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Beginning on January 2, 2015 Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News (LPGMN) will be revising this report in both content and release frequency. The report will still contain all of the information that it currently does but will only be released once per week, on Friday. This report will also include additional broiler/fryer information that was previously being released on other reports. LPGMN is making these changes to ensure that the data we provide is easier for users to access, to ensure that we have more timely releases of the information that we provide, and also to reduce the duplicate release of information. If you currently receive this report through email you will still be receiving it after the changes are put into place, we do not anticipate any gaps in service because of these changes.

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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the East, steady in the West and Midwest. Offerings are very light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand cover the full range, light to good, mostly light to moderate entering the holiday week. Food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement was cautious and selective as dealers assessed market conditions following the weekend. Prices are steady to firm for breast cuts, tenders and wings; steady to weak for dark meat items. Offerings of wings are in tight balance and clearing well; tenders and b/s breast are light to moderate for current needs 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. The National Composite Weighted Average for 12/24/14 is 96.12 compared to 95.70 a week earlier, and 94.58 a year ago.

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.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
946	97.00-118.79	112.68

Confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	188.50	1,969
BREASTS - B/S	190.50	7,916
BREASTS - WHOLE	120.50	1,858
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.00	1,507
THIGHS	70.00	1,257
DRUMSTICKS	56.50	1,951
LEG QUARTERS	51.50	9,341
WINGS	155.50	3,541

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.	
This Week:	96.12	↑ 0.41	10,758	
Last Week:	95.70		12,347	
Last Year:	94.58	↑ 1.54	11,013	
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
Nov	103.68		47,740	

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:	86.00 - 128.00	97.00 - 104.00	101.73	0.91 0.91	4,613	100.82	5,304
WOGS:	86.00 - 111.00	98.00 - 104.00	101.01	0.46 0.46	1,071	100.54	1,301
NEW YORK							
Whole Body:	87.00 - 107.75	97.00 - 103.00	99.34	-0.08 0.08	1,285	99.42	1,459
CENTRAL REGION							
THIS WEEK							
Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
Whole Body:	76.00 - 114.00	80.00 - 93.00	89.51	↑ 0.85	4,176	88.65	4,424
WOGS:	76.00 - 114.00	80.00 - 93.00	86.86	↑ 1.16	3,286	85.70	3,473
CHICAGO							
Whole Body:	76.00 - 114.00	80.00 - 93.00	90.57	↓ 0.86	2,515	91.43	2,505
WESTERN REGION							
THIS WEEK							
Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
Whole Body:	84.00 - 113.00	87.00 - 97.00	96.99	↓ 0.26	1,969	97.26	2,619
WOGS:	84.00 - 111.00	84.00 - 95.00	95.44	↑ 0.69	1,759	94.74	2,069
LOS ANGELES							
Whole Body:	84.00 - 113.00	84.00 - 94.00	94.27	↑ 0.67	1,614	93.60	1,754

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Prices are firm for wings; steady for boneless skinless breasts and tenders and steady to weak for dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective as dealers assessed market conditions entering the week. Offerings of wings are in a tight balance and clearing well; tenders and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate for current needs and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums noted as available and slow to clear. Movement is seasonally slow to 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.
BREAST - B/S		150	128.18	811,000
TENDERLOINS		145	148.58	212,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104		120.00	62,206
BREAST - LINE RUN	103		105.76	82,156
LEGS	57-58		58.37	43,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45		46.19	347,440
DRUMSTICKS	43-44		46.31	120,360
THIGHS	61-62		78.16	35,720
B/S THIGHS	119-120		121.78	127,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	167-168		173.16	205,440
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18		18.00	5,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60		55.08	13,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80		80.66	19,080

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (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

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	12/29	12/25	12/25	12/22	12/18
Alabama	3,786	0	0.00	3,729	5.74
Arkansas	4,841	0	0.00	4,862	5.79
Delmarva	2,263	0	0.00	2,194	6.25
KY-LA-TN	2,530	0	0.00	2,514	5.28
Mississippi	2,812	0	0.00	2,456	6.06
North Carolina	2,923	0	0.00	2,941	7.69
Texas	2,374	0	0.00	2,393	6.31
Total	21,529	0	0.00	21,089	6.10
Mon	21,529 (A)			21,089 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Dec-14 is estimated to be 32,765,000 up 3.54 percent from a week ago and up 4.0 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,646,000 last year 31,517,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	209	114.00-166.00	-	132.30
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)	189	33.00-43.00	38-40	38.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	202	43.00-48.00	44-46	45.05
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	108	33.00-40.00	33-35	34.63
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING -- F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.00 - 67.50	62.10	62.24

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.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI WEEK OF 29-DEC-14 TO 02-JAN-15, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 133.00	117.00 - 128.00
TENDERLOINS	135.00 - 165.00	140.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	89.00 - 125.00	99.00 - 109.00
LEGS	54.00 - 61.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39.00 - 59.00	43.00 - 46.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	44.00 - 59.00	45.00 - 48.00
DRUMSTICKS	37.00 - 57.00	-
THIGHS	58.00 - 70.00	-
B/S THIGHS	109.00 - 130.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	140.00 - 180.00	155.00 - 167.00
BACKS & NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 45.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 49.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00	-

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on all fat contents of MSC are trending mostly steady to weak. Demand into domestic and export channels is mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies are mixed ranging light to heavy for current buyer needs. The marketplace is typical of the holiday season with varying production and further processing schedules amongst both sellers and buyers. Spot MSC and frames are a challenge to sell, which is further compounded by trucking availability and expense. Contract negotiations for 2015 persist for some, especially for export. Prices have been confirmed on either a formula basis or as flat prices at similar to lower levels than 2014. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Prices of frames are steady to weak with trading levels between 9-14 cents FOB, mostly 9-11 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Dec-14	Last Week	Last Year	24-Dec-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	32.00	27.00	27.00	28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	32.00	27.00	27.00	28.00
Volume Traded	-	-	40	122	122	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 29.00	25.00 - 29.00	27.00-31.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.06	27.11	28.65	22.62	22.36	23.04
Volume Traded	1,990	2,090	1,212	2,978	2,652	2,489
Volume Exported	1,510	1,650	1,212	1,428	775	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2013	Nov 2014	Oct 2014	Nov 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	28.00	28.00	32.50	26.74	27.65	27.53
Volume Traded	162	108	80	469	469	734
Volume Exported	162	108	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.15	29.33	28.01	22.70	23.47	23.17
Volume Traded	6,732	9,129	10,769	11,574	13,056	14,982
Volume Exported	6,372	8,529	9,449	3,386	3,264	2,489
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.63	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	326	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)

***2013 Graph Data for 10/3 thru 10/17 is not available due to the 2013 Government Shutdown Furlough.**

