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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending no better than steady to slightly lower. Offerings of all sizes are available for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is no better than moderate. Floor stocks are in a full range with buyers limiting orders to most immediate needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to good, mostly moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for all parts except wings which are steady with caution. Offerings of tenders are close balanced to tight with premiums noted. Other breast cuts are light, dark meat items and wings are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is light to moderate, at times 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 **106.25** 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.
876	101.85-111.92	106.71

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
This Week:	108.51	↑ 0.06	11,672	
Last Week:	108.45		11,741	
Last Year:	106.51	↑ 2.00	10,332	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
Mar	106.26		47,467	

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	214.00	1,438
Breasts - B/S	209.00	6,150
Breasts - Whole	113.00	1,138
Thigh Meat - B/S	148.50	1,045
Thighs	75.00	1,218
Drumsticks	74.50	1,079
Leg Quarters	53.00	7,909
Wings	137.00	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:	89.00 - 133.00	106.00 - 113.00	108.70	↓ 0.20	5,124	108.90	5,239
WOGS:	96.00 - 133.00	109.00 - 111.00	109.71	↓ 0.97	1,226	110.68	1,297
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	100.25 - 115.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.09	↓ 0.12	1,406	108.20	1,439
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 118.00	102.00 - 107.00	105.13	↓ 0.14	4,331	105.27	4,321
WOGS:	96.00 - 115.00	102.00 - 107.00	104.06	↓ 0.44	3,471	104.50	3,491
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 118.00	102.00 - 107.00	105.14	↓ 1.21	2,675	106.36	2,565
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	95.00 - 129.00	107.00 - 117.00	114.68	1.03 1.03	2,217	113.66	2,181
WOGS:	104.00 - 123.00	107.00 - 117.00	114.10	1.18 1.18	1,970	112.92	1,930
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	104.00 - 127.00	107.00 - 116.00	113.75	-0.01 0.01	1,512	113.76	1,581

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.

Apr 03, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	249	138.00-185.00	-	156.96
TENDERLOINS	134	168.00-194.00	-	181.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	137	88.00-104.00	-	93.26
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	255	41.00-46.00	44-46	44.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	263	45.00-51.00	46-48	47.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Apr 03, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
66.00 - 71.00	68.86

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
239	138.00-185.00	-	158.23	1,303	156.38
128	168.00-194.00	-	182.56	629	180.69
130	88.00-104.00	-	93.54	694	92.02
TOO FEW TO REPORT				418	93.27
TOO FEW TO REPORT				292	57.54
248	41.00-46.00	44-46	44.15	1,169	43.92
258	45.00-51.00	46-48	47.45	1,291	46.80
TOO FEW TO REPORT				474	116.69
TOO FEW TO REPORT				434	129.49
TOO FEW TO REPORT				424	43.54
TOO FEW TO REPORT				188	61.70
TOO FEW TO REPORT				416	124.74

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Apr 04, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.00 - 71.00	68.78	68.59

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast cuts; steady to firm for most dark meat items and no better than steady for wings. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings of tenders are in close balance to tight with premiums noted; breast cuts are light and moving well. Other items are light to moderate with leg quarters, thighs and thigh meat 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

Apr 03, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	190	164.07	309,340
TENDERLOINS	200-205	194.15	89,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	108.37	64,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	101.49	74,100
LEGS	65-66	67.02	92,500
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	49.91	103,100
DRUMSTICKS	49-50	59.51	49,540
THIGHS	65-66	73.30	63,400
B/S THIGHS	126-127	127.10	43,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	138-139	145.43	175,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.13	15,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.22	11,820

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.
190	166.51	847,960	162.69	3,392,260
200-205	197.56	268,480	193.75	840,760
99-100	108.44	66,798	108.82	320,068
99	101.94	76,483	100.23	392,081
65-66	68.37	87,600	64.82	676,020
45-46	46.37	334,571	46.56	1,294,244
49-50	52.16	115,040	53.19	480,917
65-66	72.87	62,440	74.74	271,700
127-128	126.66	107,120	127.74	398,880
138-139	142.47	210,400	142.25	1,135,020
16-18	18.00	6,000	18.00	29,300
55-60	55.12	18,150	56.09	56,810
75-80	80.00	20,640	80.13	94,430

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	04/04	04/03	04/02	04/01	04/02	04/01	03/28	03/26
Alabama	4,395	3,813	3,629	3,649	5.85	5.89	3,584	5.91
Arkansas	3,586	4,822	4,752	4,680	5.73	5.77	3,396	5.61
Delmarva	2,112	2,158	2,014	2,043	6.23	6.12	2,222	6.16
Ky-LA-TN	2,390	2,432	2,270	2,461	5.28	5.16	2,235	5.16
Mississippi	2,772	2,761	2,793	2,759	6.22	6.33	2,699	6.22
North Carolina	3,038	2,809	2,893	2,897	7.68	7.85	2,740	7.90
Texas	2,029	2,343	2,259	2,268	6.09	6.15	2,034	6.11
Total	20,322	21,138	20,610	20,757	6.13	6.16	18,910	6.10
Mon-Friday	105,297 (A)				100,399 (A)			
Saturday	1,137 (included in total for date shown)				630			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Apr-14 and 05-Apr-14 is estimated to be 30,404,000 head up 7.15 percent from a week ago and down 1.31 percent from a year ago. (Last week 28,376,000, last year 30,808,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Apr-14 is estimated to be 154,979,000 head up 2.74 percent from a week ago, and up 1.14 percent from a year ago. (Last week 150,843,000, last year 153,236,000)

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 slow to moderate. Retail feature activity was moderate to good with the majority of interest being in the Northeast region.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 11.0-23.0 14.14
(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 light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are 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 with the bulk of interest 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 29-Mar-14

(Preliminary)	Thousands				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	45,910	53,738	26,888	24,307	150,843
Avg Live Wgt	3.52	5.30	6.76	8.88	5.60
% of total /1	30%	36%	18%	16%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	45,523	47,951	31,833	24,400	149,707
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.36	6.74	8.40	5.64
% of total /1	30%	32%	21%	16%	100%
To date/2014*	524,151	691,956	363,972	373,959	1,954,038
To date/2013*	503,983	714,904	397,432	350,816	1,967,135
% Change YTD	4%	-3%	-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 29-Mar-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	150,843	1,272	1,460	2,732	351
Avg Wt	5.60	3.44	8.22	5.99	6.46
Last week	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Same wk yr ago	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
To-date/2014*	1,954,036	19,312	18,800	38,112	5,702
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17,758	37,804	5,106
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	6%	1%	12%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	641,988	2,385	8,281	10,666	1,621
Last week	670,867	2,343	7,995	10,338	1,940
Same wk yr ago	641,704	3,049	7,920	10,969	2,035
To-date/2014*	8,641,069	33,462	104,731	138,193	26,893
To-date/2013*	8,698,106	34,299	92,909	127,208	24,626
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	13%	9%	9%
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 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.7 million head, or 1.1 million less 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
2/22	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
3/29	152.7	153.8	99%	5.60
Year to date	1977.8	1982.2	100%	
4/5		153.3		
4/12		154.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/05/14	03/29/14	% chg	04/06/13	% chg
Broilers	154,979	150,843	+ 2.74	153,236 ¹	+ 1.14
Cattle	583	585	0	597 ²	-02
Hogs	2,030	2,033	0	2,097 ²	-03

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of March 31, 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)	84.00-108.25
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	84.00-110.00

SQUABS:

NY Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1-10 Boxes

11 oz.	93.96-112.59
13 oz.	102.87-129.60
15 oz.	111.78-137.70

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 with parts prices steady to higher. Demand and supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-8.80, bone-in legs at \$3.55-4.00, gizzards at \$1.75- 2.25, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-2.05, and feet \$1.00-1.45 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 31, 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: April 1, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.60 - 3.10 lbs.
Cockatiels	16.00 - 20.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.45 - .65 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.75 - .90 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 4.50 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Kid Goats	15.00 - 40.00 ea.
Pigeons	4.25 - 4.50 ea.
White Pigeons	7.00 - 8.00 ea.
Chukars	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.85 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.50 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	1.00 - 1.40 ea.
Bunnies	4.00 - 16.00 ea.
Doves	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
Silkie	4.50 - 6.00 ea.
Goats	- 75.00 ea.
Turkeys	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Chicks	.30 - 2.00 ea.
Quail	.70 - 2.00 ea.
Love Birds	31.00 - 52.00 ea.
Parakeets	5.00 - 12.00 ea.
Broilers	.80 - .90 lbs.
Peacocks	34.00 - 75.00 ea.
Ducklings	1.75 - 3.50 ea.
Finch	5.00 - 5.50 ea.
Pheasants	9.00 - 20.00 ea.
Mandarin Ducks	- 75.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.25 - 2.50 ea.
Fancy Bantams	12.00 - 15.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Hamsters	- .50 ea.
Diamond Doves	7.00 - 11.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	2.70 - 3.40 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 5015