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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are unsettled and irregular in the West, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Food service demand is light to good. Floor stocks are mixed as buyers limit orders to immediate needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend demand but is still noted as moderate to good. Prices are trending steady to higher for tenders and breast cut; firm for wings and steady to firm for dark meat cuts. Offerings of tenders are in close balanced to tight and clearing well; other items are light to moderate for current needs. 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 **106.00** 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.
875	103.50-109.00	105.94

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	108.45	↓ 1.06	11,741
<b>Last Week:</b>	109.50		11,322
<b>Last Year:</b>	106.69	↑ 1.76	10,280
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Mar</b>	106.26		47,467

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tendere	206.50	1,510
Breasts - B/S	204.00	6,222
Breasts - Whole	110.00	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	148.50	1,045
Thighs	73.50	1,218
Drumsticks	73.50	1,079
Leg Quarters	52.50	7,909
Wings	135.00	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:	92.00 - 137.00	106.00 - 113.00	108.90	↓ 1.22	5,239	110.12	5,526
WOGS:	99.00 - 131.00	109.00 - 112.00	110.68	↓ 1.00	1,297	111.68	1,219
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	100.00 - 119.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.20	↓ 1.02	1,439	109.22	1,537
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	92.00 - 118.00	101.00 - 108.00	105.27	↓ 0.52	4,321	105.79	3,501
WOGS:	92.00 - 115.00	101.00 - 108.00	104.50	↓ 0.29	3,491	104.79	2,751
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 118.00	102.00 - 108.00	106.36	↓ 0.85	2,565	107.21	2,205
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	95.00 - 129.00	111.00 - 118.00	113.66	↓ 0.04	2,181	113.69	2,295
WOGS:	99.00 - 121.00	111.00 - 118.00	112.92	↓ 0.08	1,930	113.00	2,044
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 127.00	111.00 - 118.00	113.76	↓ 0.49	1,581	114.25	1,660

### 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 28, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	256	132.00-184.00	-	151.97
TENDERLOINS	108	162.00-187.00	-	175.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	100	87.00-92.00	88-89	88.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	209	40.00-45.00	41-43	42.80
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	225	44.00-49.00	45-47	45.40
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	201	40.00-46.00	41-43	42.71
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 28, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
64.50 - 70.00	67.28

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	POUNDS (000)	WTD AVG
247	135.00-184.00	-	153.40	1,357	150.51
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			499	174.43
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			524	88.35
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			380	91.32
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			334	56.10
180	40.00-45.00	42-44	43.44	1,023	42.78
200	44.00-49.00	46-47	46.20	1,075	45.51
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			290	115.76
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			425	128.61
100	41.00-48.00	41-43	42.50	639	42.92
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			142	58.48
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			308	124.81

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.50 - 70.00	68.06	67.09

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast cuts; firm for wings and steady to firm for dark meat items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but is still noted as moderate to good overall. Offerings of tenders are in close balance to tight and clearing well; other items are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is moderate to active.

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

Mar 28, 2014

**CURRENT NEG**

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	180	157.47	779,800
TENDERLOINS	190-195	186.20	178,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	100.70	66,287
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	96.54	79,726
LEGS	64-65	61.69	212,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	46.44	254,880
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	57.14	59,040
THIGHS	65-66	79.41	38,000
B/S THIGHS	123-124	127.56	82,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	138-139	140.72	279,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.30	9,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.01	16,400

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 TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
180-185	159.06	899,680	155.86	4,400,060
190-195	185.36	248,640	183.07	940,760
94-95	108.00	49,707	106.32	253,150
94	97.34	79,133	95.57	405,556
64-65	64.08	123,640	63.53	710,120
44-45	46.13	265,699	46.10	1,324,502
48-49	59.75	70,240	55.05	493,196
65-66	79.09	41,320	79.01	204,360
124-125	125.46	128,320	126.58	483,640
138-139	143.38	222,000	140.96	1,286,640
16-18	18.00	5,600	18.00	33,660
55-60	55.00	13,560	55.81	38,660
75-80	80.06	15,120	79.83	83,280

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	03/28	03/27	03/26	03/25	03/26	03/25	03/21	03/19
Alabama	3,665	3,568	3,381	3,627	5.91	5.95	3,525	5.84
Arkansas	3,361	4,773	4,821	4,774	5.61	5.71	4,117	5.66
Delmarva	2,152	2,001	1,914	1,919	6.16	6.31	1,923	6.31
Ky-LA-TN	2,361	2,287	2,374	2,481	5.16	5.10	2,519	5.30
Mississippi	2,687	2,548	2,409	2,660	6.22	6.21	2,860	6.32
North Carolina	2,788	2,882	2,723	2,794	7.90	7.92	2,893	7.71
Texas	1,953	2,334	2,304	2,328	6.11	6.16	2,351	6.17
Total	18,967	20,393	19,926	20,583	6.10	6.15	20,188	6.15
Mon-Friday	101,694 (A)						101,125 (A)	
Saturday	0 (included in total for date shown)						966	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Mar-14 and 29-Mar-14 is estimated to be 28,377,000 head down 6.33 percent from a week ago and up 2.08 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,294,000, last year 27,799,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Mar-14 is estimated to be 150,817,000 head down 0.73 percent from a week ago, and up 0.74 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,931,000, last year 149,707,000)

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 moderate. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity was light with the majority of interest being in the Southeast region.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 11.0-23.0 14.12  
(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 for current needs. Processing schedules were 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. Feature activity is light with the bulk of activity being in the Northeast and Southeast regions.

(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-Mar-14

(Preliminary)	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	40,022	55,958	28,144	27,807	151,931
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.41	6.83	8.76	5.81
% of total /1	26%	37%	19%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,000	60,615	26,690	25,168	154,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.37	6.83	8.73	5.71
% of total /1	27%	39%	17%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,818	53,066	29,466	29,789	154,139
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.82	8.49	5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
To date/2014*	478,241	638,218	337,084	349,652	1,803,195
To date/2013*	458,460	666,953	365,599	326,416	1,817,428
% Change YTD	4%	-4%	-8%	7%	-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-Mar-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Avg Wt	5.81	3.18	8.20	5.74	6.60
Last week	154,472	1,669	1,579	3,248	498
Same wk yr ago	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Avg Wt	5.85	3.19	8.05	5.33	6.99
To-date/2014*	1,803,193	18,040	17,340	35,380	5,351
To-date/2013*	1,817,428	18,213	16,278	34,491	4,687
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	7%	3%	14%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	670,867	2,343	7,995	10,338	1,940
Last week	670,347	2,902	8,847	11,749	2,218
Same wk yr ago	685,302	2,837	7,103	9,940	2,094
To-date/2014*	7,999,081	31,077	96,450	127,527	25,272
To-date/2013*	8,056,402	31,250	84,989	116,239	22,591
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	13%	10%	12%

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 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.8 million head, or 0.4 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
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
3/8	151.6	154.5	98%	5.65
3/15	156.3	154.8	101%	5.71
3/22	153.8	153.4	100%	5.81
Year to date	1825.1	1828.4	100%	
3/29		153.8		
4/5		153.3		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/29/14	03/22/14	% chg	03/30/13	% chg
Broilers	150,817	151,931 <sup>1</sup>	-0.73	149,707 <sup>1</sup>	+0.74
Cattle	585	575	+02	598 <sup>2</sup>	-02
Hogs	2,033	2,042	0	2,187 <sup>2</sup>	-07

<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 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.

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	80.00-108.25 84.00-96.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	84.00-110.00 88.00-99.00

**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**

Whole body prices are steady to higher, while the balance of prices are unchanged. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are mostly moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate to instances 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 March 24, 2014

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	189-219	194-224

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

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

Date of Auction: March 25, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	3.20 - 3.50 lbs.
Cockatiels	- 14.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	9.50 - 10.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .80 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.35 - .50 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.55 - .90 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.75 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 2.75 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 6.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 3.00 ea.
Kid Goats	35.00 - 55.00 ea.
Geese 9-14LBS	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.
Pigeons	4.90 - 5.20 ea.
White Pigeons	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	2.20 - 2.95 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	1.10 - 1.40 ea.
Bunnies	6.50 - 13.00 ea.
Silkie	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Goats	130.00 - 145.00 ea.
Call Ducks	- 7.00 ea.
Chicks	.30 - 4.00 ea.
Quail	- 4.25 ea.
Love Birds	- 25.00 ea.
Parakeets	- 5.00 ea.
Broilers	.80 - .85 lbs.
Ducklings	2.50 - 4.00 ea.
Mandarin Ducks	- 42.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.00 - 1.50 ea.
Fancy Bantams	- 8.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	- 7.00 ea.
Hamsters	- 1.00 ea.
Parrots	50.00 - 55.00 ea.
Rats	.25 - .50 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	3.40 - 3.50 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 4913