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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to weak in the West, weak in the East and mixed weak on the larger sizes and firm for the smaller sizes Offerings are mixed ranging very light to available for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to fairly good for entering to weekend. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light and generally unaggressive as dealers were cautious and attempted to maintain manageable inventory levels. Prices of wings are steady; weak to lower for b/s breast and tenders and steady to weak for bone-in breast, drums and thighs. Offerings of wings are sufficient; boneless skinless breast and tenders are available. Bone-in breast and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums noted as 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 FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **114.00** 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.
858	104.00-119.00	113.00

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	209.00	1,691
Breasts - B/S	200.50	6,614
Breasts - Whole	122.00	1,210
Thigh Meat - B/S	148.50	1,604
Thighs	69.00	1,218
Drumsticks	54.50	1,765
Leg Quarters	52.00	7,909
Wings	165.50	3,460

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>	105.28	↓ 2.35	11,847
<b>Last Week:</b>	107.63		11,953
<b>Last Year:</b>	90.17	↑	11,885
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Sep</b>	107.05		47,652

### 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:	87.00 - 133.00	105.00 - 111.00	108.18	↓ 2.15	5,307	110.33	5,582
WOGS:	96.00 - 129.00	105.00 - 111.00	108.35	↓ 1.78	1,381	110.13	1,349
NEW YORK		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	96.00 - 112.00	103.00 - 109.00	106.00	↓ 3.16	1,443	109.16	1,450
CENTRAL REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	82.00 - 117.00	92.00 - 104.00	99.45	↓ 2.80	4,125	102.25	4,106
WOGS:	82.00 - 117.00	92.00 - 104.00	97.88	↓ 2.83	3,410	100.71	3,211
CHICAGO		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	86.00 - 116.00	92.00 - 104.00	100.71	↓ 0.98	2,230	101.69	2,510
WESTERN REGION		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	85.00 - 125.00	99.00 - 110.00	108.85	↓ 1.87	2,415	110.72	2,265
WOGS:	85.00 - 120.00	98.00 - 108.00	107.90	↓ 1.96	2,199	109.86	2,015
LOS ANGELES		THIS WEEK				LAST WEEK	
Whole Body:	85.00 - 121.00	99.00 - 110.00	108.23	↓ 2.25	2,020	110.48	1,395

#### 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.

Oct 23, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	323	126.00-175.00	-	141.10
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)	292	37.00-40.00	38-39	38.91
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	304	43.00-48.00	46-47	46.22
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		

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Oct 23, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
63.50 - 70.50	66.96

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
376	125.00-175.00	-	139.28	1,568	145.39
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			739	159.04
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			728	106.16
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			448	96.01
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			899	47.06
315	36.00-42.00	38-39	38.95	1,484	38.82
344	43.00-48.00	46-47	46.20	1,505	46.13
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			851	172.33
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			636	179.34
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			526	36.09
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			526	51.89
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			465	119.62

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Oct 24, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 71.50	66.98	67.43

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are steady for wings; weak to lower for boneless skinless breast and tenders and steady to weak for bone-in breast and some dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity continued light and unaggressive as dealers were cautious and attempted to maintain manageable inventory levels entering the weekend. Offerings of wings are sufficient; boneless skinless breast and tenders are available and competitively priced. Bone-in breasts and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums and thighs noted as slightly more available and slow to clear. Movement is slow.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND  
Oct 23, 2014

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	165-170	157.01	733,990
TENDERLOINS	155-160	170.48	168,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	116-117	134.12	43,150
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	116.58	77,400
LEGS	57-58	56.64	141,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	46.40	332,664
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	58.90	92,920
THIGHS	62-63	78.55	47,440
B/S THIGHS	119-120	129.77	108,520
WINGS (WHOLE)	180-181	189.63	293,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,100
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.45	9,635
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.78	17,080

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	165	154.22	748,520	160.45	3,988,630
TENDERLOINS	155-160	165.64	250,160	171.17	1,046,207
BREAST - WITH RIBS	116-117	131.61	46,043	132.12	234,619
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	116.81	77,400	117.08	399,624
LEGS	57-58	59.24	86,640	56.07	849,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	46.16	247,734	46.85	1,661,186
DRUMSTICKS	46-47	58.34	84,760	56.22	471,460
THIGHS	62-63	79.19	44,360	77.08	227,860
B/S THIGHS	119-120	129.37	105,040	126.86	552,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	180-181	191.14	200,240	188.64	1,114,340
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,500	18.00	28,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	54.30	15,605	56.80	57,230
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.83	22,320	80.03	100,000

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		ACTUAL		AVG WT	ACTUAL		AVG WT
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	(1,000)	
Alabama	10/24	10/23	10/22	10/21	10/22	10/21	10/17	10/15
Arkansas	3,738	3,760	3,691	3,780	5.90	5.83	3,997	5.88
Delmarva	2,161	2,218	2,236	2,225	6.39	6.43	2,345	6.45
KY-LA-TN	2,522	2,590	2,577	2,503	5.08	5.15	2,518	5.24
Mississippi	2,724	2,789	2,777	2,797	6.23	6.29	2,717	6.26
North Carolina	2,923	2,825	2,811	2,748	7.90	7.90	3,281	7.83
Texas	2,288	2,285	2,246	2,309	6.06	6.28	2,345	5.98
Total	20,269	21,203	21,152	21,110	6.19	6.23	21,333	6.19
Mon-Friday	105,435 (A)				103,931 (A)			
Saturday	340 (included in total for date shown)				1,365			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Oct-14 and 25-Oct-14 is estimated to be 30,848,000 head down 5.27 percent from a week ago and down 1.0 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,564,000, last year 31,153,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Oct-14 is estimated to be 160,090,000 head up 2.36 percent from a week ago, and up 0.80 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,399,000, last year 158,820,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules increased slightly. Finished product supplies are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate with retail feature activity 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. 11.0-22.0 14.21

(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 were reduced slightly. Movement of finished product is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continued unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail features is moderate with best interest being in the South Central 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 18-Oct-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	39,840	47,472	31,121	37,965	156,398
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.34	6.65	8.57	6.00
% of total /1	25%	30%	20%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,170	55,789	40,470	32,168	159,597
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.26	6.75	8.85	6.07
% of total /1	20%	35%	25%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,550	44,218	46,244	30,008	158,020
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.35	6.70	8.73	6.04
% of total /1	24%	28%	29%	19%	100%
To date/2014*	1,688,141	2,294,359	1,214,575	1,257,788	6,454,863
To date/2013*	1,732,154	2,315,196	1,255,945	1,177,364	6,480,659
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-3%	7%	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 18-Oct-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	156,399	1,174	1,841	3,015	411
Avg Wt	6.00	3.09	8.14	6.17	6.87
Last week	159,597	1,515	1,731	3,246	411
Same wk yr ago	158,021	1,460	1,568	3,028	585
Avg Wt	6.04	3.19	8.27	5.82	6.77
To-date/2014*	6,454,863	61,759	65,184	126,943	17,770
To-date/2013*	6,480,660	63,231	62,347	125,578	18,141
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	5%	1%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	713,179	2,013	10,265	12,278	2,005
Last week	736,253	2,657	9,711	12,368	1,999
Same wk yr ago	725,380	2,515	8,883	11,398	2,832
To-date/2014*	28,680,332	107,308	363,686	470,994	85,478
To-date/2013*	28,581,739	109,086	338,342	447,428	87,258
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	7%	5%	-2%

Dressing % 76.0% 55.5% 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 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.3 million head, or 0.1 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
9/13	161.40	157.3	103%	5.90
9/20	159.20	157.0	101%	5.98
9/27	159.50	158.4	101%	6.00
10/4	159.40	159.3	100%	6.05
10/11	161.50	159.2	101%	6.07
10/18	158.30	158.2	100%	6.00
Year to date	6535.00	6518.4	100%	
10/25		158.2		
11/1		157.9		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	10/18/14	10/11/14	% chg	10/19/13	% chg
Broilers	160,090	156,399 <sup>1</sup>	+ 2.36	158,820 <sup>1</sup>	+ 0.80
Cattle	576	565	+2	619 <sup>1</sup>	-7
Hogs	2,141	2,187	-2	2,260 <sup>1</sup>	-5

<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 October 20, 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)	76.00-101.00	81.00-97.00
	81.00-103.00	87.00-101.00

**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**

All prices are steady. Demand is moderate to good for the light to moderate supplies. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate to active. 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.

Negotiated By First Receivers for US Grade A Delivered In Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 lbs., Cents/Lb. Week Of October 20, 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: October 21, 2014 Prices Paid Per lb., Except As Noted

	Range
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.85 - 2.40 lbs.
Cockatiels	- 11.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	5.00 - 5.25 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.65 - .70 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .65 lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	- 4.50 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.10 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - 1.10 lbs.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 3.50 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.80 - 2.20 lbs.
Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.50 - 1.60 lbs.
Pigeons	4.50 - 4.75 ea.
White Pigeons	5.50 - 7.00 ea.
Chukars	4.50 - 7.00 ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.00 - 2.20 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.10 - 2.45 lbs.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00 ea.
Doves	- 3.50 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Goats	150.00 - 175.00 ea.
Turkeys	10.00 - 25.00 ea.
Call Ducks	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Chicks	.50 - .90 ea.
Quail	1.20 - 1.40 ea.
Love Birds	12.00 - 13.00 ea.
Parakeets	- 4.00 ea.
Broilers	.80 - 1.15 lbs.
Peacocks	- 24.00 ea.
Ducklings	6.00 - 7.00 ea.
Finch	- 2.00 ea.
Pheasants	12.00 - 18.00 ea.
Mandarin Ducks	- 70.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	- 8.00 ea.
Laying Pullets	3.00 - 4.00 ea.
Fancy Bantams	- 8.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	6.00 - 8.00 ea.
Diamond Doves	- 5.00 ea.
Parrots	75.00 - 250.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.80 - 2.20 lbs.
Total Coops Sold	3760