51
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			242	99.21
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			304	116.06
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			529	40.95
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			175	56.34
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			151	118.83

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Feb 28, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.50 - 64.00	61.60	61.30

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and boneless skinless breast, steady to weak for bone-in breast and generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate entering the weekend as extremely cold weather moves into the area. Offerings of tenders and boneless skinless breast are in good balance and clearing well; wings and bone-in breast are moderate to heavy with jumbo wings noted as slightly more available. The balance of items are sufficient for current needs. Movement is moderate.

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

Feb 27, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	145-150	127.87	857,280
TENDERLOINS	150	149.30	196,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	97.28	57,136
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	82.25	72,000
LEGS	64-65	61.68	266,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	42.36	310,779
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	54.04	96,560
THIGHS	65-66	74.29	48,960
B/S THIGHS	119-120	123.07	108,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	126.80	308,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.04	94,440
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	78.87	19,680

CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
150	127.29	879,160	127.22	4,475,520
150-155	151.31	345,040	148.59	1,062,525
82-83	93.45	47,595	98.11	210,615
82	82.00	72,000	83.77	393,520
64-65	59.08	125,320	61.97	773,690
40-41	43.12	484,288	42.62	1,950,820
46-47	50.74	124,000	54.52	432,360
65-66	77.16	46,360	77.02	196,860
119-120	121.16	71,720	123.71	447,920
123-124	126.18	231,320	126.38	1,448,080
16-18	18.00	5,500	18.00	62,400
55-60	58.25	10,290	56.33	136,830
75-80	79.86	21,240	79.94	97,720

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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
Alabama	02/28	02/27	02/26	02/25	02/26	02/25	02/21	02/19
Arkansas	3,979	3,723	3,365	3,717	5.96	5.85	5,311	5.90
Delmarva	3,737	4,771	4,167	4,737	5.85	5.80	3,821	5.43
Ky-LA-TN	2,138	2,132	1,968	2,047	6.21	6.18	1,990	6.18
Mississippi	2,545	2,443	2,472	2,484	5.17	5.17	3,343	5.18
North Carolina	2,762	2,773	2,746	2,727	6.17	6.16	2,693	6.23
Texas	3,689	2,899	2,826	2,789	7.85	7.95	4,375	7.97
Total	2,894	2,355	2,317	2,286	6.21	6.28	2,376	6.18
Mon-Friday	21,744	21,096	19,861	20,787	6.19	6.16	23,909	6.09
Saturday	105,333 (A)						106,486 (A)	
	1,767	(included in total for date shown)					4,965	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Feb-14 and 01-Mar-14 is estimated to be 32,531,000 head down 9.33 percent from a week ago and up 4.88 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,878,000, last year 31,018,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Mar-14 is estimated to be 156,065,000 head down 2.45 percent from a week ago, and up 1.09 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,979,000, last year 154,389,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Finished product supplies are sufficient. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is moderate the majority of activity being in the Southeast region.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 11.0 - 23.0 14.10
(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 sufficient. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is moderate to good with the bulk of activity being in the Northeast 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 22-Feb-14

	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	44,059	55,830	30,128	29,963	159,980
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.38	6.82	8.81	5.81
% of total /1	28%	35%	19%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,842	51,464	16,640	43,747	143,693
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.37	6.56	8.24	6.03
% of total /1	22%	36%	12%	30%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,056	48,487	33,451	29,593	151,587
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.46	6.71	8.49	5.90
% of total /1	26%	32%	22%	20%	100%
To date/2014*	318,939	410,465	220,744	243,313	1,193,461
To date/2013*	300,177	440,701	244,722	218,646	1,204,246
% Change YTD	6%	-7%	-10%	11%	-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 22-Feb-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	159,979	1,382	1,433	2,815	448
Avg Wt	5.81	3.20	8.06	5.67	6.96
Last week	143,693	1,410	1,454	2,864	440
Same wk yr ago	151,588	1,495	1,171	2,666	313
Avg Wt	5.90	3.37	7.35	5.12	6.41
To-date/2014*	1,193,460	12,240	11,510	23,750	3,605
To-date/2013*	1,204,246	12,297	11,015	23,312	3,071
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	4%	2%	17%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	706,403	2,410	7,969	10,379	2,229
Last week	658,516	2,428	8,086	10,514	2,174
Same wk yr ago	679,721	2,670	5,767	8,437	1,424
To-date/2014*	5,321,532	20,902	63,727	84,629	16,982
To-date/2013*	5,344,284	20,800	56,993	77,793	14,793
% Change YTD	0%	0%	12%	9%	15%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.5% 69.0% 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 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.9 million head, or 7.7 million more 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
1/18	159.8	146.9	109%	5.77
1/25	149.5	148.4	101%	5.86
2/1	140.9	155.5	91%	5.80
2/8	162.0	154.4	105%	5.87
2/15	145.4	156.2	93%	6.03
2/22	161.9	154.2	105%	5.81
Year to date	1208.0	1210.8	100%	
3/1		154.9		
3/8		154.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/01/14	02/22/14	% chg	03/02/13	% chg
Broilers	156,065	-2.45 ¹	159,979	+1.09 ¹	154,389
Cattle	567	539	+05	564 ²	+01
Hogs	2,169	2,113	+03	2,162 ²	0

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of February 24, 2014

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.

ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	RANGE	MOSTLY
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	76.00-96.25	80.00-88.00
	80.00-99.00	82.00-90.00

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,WW

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS

Prices remain steady this week. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good, while supplies are reported as moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. 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 February 24, 2014

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: February 25, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.50 - 2.60 lbs.
Hamsters	- .25 ea.
Pekin Ducks	7.50 - 9.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.20 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .85 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.20 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.60 - 1.00 lbs.
Banty Roosters	6.00 - 7.50 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.75 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 8.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.50 - 2.75 lbs.
Pigeons	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
White Pigeons	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.85 - 1.95 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.85 - 2.05 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 2.50 ea.
Bunnies	2.50 - 6.00 ea.
Silkie	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Goats	75.00 - 88.00 ea.
Turkeys	20.00 - 25.00 ea.
Call Ducks	- 8.00 ea.
Chicks	.10 - .30 ea.
Broilers	1.13 - 1.15 lbs.
Pheasants	9.00 - 10.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	2.50 - 2.55 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2815