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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak overall. Offerings range light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for mid-week business. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to mostly moderate. Prices are trending firm for tenders; steady to firm for breast cuts and most dark meat items. Wings are steady to weak. Offerings of breast cuts are light; dark meat items and other breast cuts are light to moderate for current trade needs. Wings are available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 108.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 103.25 cents last year on May 1, 2013.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	233.00
BREASTS - B/S	204.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	116.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	145.00
THIGHS	71.00
DRUMSTICKS	62.00
LEG QUARTERS	54.50
WINGS	134.00

Information supplied by the GA Dept. of Ag's Poultry Market News Service.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET 25-Apr-2014

Ready-to-Cook

Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers

(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

		Price Range
Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 03-May-14

CW: 05/03/14(1) PW: 04/26/14

Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	153,851(2)	154,884
Light hens	1,939	1,274
Heavy hens	1,687	1,655
Total	157,477	157,813

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-May-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.2 million head or -3.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-May-14 the estimated available is 154.0 million head.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING – Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Jun-14 is estimated at 152.1 million head. This compares to 150.9 million head the previous week and to 155.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 111.12 cents per pound.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS – MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending April 25, 2014

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens*
RAYON						
Low	115.86	204.04	117.58	31.13	13.83	
High	118.28	214.42	131.42	41.50	17.29	
Mostly	118.28	207.50	124.50	34.58	15.56	
SAN JUAN						
Low	114.82	200.59	114.13	27.67	13.83	
High	117.58	210.96	127.96	38.04	17.29	
Mostly	117.58	207.50	121.04	34.58	15.56	
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	116.89	207.50	121.04	34.58	17.29	
High	119.31	217.88	134.88	44.96	20.75	
Mostly	118.28	210.96	127.96	38.04	17.29	
BECERRA						
Low	117.58	207.50	124.50	38.04	17.29	
High	120.01	221.34	138.33	48.42	20.75	
Mostly	118.28	214.42	131.42	44.96	17.29	

*No data reported.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 04/28/14	147,360	49,943
AM 04/01/14	144,835	51,617
CHG	2525	-1674
PCT CHG	2%	-3%

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - PACIFIC WITHOUT DENVER

	Proc. Turkeys (000)			Proc. other Poultry (000)		
	04/28/14	04/21/14	04/29/13	04/28/14	04/21/14	04/29/13
Pacific Coast	314	304	205	6577	7315	1606
Los Angeles	246	228	80	1662	2163	820

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 4/26/2014

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2014	2013	% PY
Eggs Set.....	211,200	208,354	+01

Selected States: AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MO, MS, NC, OK, PA, SC, TX, VA, TN, & WV

Source: USDA NASS

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up 1 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 26, 2014, up slightly from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through April 26, 2014 for the United States were 2.90 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2014	2013	% PY
Chicks Placed.....	172,434	171,552	+01

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS F.O.B. Dock or Equivalent, Iced-Packed, Prices Shown Are Day of Shipment (Includes Current & Prior Negotiations), Trucklot and Less Than Trucklot Volume, Cents per Pound.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	202	160.00-202.00	-	171.93
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)	182	42.00-48.00	45-47	46.02
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	198	45.00-51.00	48-50	49.24
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 29, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
70.00 - 75.50	72.53

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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	205	160.00-202.00	-	173.12
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	104.00-112.00	-	106.06
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	206	42.00-48.00	45-47	46.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	199	45.00-51.00	48-50	49.29
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	120	43.00-50.00	-	46.89
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Apr 30, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
70.00 - 75.00	72.52	72.63

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are trending steady to firm for breast cuts and most dark meat items. Wings are weak. Trucklot buying activity is light to mostly moderate for mid-week trading. Offerings of breast cuts are light and clearing satisfactorily; dark meat items and other breast cuts are light to moderate for current needs. Wings are available and slow to clear. Movement is moderate.

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	ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	200	200	177.20	1,065,040	BREAST - B/S	200	200	176.59	681,640
TENDERLOINS	225-230	225-230	221.85	258,760	TENDERLOINS	225-230	225-230	225.65	148,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	107-108	122.51	62,526	BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	107-108	120.77	66,348
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	107	110.89	81,553	BREAST - LINE RUN	107	107	108.11	124,612
LEGS	66-67	66-67	66.57	170,200	LEGS	66-67	66-67	69.87	91,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47-48	47.10	478,930	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	47-48	48.82	210,640
DRUMSTICKS	53-54	53-54	54.29	117,160	DRUMSTICKS	54-55	54-55	56.47	226,585
THIGHS	66-67	66-67	77.65	34,120	THIGHS	66-67	66-67	80.10	58,920
B/S THIGHS	129-130	129-130	133.09	127,680	B/S THIGHS	129-130	129-130	132.39	78,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	137-138	137-138	140.83	332,560	WINGS (WHOLE)	135-136	135-136	140.12	252,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16-18	18.00	4,500	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16-18	18.00	6,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55-60	57.07	12,665	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55-60	57.81	11,220
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	75-80	80.14	19,320	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	75-80	80.11	14,640

Includes New York City metropolitan area, northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & PA (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

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg. Wt.		Actual Avg. (1,000) Wt.	
	04/30	04/29	04/28	04/25	04/28	04/25	04/23	04/21
Alabama	3,518	3,767	3,732	3,731	5.86	5.78	3,637	5.76
Arkansas	4,540	4,492	4,380	3,573	5.80	5.53	4,724	5.98
Delmarva	2,169	2,159	2,224	2,445	6.37	6.22	2,212	6.87
KY-LA-TN	2,541	2,519	2,468	2,383	5.24	5.06	2,573	5.29
Mississippi	2,737	2,755	2,818	2,693	6.28	6.30	2,742	6.13
North Carolina	2,946	2,899	2,830	3,181	7.83	7.53	2,796	7.98
Texas	2,331	2,390	2,238	2,347	6.24	5.96	2,256	6.23
Total	20,782	20,981	20,690	20,353	6.20	6.07	20,940	6.18
Mon-Wed	62,779 (A)						60,106 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Apr-14 is estimated to be 31,092,000 head down 1.05 percent from a week ago and up 0.57 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,423,000, last year 30,917,000)

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - POULTRY AUCTION for 04-29-14

	*AI Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry			Low	High	Avg	Low	High	Avg
	Low	High	Avg						
Heavy Fowl lb.	-	1.00	-	Heavy Fowl ea.	-	5.00	-	-	-
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams ea.	5.00	10.50	7.00	-	-
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Roasters lb.	-	-	-	Roasters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets ea.	4.00	9.00	6.36	-	-
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	7.00	10.50	8.10	-	-
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	3.50	16.00	7.90	-	-
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	-	11.00	-	-	-
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	2.25	4.00	2.63	-	-
Rabbits lb.	1.50	2.30	2.03	Rabbits ea.	-	7.50	-	-	-
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	5.00	8.00	6.49	-	-
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Silkie ea.	2.00	8.50	4.00	Goslings ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Guinea Pigs ea.	-	-	-	Turkey Poults ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chukars ea.	-	-	-	Peacocks ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Partridges ea.	-	-	-	Cockatiels ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Doves ea.	-	-	-	Pheasants ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Quail ea.	-	-	-	Ferrets ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Chinchillas ea.	-	-	-	Mice ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Peafowl ea.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl Eggs (doz)	-	-	-	-	-
Quail Eggs ea.	-	-	-	Hamsters ea.	-	-	-	-	-
Emu ea.	-	-	-	Total Pieces Sold 165					