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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole bird prices are steady to firm in the Midwest, steady to weak in the East, and steady in the West. Preliminary majority prices are in a slightly wider range in the Midwest, down 1 cents in the East and unchanged in the West when compared to early week prices. Offerings cover the full range, moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for late week business. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is mostly moderate. Prices are trending firm to higher for drums, thighs, tenders, thigh meat and bone-in breasts. Prices are weak to lower for wings and mostly steady for all other parts. Offerings are light for drums and bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate. Wings and boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as desirable.

Preliminary Report

Prices negotiated for truck lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers FOB Dock and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 30-Apr-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	81.00-84.00			
Los Angeles	102.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	70.00-80.00	67.00-91.00	75.55	41
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	80.00-84.00	70.00-88.00	80.45	22

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

3/: Southeast area

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER

Prices are trending steady to weak for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers is light entering the weekend. Offerings of three pound and heavier sizes are available; smaller sizes are fully sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is slow. In the parts complex, offerings of drums, tenders and boneless skinless breast are light to moderate and moving well. Bone-in breast are moderate to heavy and wings are readily available with light movement.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER

Prices for whole broiler/fryers are steady at best. Offerings are mostly moderate. Demand into all channels is light to moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is moderate for late week business. Prices are firm to higher for drums, tenders and thighs. Wings are weak to lower and slow to clear. Bone-in breast is steady to firm. Offerings of drums are light with good movement. Whole breast, thighs and tenders are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 93.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS	RANGE	
729	86.99-99.79	92.77

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
Line Run Tenders	209.50	955
Breasts - B/S	160.00	4,338
Breasts - Whole	102.50	891
Thigh Meat - B/S	135.00	750
Thighs	75.00	737
Drumsticks	73.50	729
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,243
Wings	183.00	2,130

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Whole bird prices are steady with a firm undertone. Additional offerings are light. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Fast food demand is normal to instances good with best movement on promotional items. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are light to instances heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are moderate to heavy on wings, legs, and leg meat with the balance of parts light to moderate. Prices trended firm on tenders, drums, thighs, and thigh meat; steady to lower on wings, legs, and leg meat; and steady on the remainder of parts. Parts market activity is light.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER

The preliminary Los Angeles majority is 102 cents, unchanged from last Monday's final. The market on whole broilers and WOGs is steady. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to moderate. Foodservice demand moderate. Floor stocks moderate. Weights desirable. The market on boneless skinless breasts is steady with some finding a strengthening undertone in response to higher trending offering prices, bone-in breasts steady, tenderloins firm with prices higher for next week's shipments. The market on legs and leg meat is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, leg quarters steady, prices on the balance of dark items unchanged to higher for next week's shipments. Demand light to mostly moderate. Offerings at least moderate on wings, jumbo legs and leg meat, balance light to moderate. Movement light to mostly moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS

Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged to 1 cent lower at 84 to 90 cents with a steady to weak trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light closing out the month. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as desirable. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. In the parts complex, wings are moderate to heavy. The balance of parts are light to moderate with tenders and drums in the best position.

Broiler/Fryer current negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple-drop shipments of branded and wing tagged to New York City from Delmarva.

BRANDED U.S.GRADE A

Range	69-100
Weighted Average	(A)
No. Of Boxes	(A)
Cumulative	(A)
	04/23/12-04/27/12
	04/25/11-04/29/11
No. Of Boxes	(A)
	04/23/12-04/27/12
	04/25/11-04/29/11
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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.

April 26, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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)	365	48.00-51.00	-	49.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	460	50.00-54.00	-	51.87
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		

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for April 26, 2012 --
f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
64.00 - 66.00	64.78

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 Prices are trending firm for tenders and drums; steady to firm for boneless skinless breast. Wings are weak and legs, leg quarters and bone-in breast are steady to weak. Trucklot buying improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings of tenders and drums are light and clearing satisfactorily; boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate and wings are available and slow to clear. Bone-in breast and some dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy for current needs. Movement is slow to moderate.

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

April 26, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	150-155	135.16	813,480
TENDERLOINS	180	177.60	263,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	98-99	111.42	60,859
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	99.99	66,356
LEGS	71-72	77.95	112,360
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	49-50	53.18	263,640
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	69.43	119,373
THIGHS	76-77	89.31	62,720
B/S THIGHS	138-139	138.11	94,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	178-179	179.11	313,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	6,842
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.37	10,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	73.75	19,560

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.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

April 27, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			774	127.98
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,193	170.80
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			125	86.20
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			214	80.35
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	435	48.00-51.00	-	49.09	2,140	49.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	500	50.00-54.00	-	51.64	2,249	51.69
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	147.00
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			95	171.16
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			75	59.40
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			78	122.41

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for April 27, 2012 --
- f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.50 - 66.00	64.66	64.70

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	04/27	04/26	04/25	04/24	04/24
Alabama	3,500	3,711	3,354	3,686	5.43
Arkansas	3,820	4,406	4,467	4,784	5.47
Delmarva	2,037	2,067	2,042	2,052	6.36
Ky-LA-TN	2,639	2,493	2,459	2,470	5.26
Mississippi	3,160	2,824	2,689	2,736	6.31
North Carolina	2,855	2,715	2,644	2,653	7.23
Texas	2,422	2,377	2,457	2,454	6.04
Total	20,433	20,593	20,112	20,835	5.94
Mon-Friday	101,778 (A)				101,931 (A)
Saturday	1,055 (included in total for date shown)				1,105

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Apr-12 and 28-Apr-12 is estimated to be 30,570,000 head up 1.77 percent from a week ago and up 12.46 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,765,000, last year 27,182,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Apr-12 is estimated to be 152,271,000 head down 1.65 percent from a week ago, and down 1.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,825,000, last year 154,657,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	108-123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	128-140
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 118-175
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 124
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	217-285

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 21-Apr-2012

(Preliminary)	Thousands				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	40,216	63,191	28,854	22,564	154,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.41	6.80	8.54	5.72
% of total /1	26%	41%	19%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,181	65,332	32,611	19,936	153,060
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.47	6.85	8.55	5.79
% of total /1	23%	43%	21%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,818	63,792	30,153	23,894	154,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.92	5.45	6.79	8.60	5.83
% of total /1	24%	41%	20%	15%	100%
To date/2012*	577,083	1,030,764	434,401	358,998	2,401,246
To date/2011*	605,208	1,142,198	426,928	375,716	2,550,050

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 21-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Avg Wt	5.72	3.14	7.92	5.19	6.86
Last week	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404
Same wk yr ago	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431
Avg Wt	5.83	3.26	8.18	5.61	6.75
To-date/2012*	2,401,246	25,981	23,460	49,441	6,738
To-date/2011*	2,550,050	22,983	23,487	46,470	7,160
% Change YTD	-6%	13%	0%	6%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	668,627	3,246	8,046	11,292	1,935
Last week	669,094	3,061	7,597	10,658	2,030
Same wk yr ago	671,729	2,674	7,375	10,049	2,095
To-date/2012*	10,331,135	43,509	123,513	167,022	32,700
To-date/2011*	10,824,333	39,002	123,654	162,656	35,215
% Change YTD	-5%	12%	0%	3%	-7%
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.7 million head, or 3.3 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
Mar 17	154.9	151.2	102%	5.74
24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr 7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79
21	156.7	153.4	102%	5.72
Year to date	2430.5	2432.1	100%	
Apr 28		153.3		
May 5		154.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	04/28/12	04/21/12	%chg	04/30/11	%chg
Broilers	152,271	154,825 ¹	-.65	154,657 ¹	-1.54
Cattle	611	598	+02	621 ²	-02
Hogs	2,092	2,084	0	1,955 ²	+07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY**

For delivery the week of APRIL 23, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-210	200-214

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-85.25	80.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	78.00-91.00	82.00-87.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

11 oz.	74.88-99.79
13 oz.	82.80-114.54
15 oz.	90.00-120.34

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 light to moderate with supplies reported as moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Processing schedules continue full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.05-3.55, gizzards at \$1.20-1.75, wings at \$.75-.90, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.75-1.45 cents per lb.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 23-APR-2012

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	192-218	194-223

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

DATE OF AUCTION: APRIL 24, 2012

PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE
Banty Hens	4.00 - 5.00 ea.
White Pigeons	6.00 - 6.50 ea.
Broilers	1.20 - 1.40 ea.
Bunnies	3.00 - 7.00 ea.
Canaries	- 36.00 ea.
Chicks	.40 - 1.50 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.10 - 1.60 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	1.00 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	1.70 - 2.00 lbs.
Doves	- 3.50 ea.
Ducklings	1.20 - 2.00 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	- 2.25 lbs.
Goats	- 190.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	- 4.00 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.50 ea.
Kid Goats	51.00 - 60.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.80 - 2.10 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	- 2.00 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	9.00 - 11.00 ea.
Pheasants	15.00 - 21.00 ea.
Pigeons	3.70 - 4.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	2.60 - 3.00 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	3.20 - 4.10 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.95 - 1.05 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.
Silkie	5.00 - 7.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00 - 7.00 ea.
Goslings	8.00 - 12.00 ea.
Goose Eggs	2.50 - 3.00 ea.
Rats	0.75 - 1.50 ea.
Turkey Poult	2.50 - 3.40 ea.
Total Coops Sold	5283

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies are adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good with the majority of the interest being in the Northeast and Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.5 – 19.5	13.43

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(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.

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