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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.

If you have any questions or comments on these proposed changes, please contact Jason Karwal at 515-284-4471 - Jason.Karwal@ams.usda.gov or Annie Terry 404-562-5850 - Annie.Terry@ams.usda.gov.



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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the West, firm in the East and firm to higher in the Midwest. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good with best movement on features. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate approaching the holiday. Prices are firm to higher for wings; steady to at least steady for breast and tenders and steady to weak for dark meat cuts. Offerings of wings are balance to tight and moving well; tenders and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with drums noted as slightly more available. Market activity for parts is seasonally slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 113.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 104.25 cents last year on January 2, 2014.

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	189.50
BREASTS - B/S	191.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	121.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	142.50
THIGHS	70.00
DRUMSTICKS	58.00
LEG QUARTERS	51.50
WINGS	156.50

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

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET 24-Dec-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-Jan-15

Class	CW: 01/03/15(1) ----- Thousand head -----	PW: 12/27/14 ----- Thousand head -----
Broiler/fryer	130,711(2)	125,879
Light hens	1,100	958
Heavy hens	1,317	1,200
Total	133,128	128,037

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jan-15 is 154.8 million head compared to 122.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.0 million head or -23.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jan-15 the estimated available is 154.6 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-Feb-15 is estimated at 156.2 million head. This compares to 157.4 million head the previous week and to 154.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 122.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 94.58 cents per pound.

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS – MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 26, 2014

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	104.91	185.14	123.43	43.20	21.60	138.86
High	107.38	200.57	135.77	52.46	24.69	138.86
Mostly	104.91	194.40	129.60	46.29	21.60	138.86
SAN JUAN						
Low	103.37	185.14	123.43	40.11	21.60	138.86
High	104.91	200.57	132.69	49.37	24.69	138.86
Mostly	104.91	194.40	126.51	43.20	21.60	138.86
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	104.91	188.23	126.51	46.29	24.69	138.86
High	107.38	203.66	138.86	55.54	27.77	138.86
Mostly	104.91	197.49	132.69	49.37	24.69	138.86
BECERRA						
Low	105.53	191.31	126.51	49.37	24.69	138.86
High	108.00	203.66	141.94	58.63	27.77	138.86
Mostly	105.53	197.49	135.77	52.46	24.69	138.86

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INC. GOV'T STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed other Poultry LBS
AM 12/29/14		48,481	59,150
AM 12/01/14		47,990	43,707
CHG		491	15,443
PCT CHG		1%	35%

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - PACIFIC WITHOUT DENVER

	Proc. Turkeys (000)			Proc. other Poultry (000)		
	12/29/14	12/22/14	12/30/13	12/29/14	12/22/14	12/30/13
Pacific Coast	810	494	480	7352	3271	3973
Los Angeles	119	336	355	1781	768	895

BROILER HATCHERY

Week Ending 12/27/2014

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 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.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2013 through December 27, 2014 for the United States were 8.94 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2014	% of PY
Eggs Set.....	215,017	103

Source: USDA NASS

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2014	% of PY
Chicks Placed.....	174,506	102

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.

Dec 30, 2014

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	215	114.00-166.00	-	132.73
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)	194	33.00-43.00	38-40	38.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	198	43.00-48.00	44-46	45.07
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	100	33.00-40.00	33-35	34.65
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	224	114.00-166.00	-	133.74
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)	197	33.00-43.00	38-40	37.72
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	190	43.00-48.00	44-46	44.89
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS	116	33.00-40.00	33-35	34.59
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Dec 31, 2014 -- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
59.00 - 67.50	62.09

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
59.00 - 67.50	61.80	61.99

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.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Prices are firm to higher for wings; steady to at least steady for boneless skinless breasts and tenders and steady to weak for dark meat cuts. Trucklot buying activity was light to moderate as dealers attempted to enter the holiday with closely cleared floor stocks. Offerings of wings are balanced to tight and clearing well; tenders and boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate for immediate needs. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with thighs, thigh meat and drums noted as slightly more available. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

Ice Packed Broiler/Fryer Parts, Delivered to First Receivers in Pool Trucklot and Trucklot Quantities, Cents per Pound

Dec 30, 2014

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	128.04	1,199,920
TENDERLOINS	145	147.57	327,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	119.31	49,236
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	106.18	85,439
LEGS	57-58	50.62	275,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	47.06	445,280
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	50.47	165,240
THIGHS	61-62	76.19	32,640
B/S THIGHS	119-120	126.02	151,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	168-169	172.01	261,800
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	7,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.13	15,495
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.93	22,040

ITEM	NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150	125.71	1,000,080
TENDERLOINS	145	146.92	233,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103-104	120.47	33,697
BREAST - LINE RUN	103	106.18	82,680
LEGS	57-58	50.06	122,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	44-45	45.93	247,000
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	48.91	43,320
THIGHS	61-62	79.17	12,760
B/S THIGHS	117-118	127.30	83,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	169-170	170.57	165,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	5,600
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.68	11,755
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	79.37	9,360

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. Wt.	
	12/31	12/30	12/29	12/26	12/29	12/26	12/24	12/22
Alabama	3,296	3,819	3,762	4,929	5.89	5.55	1,911	5.99
Arkansas	3,529	3,777	4,777	5,576	6.05	6.29	2,132	6.00
Delmarva	1,502	2,273	2,272	3,586	6.54	6.68	838	6.41
KY-LA-TN	2,444	2,534	2,474	3,635	5.35	4.91	1,654	5.27
Mississippi	2,566	2,823	2,800	3,003	6.66	6.44	1,853	6.77
North Carolina	2,438	2,941	2,893	3,908	7.92	7.70	1,133	7.80
Texas	2,143	2,356	2,400	3,331	6.26	6.54	1,390	6.16
Total	17,918	20,523	21,378	27,968	6.35	6.27	10,911	6.31
Mon-Wed	59,970 (A)						52,990 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Dec-14 is estimated to be 27,270,000 head up 66.55 percent from a week ago and up 930.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 16,373,000, last year 2,645,000)

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ - POULTRY AUCTION for 12-30-14

*All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry									
	Low High Avg			Low High Avg					
	Heavy Fowl lb.	-	0.35	-	Heavy Fowl Ea.	1.50	6.00	2.86	
Light Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Light Fowl Ea.	-	-	-		
Mixed Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Mixed Fowl Ea.	-	-	-		
Bantams lb.	-	-	-	Bantams Ea.	-	-	-		
Broilers lb.	-	-	-	Broilers Ea.	-	-	-		
Roasters lb.	-	-	-	Roasters Ea.	-	-	-		
Fryers lb.	-	-	-	Fryers Ea.	-	-	-		
Chicks lb.	-	-	-	Chicks Ea.	-	-	-		
Pullets lb.	-	-	-	Pullets Ea.	5.00	7.00	6.00		
Bunnies lb.	-	-	-	Bunnies ea.	1.00	3.00	2.01		
Roosters lb.	-	-	-	Roosters ea.	10.00	14.50	11.86		
Geese lb.	-	-	-	Geese ea.	-	20.00	-		
Turkeys lb.	-	-	-	Turkeys ea.	-	-	-		
Ducks lb.	-	-	-	Ducks ea.	-	-	-		
Rabbits lb.	0.50	2.20	1.40	Rabbits ea.	-	-	-		
Pigeons lb.	-	-	-	Pigeons ea.	-	-	-		
Guinea Fowl lb.	-	-	-	Guinea Fowl ea.	11.00	13.00	11.89		
Ducklings lb.	-	-	-	Ducklings ea.	-	-	-		
Guinea Keets ea.	-	-	-	Call Ducks ea.	-	-	-		
Silkie ea.	-	-	-	Goslings ea.	-	-	-		
Guinea Pigs lb.	-	0.50	-	Guinea Pigs 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.	-	-	-	Emu ea.	-	-	-		
Hamsters ea.	-	-	-	Leghorn lb.	-	-	-		
Leghorn ea.	-	-	-	Turkey Poults ea.	-	-	-		
Miscellaneous ea.	8.50	19.00	13.50	Total Pieces Sold			123		