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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Retail demand is seasonally light to moderate with most focus on other holiday meat items. Food service is in a full range, mostly moderate, best for catering, delis, and fast food. Offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Floor stocks are mixed ranging light to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light. Prices are mostly steady with supplies of all items at least sufficient to at times heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER - COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE			
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	95.70	↓ 1.48	12,347
<b>Last Week:</b>	97.18		11,794
<b>Last Year:</b>	93.94	↑ 1.76	11,940
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
<b>Nov</b>	103.68		47,740

## GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

The quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 113.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
863	104.00-118.50	113.12

Confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
Line Run Tenders	192.00	1,686
Breasts - B/S	196.50	6,688
Breasts - Whole	125.00	1,138
Thigh Meat - B/S	146.50	1,527
Thighs	75.00	1,218
Drumsticks	63.00	1,782
Leg Quarters	52.00	7,909
Wings	156.00	3,455

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:	73.00 - 130.00	96.00 - 104.00	100.82	↓ 0.94	5,304	101.76	5,377
WOGS:	86.00 - 126.00	97.00 - 104.00	100.54	↓ 0.36	1,301	100.90	1,245
<b>NEW YORK</b>							
Whole Body:	88.00 - 107.75	96.00 - 103.00	99.42	↑ 0.08	1,459	99.34	1,354
CENTRAL REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	68.00 - 115.00	80.00 - 93.00	88.65	↓ 1.67	4,424	90.32	4,101
WOGS:	68.00 - 114.00	80.00 - 93.00	85.70	↓ 1.71	3,473	87.42	3,151
<b>CHICAGO</b>							
Whole Body:	75.00 - 115.00	80.00 - 93.00	91.43	↑ 0.48	2,505	90.95	2,425
WESTERN REGION	THIS WEEK					LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	79.00 - 123.00	89.00 - 99.00	97.26	↓ 1.46	2,619	98.71	2,316
WOGS:	79.00 - 111.00	84.00 - 95.00	94.74	↓ 2.96	2,069	97.70	2,129
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>							
Whole Body:	79.00 - 118.00	84.00 - 94.00	93.60	↓ 3.22	1,754	96.82	1,641

### 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.

Dec 18, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	299	110.00-166.00	-	124.95
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)	278	35.00-43.00	39-40	39.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	261	43.00-48.00	44-46	45.66
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	130	33.00-40.00	34-36	34.68
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 Dec 18, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
59.75 - 67.50	62.15

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
312	111.00-166.00	-	126.01	1,413	125.13
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			640	143.98
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			437	100.07
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			365	84.60
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			668	43.99
294	35.00-43.00	38-40	38.94	1,381	39.20
272	43.00-48.00	44-46	45.56	1,320	45.49
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			655	162.15
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			593	169.25
121	33.00-40.00	34-36	34.81	590	35.07
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			270	54.83
	TOO FEW TO REPORT			299	117.37

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Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading Dec 19, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.50 - 67.50	61.77	61.90

**NORTHEAST BROILER PARTS** Prices are steady for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and wings; about steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and noted as light to fair overall as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of most items are at least sufficient for current needs. Movement is seasonally slow.

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

Dec 18, 2014

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150	128.57	893,060
TENDERLOINS	145	149.04	150,120
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	121.38	38,411
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	105.19	84,035
LEGS	57-58	54.93	86,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.36	398,160
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	54.85	76,440
THIGHS	62-63	77.12	49,140
B/S THIGHS	119-120	123.93	128,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	165-166	171.54	251,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	10,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.21	13,830
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.06	24,500

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150	130.87	724,960	129.70	4,127,140
TENDERLOINS	145	149.53	213,800	147.98	877,960
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	118.24	48,324	118.40	242,100
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	104.45	78,190	105.02	406,678
LEGS	57-58	60.27	141,080	55.60	652,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	44.71	261,525	45.98	1,590,481
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	47.31	108,840	51.91	621,898
THIGHS	62-63	78.35	36,280	77.71	207,180
B/S THIGHS	119-120	121.55	89,280	123.77	641,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	165-166	173.00	183,320	172.65	1,136,620
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,880	18.00	36,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	55.22	16,690	56.22	70,115
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	75.59	19,960	79.08	106,260

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	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)			(1,000)	(1,000)	WT	WT
	12/19	12/18	12/17	12/16	12/17	12/16	12/12	12/10		
Alabama	4,088	3,747	3,635	3,732	5.87	5.86	3,570	5.84		
Arkansas	4,576	4,864	4,743	4,806	5.86	5.90	4,538	6.00		
Delmarva	2,153	2,224	1,812	2,228	6.07	6.33	2,368	6.27		
KY-LA-TN	2,738	2,538	2,000	2,488	4.84	5.24	2,387	5.21		
Mississippi	2,625	2,539	2,750	2,852	6.27	6.47	2,762	6.37		
North Carolina	3,304	2,971	2,351	2,867	7.89	7.85	3,089	7.84		
Texas	2,767	2,376	1,849	2,341	5.72	6.21	2,766	6.25		
Total	22,251	21,259	19,140	21,314	6.07	6.23	21,480	6.25		
Mon-Friday	105,754	(A)					104,188	(A)		
Saturday	1,918	(included in total for date shown)					1,891			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Dec-14 and 20-Dec-14 is estimated to be 33,864,000 head up 3.28 percent from a week ago and up 2.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,789,000, last year 32,916,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Dec-14 is estimated to be 160,345,000 head up 2.36 percent from a week ago, and up 2.69 percent from a year ago. (Last week 156,650,000, last year 156,151,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL** Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal approaching the holiday week. Finished product supplies are adequate for current needs. Market activity is mostly moderate with retail feature activity noted as moderate to good with best interest being in the South Central and Southeast regions.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**  
Prices in cents per pound. 11.0-22.5 14.33  
(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 mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product is sufficient. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs continued unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail features are moderate with the majority of interest being in the Southeast 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 13-Dec-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	41,779	48,756	33,211	32,903	156,649
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.45	6.99	9.11	6.13
% of total /1	27%	31%	21%	21%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,489	48,805	40,546	32,824	161,664
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.29	6.93	9.25	6.10
% of total /1	24%	30%	25%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	45,275	56,907	26,686	29,821	158,689
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.44	6.83	8.70	5.79
% of total /1	29%	36%	17%	19%	100%
To date/2014*	2,002,313	2,702,154	1,475,131	1,506,583	7,686,181
To date/2013*	2,069,695	2,721,066	1,498,041	1,403,382	7,692,184
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-2%	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 13-Dec-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	156,650	1,598	1,524	3,122	433
Avg Wt	6.13	3.15	7.87	5.45	7.16
Last week	161,664	1,429	1,758	3,187	646
Same wk yr ago	158,690	1,649	1,568	3,217	470
Avg Wt	5.79	3.10	8.01	5.49	6.96
To-date/2014*	7,686,183	70,560	77,769	148,329	21,395
To-date/2013*	7,692,185	72,649	73,809	146,458	22,008
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	5%	1%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	729,801	2,794	8,216	11,010	2,201
Last week	749,474	2,593	9,670	12,263	3,151
Same wk yr ago	698,299	2,760	8,603	11,363	2,339
To-date/2014*	34,358,046	123,211	432,806	556,017	103,377
To-date/2013*	33,956,768	125,373	400,977	526,350	105,860
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	8%	6%	-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 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.6 million head, or 2.7 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
11/8	161.6	158.5	102%	6.08
11/15	159.3	157.1	101%	6.09
11/22	158.3	155.2	102%	5.99
11/29	125.5	154.4	81%	5.99
12/6	163.6	153.5	107%	6.10
12/13	158.6	155.9	102%	6.13
Year to date	7781.3	7769.1	100%	
12/20		150.1		
12/27		153.5		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	12/20/14	12/13/14	% chg	12/21/13	% chg
Broilers	160,345	156,650 <sup>1</sup>	+2.36	156,151 <sup>1</sup>	+2.69
Cattle	552	569	-3	617 <sup>1</sup>	-5
Hogs	2,298	2,254	+2	2,365 <sup>1</sup>	+3

<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 December 15, 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)	76.00-94.00	77.00-91.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	81.00-97.00	87.00-95.00

**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,VV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** This week, prices are steady. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate with the smaller sizes in the tightest position. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. Market activity is moderate to active. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-9.00, bone-in legs at \$3.70-5.10, gizzards at \$2.25-2.30, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-1.82, and feet \$1.00-1.50 cents per lb.

Negotiated By First Receivers for US Grade A Delivered In Trucklot & Pool Trucklot Quantities, 4-5 lbs., Cents/Lb. Week Of December 15, 2014

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	189-221	194-227

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Date of Auction: December 16, 2014 Prices Paid Per lb., Except As Noted

	Range	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 2.00	lbs.
Parrots	180.00 - 390.00	ea.
Pekin Ducks	- 4.50	ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .70	lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.55 - .65	lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .60	lbs.
Leghorn Roosters	3.75 - 4.00	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.30 - 1.40	lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 2.05	lbs.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .70	lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.25	ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.00	ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .25	ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.20 - 2.40	lbs.
Kid Goats	60.00 - 80.00	ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	1.40 - 1.50	lbs.
Pigeons	2.00 - 2.10	ea.
White Pigeons	4.50 - 5.10	ea.
Chukars	4.50 - 4.75	ea.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.20 - 2.40	lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.60 - 3.05	lbs.
Leghorn Hens	- 1.00	ea.
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00	ea.
Doves	- 7.50	ea.
Silkies	1.00 - 3.00	ea.
Goats	105.00 - 120.00	ea.
Turkeys	20.00 - 32.00	ea.
Guinea Keets	- 1.50	ea.
Bobwhites	4.00 - 4.50	ea.
Quail	.50 - .90	ea.
Parakeets	- 4.00	ea.
Broilers	.60 - .70	lbs.
Canaries	13.00 - 18.00	ea.
Finch	- 3.00	ea.
Pheasants	5.50 - 7.00	ea.
Mandarin Ducks	- 28.00	ea.
Goose Eggs	- 3.50	ea.
Fancy Bantams	- 7.00	ea.
Fancy Pigeons	7.00 - 8.00	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.80	lbs.
Total Coops Sold	4687	