



BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1522-0567

FRIDAY
JANUARY 06, 2012
VOL. 59 NO. 03

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News and Analysis

NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm in the East, steady elsewhere. Offerings cover the full range, mostly light to heavy with smaller sizes in the best position. Preliminary majority prices are unchanged when compared to early week prices. Retail and food service demand is light to instances good. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week business. Prices for wings are trending firm to higher; steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast. Other items are at least steady. Supplies of wings are light and clearing well; all other parts are light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but 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 09-Jan-2012 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	WTD LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
New York	76.00-79.00			
Los Angeles	99.00			
Whole Body 2/ Chicago	72.00-76.00	65.00-84.00	74.25	32
FOB Dock Equivalent 3/:				
Mississippi	82.00-86.00	74.00-90.00	83.68	19

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 90.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG
698	85.49 - 99.02	89.84

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	191.00	1,008
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	4,492
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00	975
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50	872
THIGHS	72.00	759
DRUMSTICKS	71.00	760
LEG QUARTERS	53.00	5,393
WINGS	170.00	2,268

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

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER Preliminary majority prices were unchanged into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole bird prices trended steady with additional offers light to moderate. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good. Floor stocks were balanced. Sizes were mixed. Whole bird market activity was light to moderate. Parts supplies were light to moderate with wings in the tightest position. Prices trended firm to higher on wings, steady to firm on boneless breasts, and steady on the balance of parts. Parts market activity was light to moderate with wings continuing to receive most buyer interest.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER Prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Trucklot buying activity for ready-to-cook whole broiler fryers improved slightly and was noted as moderate overall. Offerings of all sizes are sufficient for current needs. Trade activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings and breast items are light and clearing well; tenders and dark meat cuts light to moderate for current needs.

SOUTHERN BROILER/FRYER Whole broiler/fryer prices are holding steady. Offerings are moderate to satisfy trade needs. Demand entering the weekend is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for late week trading. Prices for wings continue to trend firm to higher and held with confidence. Breast items are firm with boneless skinless in the strongest position. Tenders are trending steady to firm and dark meat items are mostly steady. Offerings of wings are light, boneless skinless breast are light to moderate and all remaining parts are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN BROILER/FRYER The Los Angeles preliminary majority is 99 cents, unchanged from last week. The market on whole fryers is steady. The WOG market is most steady. Some industry members are finding strength on under 3 lb. sized WOGS while others find weakness reported on over 3 lb. weights. Offerings light to moderate. Retail demand light to good, mostly light to moderate. Foodservice demand light to moderate. Floor stocks mostly moderate. Weights desirable. The market on wings and boneless skinless breasts is firm with prices higher, tenderloins and leg meat is steady to firm with prices unchanged to higher, balance of items mostly steady. Domestic demand on boneless skinless breasts and wings moderate to good, balance of items light to

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Less-than-trucklot asking prices are unchanged at 79 to 85 cents with a steady trending undertone. Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings are light to instances heavy with the smaller sizes in the best position. Live supplies are moderate; weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules are heavy when combined with some plants operating on Saturday. Market activity is moderate. In the parts complex, offerings of wings are very light. The balance of items ranged light to 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	71-96
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	01/02/12 - 01/06/12
	(A)
	01/03/11 - 01/07/11
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	01/02/12 - 01/06/12
	(A)
	01/03/11 - 01/07/11
	(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.

January 05, 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)	526	47.00-50.00	-	48.58
Leg Quarters (4/10)	683	50.00-52.00	-	50.82
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 January 05, 2012 -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average
54.00 - 57.00	55.29

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 continue to trend firm to higher for wings and boneless skinless breast; steady to firm for tenders and generally steady for the balance of items. Trucklot buying activity is light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of wings are in close balance to short of full needs and commanding premiums; other items are light to moderate with fairly good movement. Movement is moderate.

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

January 05, 2012

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.
Breast - B/S	145-150	125.82	974,200
Tenderloins	155-160	158.25	171,120
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	93.33	64,595
Breast - Line Run	79	80.16	111,639
Legs	70-71	71.78	125,680
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	53.59	183,800
Drumsticks	56-57	71.87	58,280
Thighs	70-71	81.96	62,320
B/S Thighs	124-125	129.23	67,600
Wings (Whole)	168-169	171.53	244,240
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	7,960
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	52.00	9,120
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	73.74	13,400

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.

** Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

January 06, 2012

Item	Current Neg Trading*	Wtd Avg**	Vol /lbs.	Weekly Wtd Avg	Weekly Vol/lbs.
Breast - B/S	150	127.58	658,960	127.46	2,972,080
Tenderloins	155-160	155.03	190,760	155.64	719,080
Breast - With Ribs	79-80	94.15	51,752	93.37	228,273
Breast - Line Run	79	82.88	71,205	79.26	409,534
Legs	70-71	72.59	178,160	71.84	609,880
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	48-49	53.03	155,120	53.22	689,840
Drumsticks	56-57	70.22	67,200	70.16	243,480
Thighs	70-71	82.35	59,200	79.66	257,200
B/S Thighs	124-125	124.70	91,640	127.06	275,240
Wings (Whole)	170-171	175.57	197,200	170.24	913,760
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	16-18	18.00	10,874	17.76	35,964
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	50-55	53.00	9,060	52.25	44,250
Gizzards (Hearts)	70-75	74.67	22,800	74.36	81,960

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
Alabama	01/06 3,819	01/05 3,765	01/04 3,552	01/03 3,744	01/03 5.76
Arkansas	4,284	4,813	4,669	4,796	5.68
Delmarva	2,806	2,012	2,015	2,067	6.35
KY-LA-TN	2,358	2,470	2,329	2,365	5.46
Mississippi	3,412	2,917	2,824	2,774	6.12
North Carolina	3,137	2,641	2,292	2,503	7.49
Texas	2,586	2,485	2,471	2,444	5.94
Total	22,402	21,103	20,152	20,693	6.04
Mon-Fri	91,068 (A)				84,202 (A)
Saturday	2,089	(included in total for date shown)			1,497

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jan-12 and 07-Jan-12 is estimated to be 33,516,000 head up 13.64 percent from a week ago and down 3.31 percent from a year ago. (Last week 29,493,000, last year 34,662,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 07-Jan-12 is estimated to be 135,722,000 head up 7.57 percent from a week ago, and down 19.11 percent from a year ago. (Last week 126,173,000, last year 167,779,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

California Processed Poultry - cents per pound

Southern (Los Angeles area) - delivered to retailers

	Range
Fresh Fryers	109-122
Roasters 4# & Up	129-139
Ducks	
Rabbits-Whole	
Rabbits-Cut Up	

San Francisco - delivered to restaurants & institutions

	Range
Fresh Fryers	113-185
Roasters 4# & Up	124
Ducks	217-285

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

W/E 31-Dec-2011 (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	33,800	48,741	25,500	18,132	126,173
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.35	6.82	8.93	5.72
% of total /1	27%	39%	20%	14%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	30,544	65,095	25,667	15,260	136,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.43	6.86	8.47	5.62
% of total /1	22%	48%	19%	11%	100%
Year Ago 2/	28,458	59,134	24,087	19,722	131,401
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.42	6.64	8.42	5.74
% of total /1	22%	45%	18%	15%	100%
To date/2011*	1,856,928	3,469,804	1,541,869	1,217,099	8,085,700
To date/2010*	2,005,002	3,936,970	1,367,565	1,025,357	8,334,894

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 Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary)

W/E 31-Dec-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402
Avg Wt	5.72	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.83
Last week	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Same wk yr ago	131,401	1,226	1,235	2,461	414
Avg Wt	5.74	3.26	7.98	5.63	6.90
To-date/2011*	8,085,700	69,328	79,587	148,915	22,305
To-date/2010*	8,334,894	70,531	73,360	143,891	21,941
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	8%	3%	2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	541,282	2,330	6,958	9,288	1,977
Last week	575,626	1,700	8,091	9,791	1,966
Same wk yr ago	561,910	2,118	6,554	8,672	2,057
To-date/2011*	34,585,849	118,633	411,034	529,667	108,899
To-date/2010*	34,864,519	121,075	388,756	509,831	108,203
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	6%	4%	1%

Dressing % 75.0% 53.0% 66.0% 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 127.7 million head, or 15.9 million less than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Nov 26	114.0	143.2	80%	5.76
Dec 3	149.9	143.6	104%	5.86
10	153.8	142.9	108%	5.79
17	150.8	141.9	106%	5.65
24	138.2	141.3	98%	5.62
31	127.7	143.6	89%	5.72
Year to date	8183.8	8116.6	101%	
Jan 7		146.6		
14		150.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Broiler/Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in thousands)

W/E	01/07/12	12/31/11	%chg	01/08/11	%chg
Broilers	135,722	126,173 ¹	+7.57	167,779 ¹	-19.11
Cattle	560	539	+04	640 ²	-12
Hogs	2,063	1,967	+05	2,175 ²	-05

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.² Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** Delivery Week of 02-Jan-12

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	221-225	226-232
Midwest	195-210	200-214

Roasters: Prices Negotiated by First Receivers, US Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 Lbs & Up, Delivered, Cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per box)	71.00-77.00	74.00-76.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per box)	73.00-79.00	75.00-77.00

Squabs: New York Area Wholesale Prices, Frozen, Plant Grade, Dollars/Dozen, 1 to 10 Boxes

11 oz.	72.00-90.72
13 oz.	80.64-104.64
15 oz.	87.84-109.63

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. Demand is moderate to very good as buyers begin to prepare for the upcoming Chinese New Year. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Processing schedules are reduced due to the New Year holiday. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$7.70-8.70, bone in legs at \$2.75-3.10, gizzards at \$1.20-1.50, 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 02-Jan-12

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest and Others	192-210	194-210

Graystone Small Animal Auction Date of Auction: 01/03/12

All Papers Required to Sell All Out of State Poultry

Prices Paid per lb., Except as Noted

	Range
Banty Hens	- 2.00 ea.
White Pigeons	- 3.00 ea.
Broilers 5-6LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.
Bunnies	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Crossbred Fowl 5-9LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11LBS	1.00 - 1.20 lbs.
Crossbred Roosters 4-6LBS	1.10 - 1.60 lbs.
Geese 9-14LBS	- 1.60 lbs.
Goats	- 130.00 ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.95 - 2.00 lbs.
Guinea Pigs	.50 - 1.00 ea.
Kid Goats	30.00 - 50.00 ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - .75 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60 lbs.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.65 lbs.
Pekin Ducks	7.00 - 7.50 ea.
Pigeons	2.40 - 2.60 ea.
Pullets 4-6LBS	- 1.15 lbs.
Rabbits 6-9LBS	2.90 - 3.00 lbs.
Rabbits 4-6LBS	3.95 - 4.20 lbs.
Red Fowl 5-6LBS	.65 - .80 lbs.
Red Fowl 4-5LBS	.55 - .60 lbs.
Silkie	- 3.00 ea.
Turkeys 22LBS	.50 - .60 lbs.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 6.00 ea.
Cockatoo	- 200.00 ea.
Goose eggs	- 5.20 ea.

Total Coops Sold 1394

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

Prices are trending no better than steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate to instances good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	8.0 – 14.5	13.10

(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 at best. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the New Year's Day holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues to be 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.

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS POULTRY MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202) 720-6911	Michael Sheats,	Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515) 284-4471	Jason Karwal,
	Fax	(202) 720-2403	(Director)		Fax	(515) 284-4468	(Officer-in-Charge)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404) 562-5850	Annie Terry,	Jackson, MS	Voice	(601) 965-4662	Gary Brown,
	Fax	(404) 562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)		Fax	(601) 359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)