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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

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

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.
831	101.85-112.61	107.61

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tendens	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 - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	111.82	↑ 2.94	11,995
<b>Last Week:</b>	108.88		11,323
<b>Last Year:</b>	107.21	↑ 4.61	10,597
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Mar</b>	106.26		47,467

## 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 - 135.00	110.00 - 116.00	112.87	↑ 4.15	5,501	108.72	5,241
WOGS:	98.00 - 134.00	111.00 - 115.00	113.27	↑ 4.08	1,307	109.19	1,331
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	101.50 - 116.00	110.00 - 114.00	112.56	↑ 4.01	1,435	108.54	1,389
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	98.00 - 122.25	104.00 - 109.00	108.07	↑ 2.45	3,876	105.61	3,928
WOGS:	98.00 - 116.00	104.00 - 108.00	106.81	↑ 1.91	3,021	104.90	3,148
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	98.00 - 122.25	104.00 - 109.00	108.45	↑ 2.17	2,140	106.28	1,950
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.00 - 127.00	112.00 - 118.00	115.16	↓ 0.04	2,617	115.20	2,154
WOGS:	108.00 - 120.00	112.00 - 117.00	114.96	↓ 0.03	2,440	114.99	1,940
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	108.00 - 127.00	112.00 - 118.00	114.87	↑ 0.37	1,807	114.51	1,484

### 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 17, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	326	150.00-197.00	169-171	169.08
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	138	97.00-108.00	-	101.01
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	269	41.00-47.00	45-47	45.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	301	45.00-51.00	47-49	48.75
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	105	42.00-48.00	44-46	44.57
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 Apr 17, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
69.00 - 74.00	71.51

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
325	160.00-200.00	169-171	169.86	1,674	167.91
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			474	195.79
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			614	100.33
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			507	97.34
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			226	59.84
285	42.00-48.00	45-47	45.39	1,280	45.26
261	45.00-51.00	47-49	48.87	1,371	48.73
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			452	108.17
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			413	124.23
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			455	44.55
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			230	60.24
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			360	126.25

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Apr 18, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
69.50 - 74.50	71.53	71.14

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are trending firm to higher for tenders and breast cuts; steady to firm for dark meat items and steady for wings. Trucklot buying activity is moderate to good with some operations taking down time due to the Easter holiday weekend. 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. Movement is moderate to active.

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

Apr 17, 2014

ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	195-200	172.79	1,015,680
TENDERLOINS	215-220	210.87	222,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	105-106	114.29	51,312
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	103.03	160,761
LEGS	66-67	65.94	184,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	49.43	326,080
DRUMSTICKS	51-52	56.15	120,564
THIGHS	66-67	77.72	41,800
B/S THIGHS	128-129	131.36	105,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	138-139	139.40	225,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,599
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.21	13,530
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.64	16,560

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.
195-200	178.19	477,000	173.64	3,940,880
215-220	213.23	214,560	210.09	967,800
105-106	115.37	51,001	116.44	260,559
105	108.28	83,142	104.95	547,550
66-67	67.90	122,120	67.49	677,960
47-48	48.94	261,556	48.67	1,868,549
52-53	59.73	57,040	58.00	485,684
66-67	80.68	52,440	78.55	270,720
128-129	130.52	54,560	131.46	427,400
138-139	142.98	215,200	142.03	1,193,640
16-18	18.00	5,699	18.00	27,398
55-60	58.87	8,480	57.06	71,860
75-80	80.04	22,280	80.26	94,560

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT	
	04/18	04/17	04/16	04/15	04/16	04/15	04/11	04/11	04/09	
Alabama	3,470	3,633	3,149	3,420	5.91	5.81	3,534	5.79	5.79	
Arkansas	2,814	4,419	4,740	4,729	5.70	5.71	3,773	5.79	5.79	
Delmarva	1,642	1,934	1,931	1,970	6.05	6.29	1,981	6.16	6.16	
Ky-LA-TN	2,545	2,511	2,152	2,549	5.10	5.23	2,549	5.16	5.16	
Mississippi	2,585	2,391	2,663	2,538	6.12	6.26	2,773	6.24	6.24	
North Carolina	2,759	2,852	2,766	2,853	7.88	7.83	2,788	7.66	7.66	
Texas	2,055	2,077	2,276	2,324	6.14	6.24	2,467	6.18	6.18	
Total	17,870	19,817	19,677	20,383	6.12	6.15	19,865	6.11	6.11	
Mon-Friday	99,549 (A)						102,975 (A)			
Saturday	835 (included in total for date shown)						1,152			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Apr-14 and 19-Apr-14 is estimated to be 26,736,000 head down 10.31 percent from a week ago and down 16.92 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,809,000, last year 32,179,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Apr-14 is estimated to be 146,794,000 head down 5.12 percent from a week ago, and down 4.45 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,712,000, last year 153,623,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL** Prices are trending steady to instance firm. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is moderate to good with the majority of interest being in the Southeast and South Central regions.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 11.5-23.3 14.18  
(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 are mostly 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 to moderate with best 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 12-Apr-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	39,104	56,635	26,391	32,582	154,712
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.38	6.81	8.72	5.91
% of total /1	25%	37%	17%	21%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,566	59,554	26,122	31,247	155,489
Avg Live Wgt	3.57	5.33	6.73	8.83	5.83
% of total /1	25%	38%	17%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,167	56,759	32,169	26,117	154,212
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.45	6.71	8.57	8.81
% of total /1	25%	37%	21%	17%	100%
To date/2014*	601,821	808,145	416,485	437,788	2,264,239
To date/2013*	582,412	829,740	457,602	404,829	2,274,583
% Change YTD	3%	-3%	-9%	8%	0%

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 12-Apr-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	154,712	1,620	1,408	3,028	552
Avg Wt	5.91	3.12	8.20	5.48	6.31
Last week	155,489	1,725	1,592	3,317	451
Same wk yr ago	154,212	1,967	1,431	3,398	390
Avg Wt	5.81	3.01	8.08	5.15	6.52
To-date/2014*	2,264,237	22,657	21,800	44,457	6,705
To-date/2013*	2,274,583	23,825	20,629	44,454	5,937
% Change YTD	0%	-5%	6%	0%	13%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	694,904	2,780	7,909	10,689	2,473
Last week	688,941	2,980	9,480	12,460	2,222
Same wk yr ago	680,939	3,197	7,862	11,059	1,805
To-date/2014*	10,024,914	39,222	122,120	161,342	31,588
To-date/2013*	10,058,003	40,735	108,693	149,428	28,610
% Change YTD	0%	-4%	12%	8%	10%
Dressing %	76.0%	55.0%	68.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.6 million head, or 2.5 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
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
4/5	157.4	153.3	103%	5.83
4/12	156.6	154.1	102%	5.91
Year to date	2291.8	2289.6	100%	
4/19		153.0		
4/26		152.0		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/19/14	04/12/14	% chg	04/20/13	% chg
Broilers	146,794	154,712 <sup>1</sup>	-5.12	153,623 <sup>1</sup>	-4.45
Cattle	568	573	-01	615 <sup>2</sup>	-07
Hogs	2,007	2,020	-01	2,140 <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 April 14, 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** Prices continue steady. Demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies are moderate to instances light. 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 April 14, 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 15, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	2.35 - 2.40 lbs.
Goslings	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.65 - .75 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .80 lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 7.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.20 lbs.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 40.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.45 - 1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	3.75 - 4.10 ea.
White Pigeons	4.80 - 5.10 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.80 - 2.10 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.00 - 2.40 lbs.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Bunnies	1.50 - 8.00 ea.
Goats	90.00 - 100.00 ea.
Chicks	.25 - 1.75 ea.
Quail	- 2.00 ea.
Love Birds	- 20.00 ea.
Parakeets	- 12.00 ea.
Broilers	.75 - .85 lbs.
Ducklings	2.00 - 5.00 ea.
Pheasants	8.00 - 12.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.75 - 2.20 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Hamsters	.25 - .30 ea.
Rats	.10 - .25 ea.
Turkey Poults	15.00 - 20.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	2.40 - 3.00 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 6635