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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in all areas with offers light to moderate for current trade needs. Preliminary majority prices were unchanged overall. Retail demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is light to good, mostly moderate entering the weekend. Some industry members are finding increased activity for the weekend with best interest into retail channels. Floor stocks are closely balanced to light. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and is noted as light to moderate overall. Prices are steady to weak for dark meat items and breast items, steady to firm for wings. Offerings are at least sufficient for b/s breast and tenders, light to moderate for wings and moderate for most dark meat cuts with the exception of drums and thighs which are available and slow to clear. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed at mostly desirable weights.

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 01-Oct-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	80.00-83.00			
Los Angeles	105.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	67.00-78.00	65.00-96.00	75.29	34
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	71.00-89.00	83.55	20

1/: Includes branded product.

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

3/: Southeast area

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 95.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG
800	89.48 – 100.60	95.50

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	203.00	1,108
BREASTS - B/S	162.00	4,364
BREASTS - WHOLE	102.00	949
THIGH MEAT - B/S	132.00	886
THIGHS	73.50	1,019
DRUMSTICKS	65.00	858
LEG QUARTERS	52.50	7,041
WINGS	182.00	2,841

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER The preliminary majority price in Chicago for next week is unchanged. Whole bird prices are steady with offers mostly moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best approaching the end of September. Floor stocks are balanced to light. Sizes are desirable. Whole bird market activity is slow. Supplies of wings are light and on the balance of parts moderate. Parts prices trended steady to weak on breast cuts and steady on the remainder of parts. Market activity on parts is slow.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady for all sizes. Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, thighs and drums are heavy and slow to clear. Tenders and boneless skinless breast are moderate to heavy. Wings, bone-in breast and other dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Prices are holding steady for whole broiler/fryers. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate for late week business. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate entering the weekend. Prices are steady to instances firm for wings. Dark meat, breast items, and tenders are mostly steady. Supplies of wings are light with good movement. Breast items and dark meat items are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 105 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG market is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower for next week. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly moderate. Food service demand light to good, mostly light to moderate with continued improvement continuing to be found for the weekend. Weights desirable. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Whole fryer and WOG movement is moderate. The market on boneless skinless and bone-in breast is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower, tenderloins and wings steady. The market on bone-in dark items is steady to weak with prices unchanged to lower while boneless dark items are steady at best with some spot discounting found on leg meat. Parts demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings of breast items are generally moderate and wings are light. Offerings of dark items mostly moderate, instances moderately heavy on bone-in items. Market activity for parts is light to good, mostly light to moderate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 83 to 92 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are moderate for present trade needs. Live supplies are moderate; weights are noted in a desirable range. Processing schedules are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts complex, b/s breasts and tenders ranged moderate to heavy. Wings are light to moderate and the balance of parts are moderate.

*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	68-104
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	09/24/12 - 09/28/12 (A)
	09/26/11 - 09/30/11 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	09/24/12 - 09/28/12 (A)
	09/26/11 - 09/30/11 (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.

Sep 27, 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)	315	46.00-49.00	-	47.21
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	183	48.00-51.00	-	48.68
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 Sep 27, 2012 --
f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
63.00 - 65.50	63.98

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 at least steady for wings and bone-in breast; steady for boneless skinless breast, tenders and most dark meat cuts. Thighs and drums are weak to lower. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand and is noted as light to moderate overall. Offerings are at least sufficient for boneless skinless breast and tenders; light to moderate for wings and moderate for most dark meat cuts with the exception of drums and thighs which are available and slow to clear. Movement is slow to instances moderate.

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

Sep 27, 2012

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	140-145	130.21	869,120
TENDERLOINS	165-170	168.41	176,600
BREAST - WITH RIBS	95-96	108.82	38,592
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	98.18	67,094
LEGS	68-69	74.10	38,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	52.17	293,185
DRUMSTICKS	61-62	71.57	54,680
THIGHS	72-73	78.27	36,240
B/S THIGHS	127-128	129.73	97,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	185-186	189.81	209,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	16.00	104,369
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	53.17	10,750
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.44	20,640

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.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	09/28	09/27	09/26	09/25	09/26	09/25	09/21	09/19
Alabama	3,907	3,760	3,667	3,719	5.91	5.79	3,473	5.76
Arkansas	3,856	4,807	4,625	4,965	5.56	5.58	3,101	5.41
Delmarva	2,070	2,145	2,072	1,911	6.36	6.49	2,018	6.48
Ky-LA-TN	2,447	2,481	2,454	2,535	5.27	5.34	3,094	5.36
Mississippi	2,863	2,849	2,830	2,878	6.11	6.16	2,998	6.07
North Carolina	2,599	2,597	2,559	2,569	7.43	7.44	2,892	7.36
Texas	2,405	2,423	2,411	2,462	6.14	6.22	2,606	6.15
Total	20,147	21,062	20,618	21,039	6.04	6.05	20,182	5.99
Mon-Friday	104,192 (A)						102,637 (A)	
Saturday	660 (included in total for date shown)						1,353	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Sep-12 and 29-Sep-12 is estimated to be 30,142,000 head down 0.47 percent from a week ago and down 2.66 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,023,000, last year 30,965,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Sep-12 is estimated to be 155,883,000 head up 1.07 percent from a week ago, and down 0.35 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,230,000, last year 156,437,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Sep 28, 2012

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			545	124.83
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			435	158.93
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			77	85.37
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			221	80.81
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	315	46.00-49.00	-	47.22	1,233	47.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	299	48.00-51.00	-	48.99	1,296	48.79
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Sep 28, 2012 --
f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
63.00 - 65.50	64.11	63.96

CALIFORNIA PROCESSED POULTRY (cents per pound)

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

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

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	RANGE
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	126-190
DUCKS	DRY PACK	126
	ICE PACK	217-295

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 22-Sep-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	41,481	55,097	29,145	28,507	154,230
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.47	6.72	8.35	5.76
% of total /1	27%	36%	19%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,174	61,852	35,886	19,973	154,885
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.56	6.74	8.42	5.79
% of total /1	24%	40%	23%	13%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,735	61,135	40,271	25,055	160,196
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.30	6.73	8.51	5.80
% of total /1	21%	38%	25%	16%	100%
To date/2012*	1,420,826	2,434,524	1,064,033	873,374	5,792,757
To date/2011*	1,389,962	2,620,833	1,139,108	890,823	6,040,726
% Change YTD	2%	-7%	-7%	-2%	-4%

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 22-Sep -2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	154,230	1,507	2,046	3,553	401
Avg Wt	5.76	2.95	7.95	5.83	6.31
Last week	154,885	1,227	1,758	2,985	395
Same wk yr ago	160,196	1,187	1,685	2,872	414
Avg Wt	5.80	3.14	8.04	6.01	6.87
To-date/2012*	5,792,757	58,285	61,817	120,102	15,730
To-date/2011*	6,040,726	51,870	58,723	110,593	16,423
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	5%	9%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	670,715	2,401	11,142	13,543	1,834
Last week	677,072	2,014	9,658	11,672	1,959
Same wk yr ago	692,207	1,975	8,670	10,645	2,048
To-date/2012*	24,959,523	98,063	328,298	426,361	75,811
To-date/2011*	25,760,036	88,687	304,585	393,272	79,879
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	8%	8%	-5%

Dressing % 75.5% 54.0% 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 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.1 million head, or 2.6 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
Aug	18	159.8	155.0	103%	5.63
	25	159.7	153.8	104%	5.79
Sep	1	158.7	153.9	103%	5.73
	8	140.9	153.0	92%	5.74
	15	156.8	152.9	103%	5.79
	22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.76
Year to date		5863.3	5853.9	100%	
Sep	29		152.9		
Oct	6		152.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 LBS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS/LB

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	221-225	226-232
MIDWEST	195-212	200-216

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS & UP, DELIVERED, CENTS/LB

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	77.00-89.00	79.00-84.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	82.00-90.00	82.00-86.00

SQUABS: NY AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS/DOZ, 1-10 BOXES

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

Prices are steady with a fully steady undertone. Demand is reported as moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Processing schedules remain 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 & POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 LBS, CENTS/LB. WEEK OF 24-SEP-2012

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

	W/E 09/29/12	09/22/12	%chg	10/01/11	%chg
Broilers	155,883	154,230 ¹	+1.07	156,437 ¹	-0.35
Cattle	651	626	+04	679 ²	-04
Hogs	2,345	2,401	-02	2,253 ²	+04

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION**

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DATE OF AUCTION: 09-25-12 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.60 - 2.20 lbs.	Geese 9-14LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.	Parakeets	11.00 - 13.00 ea.
Cockatiels	- 23.00 ea.	Pigeons	3.60 - 3.70 ea.	Broilers	.90 - 1.00 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	4.75 - 6.00 ea.	White Pigeons	3.90 - 4.10 ea.	Peacocks	- 36.00 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 0.95 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	1.40 - 1.50 lbs.	Canaries	- 48.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.50 - 0.60 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.60 - 1.75 lbs.	Finch	- 5.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.30 - 0.45 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Pheasants	8.00 - 18.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - 1.00 lbs.	Bunnies	2.00 - 6.00 ea.	Laying Pullets	5.00 - 6.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.	Doves	2.50 - 4.00 ea.	Fancy Bantams	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.55 - 0.80 lbs.	Silgies	- 4.00 ea.	Fancy Pigeons	3.00 - 6.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Goats	130.00 - 145.00 ea.	Diamond Doves	4.50 - 5.00 ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.00 ea.	Turkeys	18.00 - 20.00 ea.	Parrots	- 500.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.50 - 9.75 ea.	Call Ducks	4.50 - 6.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.80 - 2.30 lbs.
Guinea Fowl	- 2.00 lbs.	Guinea Keets	2.00 - 3.00 ea.		
Kid Goats	40.00 - 60.00 ea.	Chicks	1.00 - 1.30 ea.	Total Coops Sold	4096

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Retail feature activity is good entering the weekend with bulk of the interest being in the Northeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	9.5 – 21.0	13.73

(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 generally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are mostly normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light 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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