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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady overall. Offerings are light to available for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate with many anticipating good movement for first of the month business. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Some were noting issues with trucking availability for late week deliveries in parts of the West. In the parts structure, movement is mostly light entering the Easter holiday weekend. Prices are trending weak to lower for wings, steady to firm for dark meat items and breast cut, steady for the balance of parts. Offerings of breast cuts and tenders are light and clearing well; dark meat items are light to moderate and wings are available and competitively priced. Market activity for parts is seasonally slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK WHOLE BIRD PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 102.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT PRELIM. WTD. AVG

LOADS **RANGE**
789 95.00-110.34

102.05

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

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER LB)	VOL (000 LBS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.00	1,437
BREASTS - B/S	178.50	6,149
BREASTS - WHOLE	111.00	1,138
THIGH MEAT - B/S	140.50	1,045
THIGHS	73.50	1,218
DRUMSTICKS	70.50	1,079
LEG QUARTERS	54.50	7,909
WINGS	174.00	3,211

USDA Weekly National Whole Broiler/Fryer Report (Fri)

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Monthly Composite Weighted Average	
				Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	106.69	↑ 0.01	10,280	Mar	107.27
Last Week:	106.68		11,116		45,071
Last Year:	86.92	↑ 19.77	13,520		

Eastern Region

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.00 - 131.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.37	↑ 1.38	5,061		106.99	5,432
WOGS:	95.00 - 127.00	107.00 - 111.00	107.21	↓ 0.27	1,187		107.48	1,344
NEW YORK								
Whole Body:	95.00 - 113.00	105.00 - 111.00	107.17	↓ 0.49	1,438		107.67	1,508

Central Region

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	90.00 - 113.00	98.00 - 105.00	102.45	↓ 1.18	3,637		103.63	3,342
WOGS:	90.00 - 113.00	98.00 - 103.00	101.02	↓ 1.11	2,789		102.14	2,354
CHICAGO								
Whole Body:	90.00 - 112.25	98.00 - 105.00	102.58	↓ 0.88	2,000		103.46	1,670

Western Region

THIS WEEK							LAST WEEK	
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	107.00 - 112.00	111.09	↑ 0.78	1,582		110.31	2,342
WOGS:	101.00 - 115.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.34	↓ 0.70	1,276		109.04	1,739
LOS ANGELES								
Whole Body:	101.00 - 130.00	108.00 - 111.00	110.65	↑ 1.20	1,139		109.45	1,697

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.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER 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.

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	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)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
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 - F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
69.50 – 73.50	71.49

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			588	154.33
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			380	143.79
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT			74	105.19
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT			280	91.95
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			TFEWR	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,018	49.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			1,153	51.51
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	145.71
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT			95	155.94
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			57	51.71
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			57	61.27
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			85	125.88

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for - F.O.B. DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
70.00 – 73.00	71.17	70.88

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/FRYER PARTS - Prices are trending firm for tenders and leg cuts; steady to firm for boneless skinless breasts. Wings are weak to lower. Trucklot buying activity is light entering the Religious holiday weekend. Offering of breast cuts, tenders and leg items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings are available and competitively priced. Movement is seasonally slow to moderate.

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

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	152.09	950,360
TENDERLOINS	145-150	146.65	188,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	122.44	39,883
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	109.57	77,909
LEGS	71-72	67.82	197,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.77	248,040
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	67.19	81,440
THIGHS	71-72	86.08	35,640
B/S THIGHS	132-133	134.02	99,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	171-172	171.94	267,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18.00	3,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	58.48	11,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.82	15,920

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	170-175	154.67	409,440	152.49	3,881,120
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.77	180,800	146.11	891,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107-108	122.01	38,024	122.32	231,349
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	109.14	74,036	108.93	461,918
LEGS	72-73	67.6	227,840	68.72	788,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	52.05	141,080	52.72	1,027,895
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	66.03	108,733	67.22	536,945
THIGHS	71-72	84.83	41,320	85.05	175,040
B/S THIGHS	132-133	132.22	46,600	134.08	382,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	170-171	175.64	233,680	174.39	1,232,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	16-18	18	4,520	18	22,580
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	57.26	12,850	57.75	47,590
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	75-80	80.03	16,040	80.39	58,920

Includes New York City metropolitan area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, & 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 WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
Alabama	3,574	3,667	3,446	3,658	5.72
Arkansas	3,425	4,492	4,541	4,867	5.82
Delmarva	1,779	2,011	1,869	1,963	6.21
Ky-LA-TN	2,306	2,398	2,338	2,388	5.13
Mississippi	2,568	2,554	2,268	2,790	5.91
North Carolina	2,597	2,856	2,632	2,878	7.62
Texas	2,367	2,446	2,108	2,091	5.47
Total	18,616	20,424	19,202	20,635	5.98
Mon-Friday	100,258 (A)				
Saturday	671 (included in total for date shown)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Mar-13 and 30-Mar-13 is estimated to be 27,852,000 head down 9.35 percent from a week ago and down 11.61 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,726,000, last year 31,512,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Mar-13 is estimated to be 149,997,000 head down 2.69 percent from a week ago, and up 0.16 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 154,139,000, last year 149,755,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal with some down time due to the Religious holiday weekend. Retail feature activity is moderate to good entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Southeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing well. Market activity is moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	10.0 – 22.0	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 steady for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing well. 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

W/E 23-Mar-2013	Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)	(In 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	41,818	53,066	29,466	29,789	154,139
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.42	6.82	8.49	5.85
% of total /1	27%	34%	19%	19%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,492	52,157	31,657	26,956	151,262
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.48	6.83	8.53	5.86
% of total /1	27%	34%	21%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,634	67,385	28,831	20,750	150,600
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.40	6.79	8.44	5.73
% of total /1	22%	45%	19%	14%	100%
To date/2013*	458,460	666,953	365,599	326,417	1,817,429
To date/2012*	423,125	776,028	324,720	271,973	1,795,846
% Change YTD	8%	-14%	13%	20%	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.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
W/E 23-Mar-2013					
Head	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Avg Wt	5.85	3.19	8.05	5.33	6.99
Last week	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Same wk yr ago	150,600	1,809	1,383	3,192	402
Avg Wt	5.73	3.08	7.98	5.20	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,817,428	18,213	16,278	34,491	4,687
To-date/2012*	1,795,846	18,786	17,932	36,718	5,095
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	-9%	-6%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	685,302	2,837	7,103	9,940	2,094
Last week	673,660	2,477	6,966	9,443	1,899
Same wk yr ago	647,204	2,897	7,450	10,347	1,977
To-date/2013*	8,056,402	31,250	84,989	116,239	22,591
To-date/2012*	7,711,673	31,166	93,613	124,779	24,476
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-9%	-7%	-8%
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 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.0 million head, or 2.8 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Week Ending	Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
2/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
2/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
3/2	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
3/9	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
3/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86
3/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85
Year to date	1,839.6	1,806.3	102%	
3/30		153.2		
4/6		152.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

EASTERN REGION MISC POULTRY

Delivery week of 25-Mar-13

DUCKLINGS: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A, 4-5 lbs. Delivered in Trucklot and 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 & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	90.00-115.25	92.00-112.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	93.00-117.00	94.00-113.00

SQUABS: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade,

Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes

11 OZ.	83.52 - 104.16
13 OZ.	91.44 - 124.26
15 OZ.	99.36 - 132.46

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. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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 25-Mar-13

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

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	03/30/13	03/23/13	%CHG	03/31/12	%CHG
Broilers	149,997	154,139 ¹	-2.69	149,755 ¹	+0.16
Cattle	599	601	1.00	602 ²	1.00
Hogs	2,184	2,176	1.00	2,126 ²	+1.03

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: 03-26-13 - Prices Paid Per Lb., Except As Noted

RANGE				RANGE				RANGE			
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.25	-	1.40 lbs.	Guinea Fowl	1.30	-	1.50 lbs.	Turkeys	14.00	-	18.00 ea.
Fancy Pigeons	20.00	-	45.00 ea.	Kid Goats	40.00	-	60.00 ea.	Call Ducks	12.00	-	15.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks			5.50 ea.	Pigeons	5.00	-	5.20 ea.	Chicks	.15	-	1.20 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS			.85 lbs.	White Pigeons	9.00	-	12.00 ea.	Quail	.60	-	1.00 ea.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.70	-	.80 lbs.	Chukars	4.00	-	5.00 ea.	Parakeets			16.00 ea.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.60	-	.70 lbs.	Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.00	-	2.90 lbs.	Broilers	.80	-	.90 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	.60	-	.80 lbs.	Rabbits 4-6LBS	1.90	-	2.40 lbs.	Ducklings	1.70	-	2.00 ea.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.30	-	1.40 lbs.	Leghorn Hens	.80	-	1.00 ea.	Pheasants	8.00	-	32.00 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.80	-	1.00 lbs.	Bunnies	2.00	-	20.00 ea.	Mandarin Ducks			48.00 ea.
Banty Roosters	5.00	-	5.25 ea.	Doves	3.00	-	4.00 ea.	Goose Eggs	2.10	-	3.50 ea.
Banty Hens	3.50	-	4.00 ea.	Silkie	3.00	-	3.50 ea.	Fancy Bantams	8.00	-	11.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00	-	5.00 ea.	Goats	115.00	-	155.00 ea.	Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.30	-	1.60 lbs.

Total Coops Sold 7613