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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady in the East and Midwest, mixed in the West. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for present trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. 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 overall. Prices are steady to firm for all parts. Offerings of breast cuts and dark meat items are light to moderate for current trade needs. Wings are in good balance and moving well. Market activity for parts is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **109.50** 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.
865	103.01-113.28	109.73

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE				
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	
This Week:	121.09	↑ 0.47	11,659	
Last Week:	120.62		12,528	
Last Year:	113.21	↑ 7.88	9,862	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
May	117.59		47,745	

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	241.00	1,720
Breasts - B/S	222.00	6,917
Breasts - Whole	130.00	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	148.00	1,248
Thighs	77.00	1,218
Drumsticks	68.50	1,683
Leg Quarters	55.50	7,909
Wings	133.50	3,479

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:	103.50 - 146.00	120.00 - 126.00	123.10	↑ 0.09	5,120	123.01	5,499
WOGS:	103.50 - 142.00	120.00 - 126.00	123.88	↓ 1.07	1,223	124.94	1,275
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	103.50 - 127.00	119.00 - 125.00	122.70	↓ 0.45	1,315	123.15	1,434
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 132.00	113.00 - 120.00	116.98	↑ 1.09	4,156	115.89	4,496
WOGS:	99.00 - 126.00	111.00 - 117.00	114.85	↑ 0.14	3,181	114.71	3,761
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	99.00 - 132.00	113.00 - 119.00	117.65	↑ 0.63	2,460	117.02	2,300
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	95.00 - 147.00	121.00 - 126.00	123.92	↑ 0.10	2,383	123.82	2,533
WOGS:	115.00 - 132.00	121.00 - 126.00	123.45	↑ 0.40	2,165	123.04	2,275
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	115.00 - 138.00	121.00 - 126.00	123.25	↑ 0.34	1,678	122.90	1,823

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.

May 29, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	220	177.00-214.00	-	192.98
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)	212	45.00-50.00	48-49	48.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	195	48.00-52.00	50-51	50.83
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 May 29, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
72.50 - 79.00	75.72

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	WEEKLY		POUNDS (000)	WTD AVG
			WTD AVG	WTD AVG		
201	179.00-214.00	-	193.00	193.00	970	192.42
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				340	227.61
100	111.00-122.00	-	115.00	115.00	385	114.49
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				275	103.09
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				383	59.34
220	45.00-50.00	48-49	48.63	48.63	871	48.55
276	49.00-54.00	51-52	51.46	51.46	875	50.95
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				346	105.90
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				385	117.84
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				501	51.16
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				189	62.71
	TOO FEW TO REPORT				273	131.95

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

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
72.50 - 79.00	75.78	75.82

NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS Prices are trending firm for wings and steady to firm for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but is still noted as moderate to good overall. Offerings of wings are in good balance and moving well; breast cuts and most dark meat items are light to moderate for current needs. Movement is mostly moderate.

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

May 29, 2014

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	220	197.76	827,440
TENDERLOINS	235-240	239.58	170,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	120-121	133.96	59,887
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	117.40	117,355
LEGS	66-67	67.04	154,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	50.40	391,451
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	69.20	102,080
THIGHS	72-73	85.32	57,680
B/S THIGHS	134-135	140.46	107,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	136-137	141.87	298,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,850
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	56.25	13,500
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.78	23,400

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	220	193.23	948,160	195.18	3,110,760
TENDERLOINS	235-240	236.66	237,120	237.58	711,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	120-121	128.55	48,533	133.17	215,847
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	122.81	84,974	121.25	374,676
LEGS	66-67	70.08	91,400	68.24	466,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	48-49	50.32	241,113	48.87	2,100,653
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	62.41	130,120	66.12	570,345
THIGHS	72-73	82.86	58,680	84.38	188,720
B/S THIGHS	134-135	138.49	106,320	139.46	392,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	136-137	140.70	200,800	140.36	968,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	4,440	18.00	23,410
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	60.00	270	56.81	24,115
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.07	19,320	80.17	79,360

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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	05/30	05/29	05/28	05/27	05/28	05/27	05/23	05/21
Alabama	3,570	3,658	3,591	3,630	5.83	5.90	3,604	6.04
Arkansas	4,449	4,739	4,478	4,254	5.77	5.92	4,017	5.82
Delmarva	2,235	2,227	2,236	2,277	6.13	6.20	3,483	6.05
Ky-LA-TN	2,437	2,550	2,276	2,436	5.36	5.07	2,383	5.14
Mississippi	2,594	2,771	2,814	2,763	6.27	6.30	2,672	6.44
North Carolina	3,692	2,951	2,891	2,890	7.82	7.88	3,719	7.83
Texas	2,233	2,364	2,281	2,294	6.22	6.30	2,844	6.31
Total	21,210	21,260	20,567	20,544	6.18	6.22	22,722	6.22
Mon-Friday	95,177 (A)						105,130 (A)	
Saturday	1,277 (included in total for date shown)						3,500	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-May-14 and 31-May-14 is estimated to be 31,733,000 head down 6.93 percent from a week ago and up 2.31 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,097,000, last year 31,017,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-May-14 is estimated to be 139,823,000 head down 11.47 percent from a week ago, and up 0.66 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,944,000, last year 138,910,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Retail feature activity is light to moderate with the majority of the interest being in the Southeast and South Central regions.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 11.0-22.5 14.16
(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 generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least 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 remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(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 24-May-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	45,385	51,858	32,706	27,995	157,944
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.40	6.80	8.76	5.79
% of total /1	29%	33%	21%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	44,621	48,448	33,636	27,495	154,200
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.36	6.75	8.72	5.80
% of total /1	29%	31%	22%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,327	57,347	26,164	27,915	158,753
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.52	6.78	8.52	5.74
% of total /1	30%	36%	16%	18%	100%
To date/2014*	854,661	1,118,959	602,043	610,273	3,185,934
To date/2013*	841,325	1,158,990	634,094	577,941	3,212,350
% Change YTD	2%	-3%	-5%	6%	-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 24-May-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	157,944	1,684	1,386	3,070	472
Avg Wt	5.79	3.02	8.25	5.38	6.78
Last week	154,200	1,781	1,589	3,370	428
Same wk yr ago	158,753	1,586	1,531	3,117	456
Avg Wt	5.74	3.02	7.93	5.43	6.45
To-date/2014*	3,185,934	32,504	30,800	63,304	9,235
To-date/2013*	3,212,350	34,479	29,537	64,016	8,530
% Change YTD	-1%	-6%	4%	-1%	8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	695,017	2,797	7,833	10,630	2,272
Last week	679,714	3,174	9,012	12,186	2,072
Same wk yr ago	692,544	2,586	8,256	10,842	2,088
To-date/2014*	14,102,558	55,967	172,698	228,665	43,999
To-date/2013*	14,185,726	58,877	156,669	215,546	41,081
% Change YTD	-1%	-5%	10%	6%	7%

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 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.9 million head, or 4.0 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
4/19	148.5	153.0	97%	5.87
4/26	154.1	152.0	101%	5.93
5/3	156.1	153.8	101%	5.63
5/10	158.4	154.1	103%	5.91
5/17	156.1	155.4	100%	5.80
5/24	159.9	155.9	103%	5.79
Year to date	3224.9	3213.8	100%	
5/31		156.3		
6/7		153.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	05/31/14	05/24/14	% chg	06/01/13	% chg
Broilers	139,823	157,944 ¹	-11.47	138,910 ¹	+0.66
Cattle	537	599	-10	595 ²	-10
Hogs	1,750	1,973	-11	1,873 ²	-07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of May 26, 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.

ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	RANGE	MOSTLY
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/BOX)	83.00-118.25	90.00-105.00
	88.00-121.00	94.00-110.00

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 remain steady this week. Demand is reported as moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances short with the lighter weights continuing to be in the tightest position. Processing schedules are varied due the observance of Memorial Day. 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 May 26, 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: May 27, 2014 Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

	RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	-	2.80 lbs.
Cockatiels	-	30.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	-	10.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.90 -	1.20 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.75 -	1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.85 -	1.00 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.70 -	1.80 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.10 -	1.30 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 -	5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	3.00 -	4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.50 -	2.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	-	1.65 lbs.
Kid Goats	50.00 -	75.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	-	1.50 lbs.
Pigeons	4.00 -	4.75 ea.
White Pigeons	5.50 -	6.25 ea.
Chukars	5.25 -	7.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.00 -	2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.10 -	2.30 lbs.
Bunnies	3.00 -	8.00 ea.
Doves	5.00 -	5.50 ea.
Silkie	3.00 -	3.50 ea.
Goats	110.00 -	115.00 ea.
Turkeys	15.00 -	18.00 ea.
Chicks	.50 -	1.80 ea.
Quail	.70 -	1.00 ea.
Love Birds	24.00 -	28.00 ea.
Parakeets	7.00 -	10.00 ea.
Broilers	.75 -	1.00 lbs.
Ducklings	1.40 -	1.60 ea.
Canaries	25.00 -	35.00 ea.
Finch	-	12.00 ea.
Pheasants	7.00 -	12.00 ea.
Chick Family	-	20.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	1.80 -	2.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	9.00 -	14.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	4.00 -	7.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	15.00 -	20.00 ea.
Hamsters	.35 -	1.00 ea.
Parrots	290.00 -	320.00 ea.
Rats	-	1.50 ea.
Turkey Poults	2.75 -	3.25 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	-	2.90 lbs.
Total Coops Sold		4781