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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are unsettled and irregular, but overall steady in all areas. Offerings are light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Demand is in a full range, mostly moderate, with best interest for featured items. Floor stocks are balanced to short. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good. Prices are about steady on boneless skinless parts, and trending steady to firm on the remaining parts. Market activity for parts is light to moderate, at times active. In production areas live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

The National Composite Weighted Average for 03/24/14 is 109.50 compared to 106.67 a week earlier, and 106.68 a year ago.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
<b>This Week:</b>	109.50	↑ 2.84	11,322	
<b>Last Week:</b>	106.67		12,440	
<b>Last Year:</b>	106.68	↑ 2.82	11,116	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
<b>Feb</b>	92.45		46,764	

## 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.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1000	91.65-110.75	105.54

Confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	202.00	1,768
BREASTS - B/S	197.50	7,533
BREASTS - WHOLE	107.00	1,843
THIGH MEAT - B/S	144.50	1,251
THIGHS	73.00	1,328
DRUMSTICKS	73.00	1,347
LEG QUARTERS	51.50	9,379
WINGS	134.00	3,483

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:	96.00 - 131.00	106.00 - 113.00	110.12	↑ 2.23	5,526	107.89	5,752
WOGS:	99.50 - 131.00	109.00 - 115.00	111.68	↑ 0.16	1,219	111.52	1,761
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.50 - 123.00	107.00 - 111.00	109.22	↓ 0.56	1,537	109.79	1,931
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 117.25	103.00 - 109.00	105.79	↑ 1.24	3,501	104.55	4,506
WOGS:	96.00 - 115.00	103.00 - 108.00	104.79	↑ 0.79	2,751	104.00	3,611
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 117.25	104.00 - 109.00	107.21	↑ 1.93	2,205	105.28	2,630
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	95.00 - 129.00	107.00 - 115.00	113.69	↑ 5.87	2,295	107.82	2,182
WOGS:	104.00 - 123.00	107.00 - 114.00	113.00	↑ 5.87	2,044	107.13	1,931
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	104.00 - 127.00	107.00 - 115.00	114.25	↑ 5.77	1,660	108.48	1,512

### 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 firm for tenders, wings and breast cuts and steady to firm for dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good as dealers assess market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings, tenders and breast cuts are light and moving well; other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily with leg quarters, drums and thighs in the better balance. 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		175-180	152.99	866,060
TENDERLOINS		180-185	177.56	114,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS		92-93	109.66	50,789
BREAST - LINE RUN		92	92.36	91,915
LEGS		64-65	64.83	103,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		44-45	45.22	255,480
DRUMSTICKS		48-49	54.57	121,165
THIGHS		65-66	79.12	48,440
B/S THIGHS		123-124	128.24	74,520
WINGS (WHOLE)		135-136	138.78	257,800
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)		16-18	18.00	5,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		55-60	56.40	1,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		75-80	80.73	14,800

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
	03/24	03/20	03/20	03/17	03/13
Alabama	3,843	3,656	5.82	3,663	5.74
Arkansas	4,744	4,777	5.58	4,399	5.65
Delmarva	2,178	1,921	6.20	1,572	5.85
Ky-LA-TN	2,525	2,460	4.94	2,609	4.96
Mississippi	2,793	2,703	6.06	2,798	6.26
North Carolina	2,910	2,885	7.72	2,837	7.70
Texas	2,347	2,280	6.16	2,200	6.03
Total	21,340	20,682	6.03	20,078	6.02
Mon	21,340 (A)			20,078 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Mar-14 is estimated to be 31,927,000 up 5.97 percent from a week ago and up 2.7 percent from a year ago. (last week 30,129,000 last year 31,083,000)

**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	285	130.00-184.00	-	148.98
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)	200	40.00-45.00	42-43	42.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	160	44.00-49.00	45-46	45.25
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	129	41.00-46.00	41-43	42.90
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 24, 2014 -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.00 - 70.00	66.60	65.91

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 24-MAR-14 TO 28-MAR-14, CENTS PER POUND

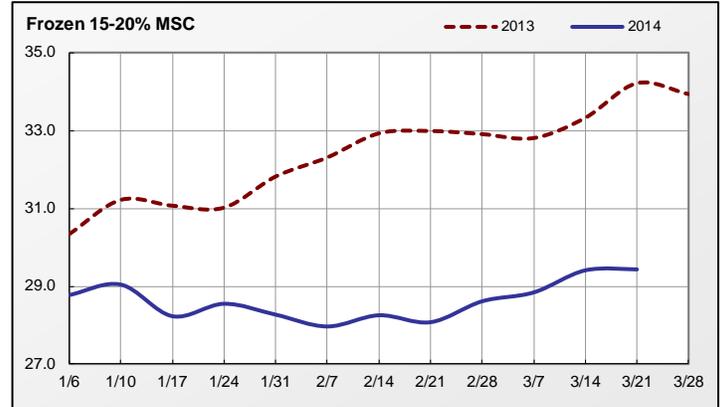
	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	143.00 - 170.00	156.00 - 161.00
TENDERLOINS	180.00 - 205.00	180.00 - 185.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 119.00	95.00 - 111.00
LEGS	61.00 - 68.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	42.00 - 54.00	44.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	46.00 - 51.00	46.00 - 48.00
DRUMSTICKS	41.00 - 53.00	-
THIGHS	63.00 - 76.00	-
B/S THIGHS	117.00 - 133.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	121.00 - 135.00	-
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 49.00	-
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.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to instances good. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The spot marketplace is in good shape in regard to supply with prices continuing in the same range; however the majority of trading levels are slightly higher in relation to the past couple weeks. The MSC complex is in a favorable position in comparison to competing proteins. Industry maintains a watchful eye on the marketplace, while it manages current challenges and makes future preparations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels between 12-14.5 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

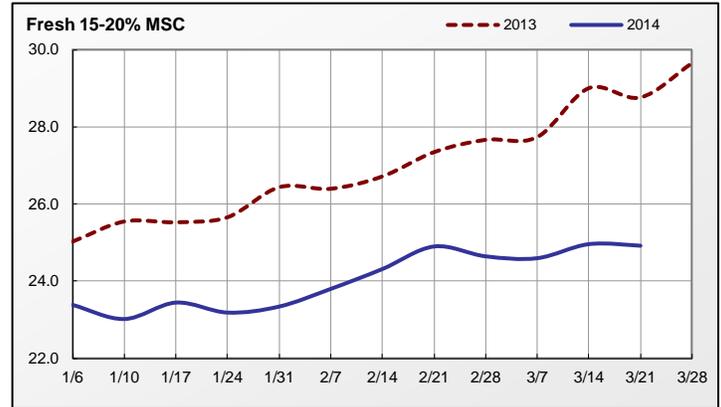
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	21-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year	21-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	30.00	28.00	27.00 - 28.00	28.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	30.00	28.00	27.75	29.00
Volume Traded	-	-	40	184	163	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.50 - 32.00	27.00 - 31.00	31.00-35.00	22.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 27.00	25.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.43	29.41	32.81	24.92	24.96	27.74
Volume Traded	1,175	2,070	1,568	2,836	2,600	3,483
Volume Exported	1,095	1,910	1,480	204	234	449
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00 - 22.50	22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.33	22.50	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	31.50	30.00	27.79	27.58	26.43
Volume Traded	-	80	40	796	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	28.27	28.53	32.59	24.45	23.27	26.70
Volume Traded	5,540	7,528	5,957	13,345	19,565	17,289
Volume Exported	5,320	6,178	5,357	816	3,060	2,815
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.32	22.18	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	449	245
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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage))