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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm to higher overall. Offerings are very light to light and sought after. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good entering the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good with some dealers continuing to have difficulty obtaining trucks for shipments. Prices are trending steady to higher for all white meat and dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are in close balance with premiums noted; other items are light to moderate and clearing well. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas live supplies are light to moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly 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	99.00-110.51	104.75

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	196.00	1,510
Breasts - B/S	198.00	6,222
Breasts - Whole	107.00	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	152.50	1,045
Thighs	74.00	1,219
Drumsticks	73.50	1,079
Leg Quarters	51.00	7,909
Wings	129.00	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>	100.62	↑ 6.22	11,963
<b>Last Week:</b>	94.40		11,780
<b>Last Year:</b>	107.82	↓ 7.20	11,559
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Feb</b>	92.45		46,764

## 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:	84.00 - 123.00	98.00 - 104.00	101.45	↑ 4.97	5,334	96.48	5,642
WOGS:	85.00 - 123.00	99.00 - 103.00	102.26	↑ 6.69	1,340	95.57	1,406
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	96.00 - 123.00	99.00 - 103.00	101.71	↑ 6.07	1,470	95.64	1,473
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.00 - 112.00	95.00 - 106.00	98.55	↑ 7.67	4,286	90.88	4,030
WOGS:	88.00 - 112.00	94.00 - 106.00	97.66	↑ 8.12	3,391	89.53	3,235
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	89.00 - 112.00	96.00 - 106.00	99.28	↑ 7.61	2,230	91.68	2,195
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	82.00 - 114.00	98.00 - 105.00	102.53	↑ 6.98	2,343	95.55	2,109
WOGS:	82.00 - 114.00	98.00 - 103.00	101.69	↑ 7.67	2,090	94.02	1,860
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	82.00 - 114.00	98.00 - 105.00	101.98	↑ 7.41	1,673	94.57	1,754

### 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.

Mar 06, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	265	116.00-140.00	122-125	124.02
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)	195	37.00-41.00	40-41	40.23
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	255	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.29
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	170	39.00-46.00	40-42	40.58
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 Mar 06, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
59.00 - 64.50	62.74

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
196	119.00-147.00	124-127	126.04	1,357	121.87
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			395	154.10
103	82.00-88.00	-	84.19	603	83.96
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			458	84.69
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			288	54.61
235	37.00-41.00	40-41	40.36	1,039	40.19
269	42.00-46.00	43-44	43.33	1,286	43.35
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			327	98.03
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			296	117.49
142	39.00-45.00	40-42	40.65	721	40.82
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			171	55.79
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			131	120.56

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Mar 07, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
60.00 - 65.00	63.18	62.48

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for breast cuts, tenders and wings; at least steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the weekend as dealers continue to have trouble securing trucks for transport. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are in close balance and moving well; wings are light and 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

Mar 06, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	129.90	826,000
TENDERLOINS	160-165	153.22	196,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	101.52	59,464
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	84.85	76,499
LEGS	64-65	59.66	132,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	42.44	241,394
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	53.25	143,984
THIGHS	65-66	79.11	47,160
B/S THIGHS	119-120	126.37	90,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	126-127	129.90	316,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,460
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.29	8,370
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.15	20,920

CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
160-165	138.26	794,720	132.31	4,254,100
160-165	159.38	249,160	154.79	942,880
85-86	101.16	57,636	100.48	290,869
85	85.90	79,112	84.10	380,778
64-65	59.99	127,100	58.68	783,960
40-41	42.06	387,046	42.63	1,444,229
46-47	51.92	102,020	52.72	600,834
65-66	77.83	51,500	76.87	278,720
119-120	122.96	122,600	123.98	472,440
127-128	128.63	225,980	127.80	1,276,580
16-18	18.00	5,400	18.00	30,140
55-60	55.61	10,330	56.35	53,455
75-80	80.02	26,100	78.25	111,180

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
	03/07	03/06	03/05	03/04	03/05	03/04	02/28	02/26
Alabama	3,659	3,625	3,313	3,311	6.01	6.01	3,208	5.96
Arkansas	7,077	4,787	4,701	3,586	5.89	5.41	3,473	5.85
Delmarva	2,179	2,160	2,055	1,727	6.36	6.28	2,025	6.21
Ky-LA-TN	2,752	2,446	2,387	1,842	5.09	5.51	2,592	5.17
Mississippi	2,630	2,731	2,748	2,760	6.21	6.38	2,704	6.17
North Carolina	3,034	2,939	2,918	2,716	7.71	7.89	3,435	7.85
Texas	2,611	2,340	2,320	2,252	6.16	6.39	2,721	6.21
Total	23,942	21,028	20,442	18,194	6.20	6.25	20,158	6.19
Mon-Friday	107,389 (A)				102,183 (A)			
Saturday	3,100 (included in total for date shown)				1,435			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar-14 and 08-Mar-14 is estimated to be 35,820,000 head up 18.42 percent from a week ago and up 22.49 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,249,000, last year 29,243,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Mar-14 is estimated to be 146,446,000 head down 4.61 percent from a week ago, and down 4.53 percent from a year ago. (Last week 153,521,000, last year 153,392,000)

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 normal. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is light to 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 14.09

(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 at least sufficient. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(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 1-Mar-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	34,597	57,407	33,217	28,300	153,521
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.32	6.82	8.78	5.94
% of total /1	23%	37%	22%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	38,986	61,369	28,822	25,212	154,389
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.37	6.86	8.52	5.74
% of total /1	25%	40%	19%	16%	100%
To date/2014*	353,536	467,872	253,961	271,613	1,346,982
To date/2013*	339,163	502,070	273,544	243,858	1,358,635
% Change YTD	4%	-7%	-7%	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 1-Mar-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	153,521	1,511	1,494	3,005	460
Avg Wt	5.94	3.21	8.20	5.69	6.86
Last week	159,979	1,382	1,433	2,815	448
Same wk yr ago	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Avg Wt	5.74	3.65	7.90	5.73	6.82
To-date/2014*	1,346,981	13,751	13,004	26,755	4,065
To-date/2013*	1,358,635	13,663	12,319	25,982	3,490
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	6%	3%	16%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	693,055	2,643	8,453	11,096	2,256
Last week	706,403	2,410	7,969	10,379	2,229
Same wk yr ago	673,507	2,643	6,902	9,545	2,029
To-date/2014*	6,014,587	23,545	72,180	95,725	19,238
To-date/2013*	6,017,791	23,443	63,895	87,338	16,822
% Change YTD	0%	0%	13%	10%	14%

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 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.4 million head, or 0.5 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
1/25	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
3/1	155.4	154.9	100%	5.94
Year to date 1363.4	1365.7	100%		
3/8		154.5		
3/15		154.8		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/08/14	03/01/14	% chg	03/09/13	% chg
Broilers	146,446	153,521 <sup>1</sup>	-4.61	153,392 <sup>1</sup>	-4.53
Cattle	548	570	-04	598 <sup>2</sup>	-08
Hogs	2,072	2,155	-04	2,198 <sup>2</sup>	-06

<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 March 3, 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)	76.00-99.25	80.00-90.00
	80.00-101.00	82.00-92.00

**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**

Prices continue steady. Demand ranges moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules remain 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 March 3, 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: March 4, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.75 - 3.00 lbs.
Fancy Bantams	- 6.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	1.05 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.00 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.70 - 2.00 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.75 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	5.50 - 7.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 2.50 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.60 lbs.
Pigeons	4.20 - 4.50 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.85 - 1.95 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.70 lbs.
Bunnies	5.00 - 13.00 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.25 ea.
Goats	- 58.00 ea.
Turkeys	- 16.00 ea.
Call Ducks	7.00 - 10.00 ea.
Chicks	.25 - .70 ea.
Quail	- 2.00 ea.
Broilers	.85 - 1.10 lbs.
Pheasants	- 10.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Laying Pullets	4.00 - 4.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	2.80 - 3.00 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 2664