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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the West, firm to higher elsewhere. Offerings are very light and heavily sought after. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good for first of the month business with some areas starting to see interest transitioning to traditional Lent items. Trucking issues persist and look to become an enduring challenge to all of industry for quite some time going forward. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to instances good for mid-week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for wings, breast cuts and tenders; steady to at least steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are in good balance and clearing well; other items are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate, weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 104.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 101.25 cents last year on March 06, 2013.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	187.00
BREASTS - B/S	183.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	144.00
THIGHS	69.00
DRUMSTICKS	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	49.50
WINGS	127.50

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET 28-Feb-2014

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 08-Mar-14

CW: 03/08/14(1) PW: 03/01/14

Class	----- Thousand head -----
Broiler/fryer	156,199(2)
Light hens	1,547
Heavy hens	1,507
Total	159,253

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Mar-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.5 million head or -0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Mar-14 the estimated available is 154.7 million head.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending February 28, 2014

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	108.91	171.78	96.20	34.36	13.74	133.99
High	110.63	185.52	109.94	48.10	17.18	133.99
Mostly	109.94	178.65	103.07	41.23	13.74	133.99
SAN JUAN						
Low	107.88	171.78	96.20	34.36	13.74	133.99
High	109.94	185.52	106.50	44.66	17.18	133.99
Mostly	109.94	178.65	103.07	41.23	13.74	133.99
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	109.94	171.78	99.63	37.79	17.18	137.43
High	112.69	188.96	113.38	51.53	20.61	137.43
Mostly	109.94	182.09	106.50	44.66	17.18	137.43
BECERRA						
Low	110.97	175.22	103.07	41.23	17.18	137.43
High	113.38	192.40	116.81	54.97	20.61	137.43
Mostly	110.97	185.52	109.94	48.10	17.18	137.43

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 03/03/14	137,917	53,044
AM 02/01/14	103,794	52,676
CHG	34123	368
PCT CHG	33%	1%

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - PACIFIC WITHOUT DENVER

	Proc. Turkeys (000)			Proc. other Poultry (000)		
	03/03/14	02/24/14	03/04/13	03/03/14	02/24/14	03/04/13
Pacific Coast	476	517	303	7964	7309	1588
Los Angeles	257	256	81	2563	2346	841

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING - Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Apr-14 is estimated at 150.0 million head. This compares to 150.1 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 107.78 cents per pound.

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 3/1/2014

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the 19 State Total Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 1, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

19 State Total (1,000 eggs)	2014	2013	% PY
Eggs Set.....	201,772	200,228	+01

Selected States: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, TN, & WV

Source: USDA NASS

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the 19 State Total Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2014, down slightly from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 1, 2014, down 1 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through March 1, 2014 for the United States were 1.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

19 State Total (1,000 chicks)	2014	2013	% PY
Chicks Placed.....	161,690	162,346	0

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. Dock or Equivalent, Iced-Packed, Prices Shown Are Day of Shipment (Includes Current & Prior Negotiations), Trucklot and Less Than Trucklot Volume, Cents per Pound.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	287	114.00-140.00	119-122	121.08
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)	205	37.00-41.00	40-41	40.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	254	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.41
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	122	40.00-46.00	40-43	41.25
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	275	114.00-140.00	122-125	123.03
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)	175	37.00-41.00	40-41	40.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	249	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.36
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	175	39.00-46.00	40-42	40.57
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 4, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Mar 5, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
58.50 - 64.50	62.18

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
58.00 - 64.50	62.32	61.87

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for breast cuts, wings and tenders; steady to at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to instances good during mid-week trading with some dealers continuing to have trouble securing trucks for transport. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are in good balance and clearing well; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement is moderate to active.

Ice Packed Broiler/Fryer Parts, Delivered to First Receivers in Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities, Cents per Pound

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	129.98	1,305,280	
TENDERLOINS	155-160	153.98	276,840	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	99.97	73,569	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	84.34	79,352	
LEGS	64-65	57.29	263,360	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	42.15	400,560	
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	52.92	212,125	
THIGHS	65-66	76.96	54,080	
B/S THIGHS	119-120	122.33	147,160	
WINGS (WHOLE)	123-124	125.56	260,840	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,040	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.08	11,515	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	74.88	29,400	

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	155-160	139.31	533,580	
TENDERLOINS	160	154.33	93,960	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	99.80	46,015	
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	82.92	73,815	
LEGS	64-65	59.35	127,180	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	46.67	167,149	
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	52.84	27,020	
THIGHS	65-66	80.14	36,180	
B/S THIGHS	119-120	125.86	48,560	
WINGS (WHOLE)	125-126	130.37	212,160	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,640	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.28	13,730	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.21	31,400	

Includes New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (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

	Estimated		Actual		Avg. Wt.		Actual Avg.	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	03/05	03/04	03/03	02/28	03/03	02/28	02/26	02/24
Arkansas	3,466	3,595	3,368	3,208	6.13	5.76	3,365	5.88
Delmarva	4,591	4,771	1,110	3,473	6.33	5.34	4,167	5.88
KY-LA-TN	2,185	2,098	794	2,025	6.51	6.24	1,968	6.27
Mississippi	2,468	2,458	1,614	2,592	5.51	4.93	2,472	5.25
North Carolina	2,737	2,762	2,768	2,704	6.19	6.20	2,746	6.25
Texas	2,823	2,926	2,596	3,435	8.14	7.71	2,826	7.99
Total	2,329	2,337	1,870	2,721	6.32	5.92	2,317	6.43
Mon-Wed	20,599	20,947	14,120	20,158	6.50	6.04	19,861	6.24
	62,419 (A)						61,290 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Mar-14 is estimated to be 30,818,000 head up 3.41 percent from a week ago and up 0.19 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,803,000, last year 30,759,000)

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - POULTRY AUCTION for 03-04-14

	*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry			Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	Low	High	Avg						
Heavy Fowl lb.	0.65	1.00	0.76	Heavy Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams ea.	-	5.50	-	-	-
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Roasters lb.	-	-	-	Roasters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks ea.	0.80	1.30	1.13	-	-
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets ea.	-	7.50	-	-	-
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	1.50	5.00	2.73	-	-
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	-	6.50	-	-	-
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	5.00	8.50	6.00	-	-
Rabbits lb.	1.20	2.50	2.14	Rabbits ea.	-	4.00	-	-	-
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	4.50	8.00	5.50	-	-
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	-	11.00	-	-	-
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Silkie ea.	-	4.00	-	Goslings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Pigs ea.	-	-	-	Turkey Poult ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chukars ea.	-	-	-	Peacocks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Partridges ea.	-	-	-	Cockatiels ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Doves ea.	-	-	-	Pheasants ea.	-	12.50	-	-	-
Quail ea.	-	-	-	Ferrets ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chinchillas ea.	-	-	-	Mice ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Peafowl ea.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl Eggs (doz)	-	-	-	-	-
Quail Eggs ea.	-	-	-	Hamsters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Emu ea.	-	-	-	Total Pieces Sold 138					