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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Prices remain steady overall for whole broilers/fryers. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Buyers continue to buy hand to mouth keeping floor stocks balanced to short. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices are trending firm for whole breast; steady to firm for b/s breast, weak to lower for wings and steady to weak for the balance of items. Tenders are noted as available. Offerings of breast cuts, drums and thighs are light to moderate and clearing well; wings are weak with discounted noted. Tenders are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

NATIONAL COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	100.96	↑ 0.69	10,773
Last Week:	100.27		12,350
Last Year:	90.09	↑ 10.87	13,280
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Jan	101.48		58,174

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is **100.25** 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.
734	96.00-105.68	100.30
GA f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary WTD AVG price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	192.50	1,415
BREASTS - B/S	167.00	6,065
BREASTS - WHOLE	108.00	1,087
THIGH MEAT - B/S	136.50	977
THIGHS	74.50	1,195
DRUMSTICKS	73.00	1,052
LEG QUARTERS	54.00	7,765
WINGS	189.50	3,071

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

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER FRYER

EASTERN REGION

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	84.00 - 124.00	97.00 - 104.00	102.50	↓ 0.11	5,068		102.61	6,065
WOGS:	92.00 - 113.00	100.00 - 105.00	102.12	↑ 1.03	1,198		101.09	1,838
NEW YORK								
Whole Body:	94.25 - 108.00	102.00 - 106.00	102.36	↑ 0.01	1,470		102.35	1,613

CENTRAL REGION

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	85.00 - 108.50	89.00 - 99.00	96.70	↑ 2.06	3,260		94.65	3,653
WOGS:	85.00 - 104.00	89.00 - 97.00	94.06	↑ 1.69	2,252		92.37	2,758
CHICAGO								
Whole Body:	87.00 - 108.25	89.00 - 98.00	96.48	↑ 2.53	1,600		93.95	1,885

WESTERN REGION

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.00 - 126.00	98.00 - 109.00	103.46	↑ 0.78	2,445		102.69	2,631
WOGS:	88.00 - 110.00	98.00 - 102.00	99.23	↑ 0.58	1,713		98.66	1,912
LOS ANGELES								
Whole Body:	88.00 - 126.00	98.00 - 109.00	102.56	↑ 0.75	1,775		101.81	1,832

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

Eastern Region: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,MS,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV. Central Region: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,KY,LA,MI,MN,MO,NE,NM,OK,OH,SD,TX,WI. Western Region: AZ,CA,ID,MT,NV,OR,UT,WA,WY.

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.

Feb 14, 2013

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)	320	45.00-49.00	-	46.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	242	48.00-51.00	-	49.55
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 Feb 14, 2013 --
f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
66.50 - 72.00	69.09

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 breast items and drums; weak for tenders and lower for wings. Other items are steady. Trucklot buying activity improved slightly under normal weekend demand but is noted as light to moderate overall. Offering of breast cuts and drums are light and clearing well; wings are readily available and often discounted where product was in excess. Tenders are heavy and slow to clear. The balance of items are sufficient 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.

Feb 14, 2013

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS.
BREAST - B/S	160	138.11	931,400
TENDERLOINS	145	145.36	225,320
BREAST - WITH RIBS	104-105	114.66	56,335
BREAST - LINE RUN	104	105.50	117,081
LEGS	68-69	69.46	91,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	47-48	50.80	224,440
DRUMSTICKS	57-58	64.31	89,560
THIGHS	71-72	78.72	102,560
B/S THIGHS	128-129	132.23	103,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	186-187	196.80	235,000
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	2,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.24	11,810
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	75.87	17,400

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. ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES & BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			451	139.30
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			740	133.57
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			252	100.00
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			322	90.20
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	215	45.00-49.00	-	46.98	1,165	47.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	224	48.00-51.00	-	49.10	1,383	49.25
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			89	138.37
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			105	165.95
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			105	117.29

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Feb 15, 2013 --
f.o.b. dock.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
66.50 - 70.00	68.24	68.66

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WT		ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT
	02/15	02/14	02/13	02/12	02/13	02/12	02/08	02/06
Alabama	4,035	3,736	3,611	3,572	5.75	5.81	3,860	5.72
Arkansas	3,530	4,552	4,863	4,896	5.56	5.57	3,923	5.66
Delmarva	1,994	2,085	1,846	2,014	6.39	6.16	1,928	6.29
Ky-LA-TN	2,440	2,401	2,106	2,413	5.41	5.31	2,374	5.12
Mississippi	2,781	2,836	2,824	2,774	6.13	6.30	3,151	6.06
North Carolina	3,168	2,838	2,780	2,821	7.62	7.53	2,824	7.41
Texas	2,369	2,370	2,345	2,370	5.71	5.88	2,345	5.75
Total	20,317	20,818	20,375	20,860	6.03	6.04	20,405	5.97
Mon-Friday	103,779 (A)						102,786 (A)	
Saturday	960 (included in total for date shown)						1,373	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Feb-13 and 16-Feb-13 is estimated to be 30,397,000 head down 0.73 percent from a week ago and up 1.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,620,000, last year 29,816,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Feb-13 is estimated to be 155,265,000 head up 0.16 percent from a week ago, and up 3.17 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,020,000, last year 150,497,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with bulk of interest being in the Southeast region. Finished product supplies are moderate and moving satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0- 22.5 13.90

(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 generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is 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.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 09-Feb-2013

(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	36,606	57,347	30,664	30,403	155,020
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.35	6.75	8.55	5.88
% of total /1	24%	37%	20%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,552	63,809	30,511	24,889	155,761
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.38	6.76	8.76	5.81
% of total /1	23%	41%	20%	16%	100%
Year Ago 2/	32,947	64,275	26,376	26,227	149,825
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.33	6.64	8.59	5.81
% of total /1	22%	43%	18%	17%	100%
To date/2013*	219,927	337,942	180,897	162,309	901,075
To date/2012*	202,233	388,444	167,174	132,002	889,853
% Change YTD	9%	-13%	8%	23%	1%

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 09-Feb-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	155,020	1,451	1,439	2,890	408
Avg Wt	5.88	3.22	8.04	5.62	6.75
Last week	155,761	1,513	1,325	2,838	375
Same wk yr ago	149,825	1,465	1,601	3,066	432
Avg Wt	5.81	3.31	7.87	5.69	6.47
To-date/2013*	901,074	9,492	8,411	17,903	2,312
To-date/2012*	889,853	9,316	9,299	18,615	2,516
% Change YTD	1%	2%	-10%	-4%	-8%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	692,753	2,476	7,752	10,228	1,955
Last week	687,778	2,518	7,155	9,673	1,683
Same wk yr ago	652,862	2,522	8,505	11,027	2,012
To-date/2013*	3,997,533	16,012	43,536	59,548	11,209
To-date/2012*	3,818,078	15,500	47,998	63,498	11,917
% Change YTD	5%	3%	-9%	-6%	-6%

Dressing % 76.0% 53.0% 67.0% 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 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 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
01/05	132.2	139.0	95%	5.84
01/12	160.8	146.7	110%	5.93
01/19	152.9	142.8	107%	5.68
01/26	151.6	150.0	101%	5.88
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
02/09	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
Year to date	912.1	885.8	103%	
02/16		157.2		
02/23		149.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC. POULTRY

For delivery the week of Feb 11, 2013

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	226-230	231-237
MIDWEST	197-212	202-218

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12/BOX)	87.00-109.25	90.00-104.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9/ BOX)	89.00-110.00	92.00-105.00

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 remain steady this week. Demand is mostly moderate as buyers work from previously secured product. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.52-8.80, bone in legs at \$3.10-3.62, gizzards at \$1.20-1.80, wings at \$.80-.95, livers at \$1.25-2.05, and feet at \$.95-1.45 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 11-Feb-2013

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST & OTHERS	179-219	181-224

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	02/16/13	02/09/13	% chg	02/18/12	% chg
Broilers	155,265	155,020 ¹	+0.16	150,497 ¹	+3.17
Cattle	596	593	+01	610 ²	-03
Hogs	2,145	2,139	0	2,151 ²	-02

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

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

DATE OF AUCTION: FEBRUARY 12, 2013 - PRICES PAID PER LB., EXCEPT AS NOTED

RANGE		RANGE		RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.	Guinea Pigs	4.00 - 7.50 ea.	Chicks	.10 - .70 ea.
Diamond Doves	- 5.00 ea.	Guinea Fowl	1.50 - 1.70 lbs.	Quail	.25 - .70 ea.
Pekin Ducks	4.00 - 4.50 ea.	Pigeons	3.70 - 4.00 ea.	Broilers	.90 - 1.05 lbs.
Pullets 4-6LBS	.90 - .95 lbs.	White Pigeons	5.70 - 6.00 ea.	Canaries	16.00 - 20.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.60 - .75 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00 - 2.10 lbs.	Finch	- 3.50 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.50 - .65 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90 - 2.40 lbs.	Goose Eggs	1.60 - 4.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	- 4.75 ea.	Leghorn Hens	- .55 ea.	Fancy Bantams	15.00 - 20.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.80 - .90 lbs.	Bunnies	4.00 - 8.00 ea.	Fancy Pigeons	18.00 - 21.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.20 - 1.30 lbs.	Doves	4.50 - 5.00 ea.	Hamsters	- 5.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.70 - .75 lbs.	Silgies	3.00 - 4.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.70 lbs.
Banty Roosters	- 5.00 ea.	Call Ducks	8.00 - 15.00 ea.		
Banty Hens	4.00 - 5.00 ea.	Guinea Keets	.60 - .70 ea.	Total Coops Sold	2411