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NATIONAL BROILER

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the West, firm elsewhere. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is light to good, mostly moderate to good entering the Easter holiday weekend with holiday items garnering most consumer attention. Floor stocks are mixed with some shortages noted. Market activity is slow to active, mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate to good with some operations taking down time due to the Easter holiday weekend. Prices are trending firm to higher for tender and breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items and wings. Offerings of tenders and breast cuts are in good balance to tight and clearing well. Dark meat items are light to moderate with drums and thighs in the best position. Wings are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow to active, mostly moderate to active. In production areas live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

Wed - 107.50

Fri - Preliminary Wtd Avg - 107.61

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb)	Volume (000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	226.00	1,510
Breasts - B/S	213.50	6,222
Breasts - Whole	118.50	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	141.50	1,045
Thighs	75.50	1,218
Drumsticks	70.00	1,079
Leg Quarters	54.50	7,909
Wings	136.50	3,211

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg 1,000 lbs.
CHICAGO						
Whole Body:	98.00 - 122.25	104.00 - 109.00	108.45	↑ 2.17	2,140	106.28 1,950

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.

WEEKLY NATIONAL FROZEN WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending April 18, 2014

FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year		March Averages		
	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	wtd avg (cents/lb.)	volume (000 lbs.)	This Month	Last Month	Last Year
8-16 lb. (Hens)	101.78	20	100.29	102	94.64	222	102.34	99.88	96.58
16-24 lb. (Toms)	100.28	47	100.77	100	97.50	10	102.26	98.13	96.53

[†] based on offers.

SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 12-Apr-14 (Preliminary)

	Live Poultry		Live Turkeys	
	Young Chickens	Young Hens	Young Hens	Young Toms
	---thousands---			
Head	154,712	1,797	2,398	
Avg Wt	5.91	17.03	41.57	
Last week	155,489	1,720	2,523	
Same wk yr ago	154,212	1,761	2,534	
Avg Wt	5.81	16.96	41.31	
To-date/2014*	2,264,237	24,690	34,375	
To-date/2013*	2,274,583	25,149	37,389	
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	-8%	
	Ready-to-Cook Weight			
Current week	694,904	24,482	79,748	
Last week	688,941	23,667	83,965	
Same wk yr ago	680,939	23,893	83,744	
To-date/2014*	10,024,914	337,045	1,151,063	
To-date/2013*	10,058,003	344,882	1,220,076	
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	-6%	
Dressing %	76.0%	80.0%	80.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 19-Apr-14

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	150,686	156,422

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	652.90 710.00	694.30
168 3 Round, top inside round	258.50 288.00	263.01
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	610.00 677.28	630.44
Ground Beef 81%	191.00 230.00	204.24