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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for end of the month business. Floor stocks are generally balanced. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Prices are steady to higher for tenders, firm for boneless skinless breast and thigh meat, steady to weak for bone-in dark meat and steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of tenders are in good balance to tight. Boneless skinless breast, thigh meat and wings are light to moderate and other dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate for mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	103.08	5,293	103.04	5,381
WOGS:	103.57	1,370	103.12	1,360
New York				
Whole Body:	100.10	1,422	99.93	1,407
Central				
Whole Body:	96.91	4,545	95.77	4,765
WOGS:	96.07	3,615	94.51	3,675
Chicago				
Whole Body:	97.67	2,640	96.55	2,780
Western				
Whole Body:	102.51	2,339	101.96	2,184
WOGS:	101.82	2,125	101.10	1,970
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	101.22	1,594	100.63	1,509

Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final.....	113.30	
Next Week Trading Quote	114.50	
Friday Prelim.	114.01	
Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:		
Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	204.50	1,754
Breasts - B/S	199.50	7,255
Breasts - Whole	124.00	910
Thigh Meat - B/S	142.00	2,064
Thighs	76.00	1,124
Drumsticks	58.50	1,706
Leg Quarters	49.00	7,262
Wings	174.00	3,591
Data Source: Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service		

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 21-Mar-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	159,293	1,464	1,582	3,046	384
Avg Wt	6.01	3.03	8.11	5.67	6.92
Last week	156,432	1,486	1,719	3,205	471
Same wk yr ago	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Avg Wt	5.81	3.18	8.20	5.74	6.60
To-date/2015*	1,713,355	16,981	17,781	34,762	5,078
To-date/2014*	1,674,483	16,666	16,043	32,709	4,865
% Change YTD	2%	2%	11%	6%	4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	727,587	2,462	8,789	11,251	1,887
Last week	715,708	2,689	9,420	12,109	2,257
Same wk yr ago	670,867	2,343	7,995	10,338	1,940
To-date/2015*	7,902,650	30,379	98,102	128,481	24,250
To-date/2014*	7,432,697	28,666	89,058	117,724	23,159
% Change YTD	6%	6%	10%	9%	5%
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 159.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.2 million head, or 1.9 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection Week Ending 28-Mar-2015

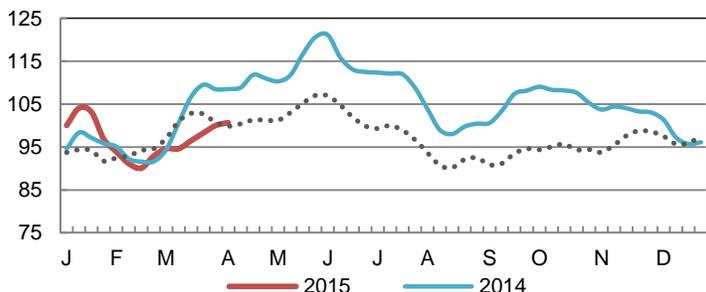
Class	Current Week 3/28/2015 (1)	Previous Week 3/21/2015
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	163,800 (2)	164,765
Light hens	1,516	1,285
Heavy hens	1,679	1,738
Total	166,995	167,788

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Mar-15 is 159.4 million head compared to 152.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Apr-15 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	100.67	↑ 0.63	12,177
Last Week:	100.04		12,330
Last Year:	108.45	↓ 7.78	11,741
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Mar	98.88		48,470



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.

Item	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,907	147.80
Tenderloins	774	172.00
Breast - Line Run	370	99.64
Front Halves	554	86.15
Legs	590	34.18
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,121	27.70
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,245	36.76
Wings (Whole)	753	174.90
Wings (Cut)	708	181.92
Drumsticks	803	28.59
Thighs	493	51.50
B/S Thighs	630	103.53

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.
Range Today's Average 5-Day Average
 53.50 - 61.50 56.79 56.92

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 Parts

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound

Item	Weekly	
	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	148.28	4,377,030
Tenderloins	185.05	1,019,440
Breast - With Ribs	117.16	237,564
Breast - Line Run	98.84	545,082
Legs	45.93	767,230
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.41	1,807,220
Drumsticks	42.99	570,547
Thighs	68.85	188,780
B/S Thighs	103.95	540,120
Wings (Whole)	184.81	1,037,390
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	27,790
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	55.76	78,465
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.70	91,280

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-packed pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound
 Delivered to: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI

Week of 23-Mar-15 to 27-Mar-2015

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	23-Mar-15	27-Mar-2015	
Breast - B/S	135.00 - 159.00	141.00 - 148.00	
Tenderloins	180.00 - 207.00	180.00 - 190.00	
Breast - Line Run	88.00 - 119.00	88.00 - 93.00	
Legs	40.00 - 50.00	-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	30.00 - 53.00	33.00 - 36.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	35.00 - 46.00	36.00 - 40.00	
Drumsticks	30.00 - 51.00	-	
Thighs	53.00 - 71.00	-	
B/S Thighs	93.00 - 110.00	-	
Wings (Whole)	186.00 - 213.00	194.00 - 199.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 45.00	-	
Livers	32.00 - 60.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 20, 2015

Market	Whole	Breasts	Legs w/	Necks,	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens		Thighs	Backs & Wings	Gizzards	
Rayon						
Low	93.24	172.00	114.67	42.25	21.12	90.53
High	95.05	184.07	123.72	51.30	24.14	90.53
Mostly	93.54	178.04	117.68	45.26	21.12	90.53
San Juan						
Low	92.04	172.00	111.65	39.23	21.12	90.53
High	93.54	181.05	120.70	48.28	24.14	90.53
Mostly	93.54	175.02	114.67	42.25	21.12	90.53
New San Juan						
Low	93.54	175.02	117.68	45.26	24.14	90.53
High	96.26	184.07	126.74	54.32	27.16	90.53
Mostly	93.54	178.04	120.70	48.28	24.14	90.53
Becerra						
Low	93.54	175.02	117.68	48.28	24.14	90.53
High	96.56	187.09	129.75	57.33	27.16	90.53
Mostly	93.54	181.05	123.72	51.30	24.14	90.53

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 of MSC are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The spot marketplace is in good shape with generally good movement all around, though it is slowing somewhat for the holiday week next week. Some significant market pressures were lifted this week with Mexico's allocation of some raw poultry items bound for cooking from affected HPAI states causing the market to settle back to more seasonal trends and price levels. Industry continues to closely monitor the spot marketplace. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels between 12.00-14.25 cents FOB, mostly 13.00-14.00 cents FOB.

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

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year	27-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	31.00	28.00	27.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	31.00	28.00	27.00	27.57
Volume Traded	-	-	40	184	122	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 35.00	27.50-33.00	23.00 - 32.00	23.00 - 32.00	23.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.37	30.44	29.62	25.80	25.01	24.83
Volume Traded	1,013	1,463	1,605	3,101	2,734	2,644
Volume Exported	1,013	1,343	1,605	979	490	204
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00	24.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.00	24.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 21-Mar-15

(Preliminary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	40,795	57,631	25,725	35,142	159,293
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.45	6.97	8.98	6.01
% of total /1	26%	36%	16%	22%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	42,545	48,748	24,680	40,459	156,432
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.26	6.75	8.97	6.02
% of total /1	27%	31%	16%	26%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,022	55,958	28,144	27,807	151,931
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.41	6.83	8.76	5.81
% of total /1	26%	37%	19%	18%	100%
To date/2015*	428,785	584,514	326,796	373,260	1,713,355
To date/2014*	442,050	596,660	310,281	325,492	1,674,483
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	5%	15%	2%

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.

Est. U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
2/14	158.7	161.1	99%	6.03
2/21	149.6	158.4	94%	6.05
2/28	147.5	160.0	92%	6.11
3/7	156.1	160.1	98%	6.12
3/14	158.3	159.4	99%	6.02
3/21	161.2	159.3	101%	6.01
Year to date	1734.0	1736.8	100%	
3/28		158.2		
4/4		159.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live weight	RTC WOG's weight	Head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	10,280	6.45%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	15,292	9.60%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	9,950	6.25%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,274	3.31%
Totals:		40,796	25.61%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,722	3,835	3,693	3,741	5.62
AR	5,075	4,504	4,605	4,559	5.94
Delmarva	2,229	2,233	2,099	2,076	6.29
KY-LA-TN	2,681	2,513	2,521	2,499	5.28
MS	2,370	2,748	2,547	2,638	6.43
NC	3,365	2,941	2,907	2,920	7.81
TX	2,451	2,367	2,111	2,327	6.10
Total	21,893	21,141	20,483	20,760	6.18
Mon-Fri	106,671	(A)			
Saturday	1,595	(included in total for date shown)		3,018	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Mar-15 and 28-Mar-15 is estimated to be 33,319,000 head down 5.11 percent from a week ago and up 17.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,114,000, last year 28,411,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Mar-15 is estimated to be 160,439,000 head up 0.72 percent from a week ago, and up 6.36 percent from a year ago. (Last week 159,293,000, last year 150,843,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry For delivery the week of March 23, 2015

Ducklings: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. 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, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12/Box)	74.00-89.25	80.00-85.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	79.00-91.00	82.00-87.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz	13 oz	15 oz
93.96-112.59	102.87-129.60	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 This week, prices are steady. Demand is moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. 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.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb.

Week of March 23, 2015

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

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
 Prices in cents per pound. 11.0- 23.0 14.55
 (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
 Majority price (cents/head) for removal: 0-7
 (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.

Ready-to-Cook Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers
 (cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	Price Range
		80.0 - 86.0
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

Live Fowl Auctions - 03-24-15
 All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	Low	High	Avg
Heavy Fowl each:	3.00	19.00	6.20
per pound:		.50	

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	Price Range
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	.70 - 1.90 per pound
4-5 lbs:	.40 - .65 per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.80 - 1.20 per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/20	1,975	6.22
3/19	2,110	6.04
3/18	2,144	6.18
3/17	2,205	6.09
3/16	2,205	6.25
Weekly	10,639	6.16

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	03/28/15	02/21/15	% chg	03/29/14	% chg
Cattle	531	518	+03	588 ¹	-10
Hogs	2,270	2,237	+02	2,031 ¹	+12

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 3/14/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Mar 14, 2015 (1,000 eggs)	Mar 21, 2015	Mar 14, 2015 (1,000 chicks)	Mar 21, 2015
AL.....	28,928	29,353	21,971	22,257
AR.....	21,865	21,083	19,428	18,639
DE.....	4,829	4,578	4,827	5,415
FL.....	1,192	1,200	1,163	1,003
GA.....	32,469	32,871	26,063	25,318
KY.....	7,796	7,767	6,389	6,393
LA.....	3,817	3,833	3,354	3,355
MD.....	7,751	7,394	6,110	5,623
MS.....	18,001	17,841	14,928	14,842
MO.....	7,904	8,310	5,879	6,298
NC.....	21,386	21,044	16,504	16,672
OK.....	6,348	6,568	4,643	4,635
PA.....	4,435	4,486	4,049	4,051
SC.....	5,596	5,852	5,138	4,741
TX.....	13,745	14,622	12,406	12,703
VA.....	6,615	6,536	5,597	5,661
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,019	11,817	11,293	11,772
19 State Total.....	204,696	205,155	169,742	169,378
Percent of Prev. Year	101	102	104	103
Other States	8,302	8,131	6,074	6,251
United States	212,998	213,286	175,816	175,629

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 2 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.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2015	% PY
Eggs Set	213,286	+02

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 21, 2015 for the United States were 1.93 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	175,629	+03

Source: USDA, NASS

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Mar 21, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
Head	1,464	1,582	3,046
Last Week	1,486	1,719	3,205
Same week yr ago	1,352	1,413	2,765
To-date/2015*	16,981	17,781	34,762
To-date/2014*	16,666	16,043	32,709

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Head	632	0
Last Week	345	0	345
Same week yr ago	404	0	404
To-date/2015*	4,562	10	4,572
To-date/2014*	3,519	0	3,519

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Head	2,096	1,582
Last Week	1,831	1,719	3,550
Same week yr ago	1,756	1,413	3,169
To-date/2015*	21,543	17,791	39,334
To-date/2014*	20,185	16,043	36,228

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks	Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
	03/23/15	03/16/15	03/24/14
AM 03/23/15	44,381		
AM 03/01/15	48,653		
CHG	-4272		
PCT CHG	-9%		
		Pacific Coast:	
		3639	3497 7478
		Los Angeles:	
		791	757 2080

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	814.44 854.00	834.47
168 3 Round, top inside round	279.50 305.00	279.88
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	645.00 691.00	658.59
Ground Beef 81%	230.00 259.00	241.13

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	109.80
Bnls CC Strap-on	150.07
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	112.13
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	156.97

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-May-15 is estimated at 156.1 million head. This compares to 156.4 million head the previous week and to 155.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 108.45 cents per pound.