POULTRY

(Source: Food Institute analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data)

POULTRY - Wholesale prices for processed young chickens are up about 15% from a year ago. This is largely due to reduced output as **USDA** projects broiler output this year of about 36.6 billion pounds - about 2% below 2011 levels. Turkey production however is seen increasing 4.6%, however to just over 6.0 billion pounds.

Broiler prices during the second quarter of 2012 are about 86-87 cents per pound - up about eight cents a pound from a year ago and expected to stay pretty much in that range for the remainder of the year, according to USDA.



COFFEE - World coffee production for 2012/13 is forecast at a record 148 million bags, up 10 million from the previous year — half the gain is attributed to Brazil's Arabica crop entering the on year of the biennial production cycle, while record Robusta harvests in Brazil and Vietnam are also expected to contribute to the growth. As a result, world exports are forecast seven million bags higher, to 115 million, largely on the strength of these two countries. World consumption is forecast to rise three million bags, to 142 million, on steady expansion in most countries. Although ending stocks are forecast three million bags higher to 27 million, supplies remain tight.

As a result, wholesale roasted coffee prices in the U.S. are slightly under year-earlier levels and retail are slightly above. Look for prices to move a bit lower at retail in future months based on the **FOOD INSTITUTE** Price Track.





