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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

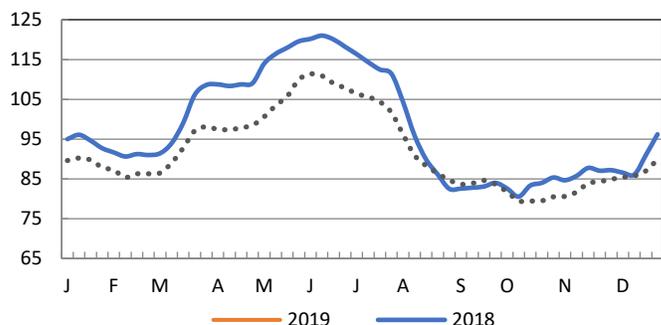
Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm and very much higher entering the weekend. Offerings range short of full trade needs to well balanced. Demand into retail and food service channels is in a full range. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, white and dark meat items are steady to firm with offerings light. Demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate, mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mostly desirable.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	104.79	↑ 8.58	11,732
Last Week:	96.21		10,930
Last Year:	95.00	↑ 9.79	10,718

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
Dec	89.75	47,974



	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	84.00-125.00	4,426	95.18	3,575
WOGS:	87.00-125.00	1,367	99.48	1,067
New York				
Whole Body:	93.00-125.00	1,216	95.17	1,103
Central				
Whole Body:	82.00-117.00	3,678	93.22	3,588
WOGS:	82.00-117.00	3,558	93.27	3,358
Chicago				
Whole Body:	93.44-117.00	2,332	96.19	2,322
Western				
Whole Body:	94.00-128.00	3,628	100.02	3,767
WOGS:	94.00-128.00	3,548	99.56	3,667
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	94.00-128.00	1,906	100.30	2,014

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.1/: Prices not reported due to confidentiality. **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

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 29-Dec-2018

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
Thousands					
Head	117,657	620	846	1,466	360
Avg Wt	6.27	3.44	8.07	6.11	7.11
Last Week	162,440	1,056	1,388	2,444	495
Same wk yr ago	137,264	839	1,075	1,914	246
Avg Wt	6.25	3.58	7.85	5.98	6.57
To-date/2018*	8,331,292	54,339	81,700	136,039	22,407
To-date/2017*	8,369,701	64,344	77,840	142,184	21,263
% Change YTD	0%	-16%	5%	-4%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	560,659	1,184	4,677	5,861	1,817
Last Week	749,368	1,940	7,787	9,727	2,474
Same wk yr ago	652,004	1,667	5,781	7,448	1,148
To-date/2018*	39,207,267	103,230	458,097	561,327	107,463
To-date/2017*	39,095,728	119,802	430,606	550,408	102,100
% Change YTD	0%	-14%	6%	2%	5%
Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%		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 156.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 119.1 million head, or 37.6 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

	Current Week 1/5/2019 (1)	Previous Week 12/29/2018
Class -----Thousand head-----		
Broiler/fryer	140,358 (2)	118,643
Light hens	728	556
Heavy hens	1,069	918
Total	142,155	120,117

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-19 is 156.0 million head compared to 130.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 140.6 million head or -15.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-19 the estimated available is not available because the USDA-NASS data used to populate this data is not available.

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.

Item	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	940	100.73
Tenderloins	446	164.50
Breast - Line Run	369	93.05
Front Halves	416	72.73
Legs	776	34.30
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	861	23.91
Leg Quarters (4/10)	842	25.70
Wings (Whole)	439	145.44
Wings (Cut)	467	165.09
Drumsticks	765	25.62
Thighs	467	35.57
B/S Thighs	508	112.01

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.50-58.00	48.42	48.32

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

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

Item	Weekly	
	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	101.92	570,560
Tenderloins	140.72	249,600
Breast - With Ribs	120.55	39,062
Breast - Line Run	100.95	91,250
Legs	54.13	65,280
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.87	334,680
Drumsticks	38.71	110,000
Thighs	65.58	27,760
B/S Thighs	115.46	174,280
Wings (Whole)	157.73	296,360
Backs and Necks	10.03	128,505
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	68.00	17,550
Gizzards (Hearts)	80.00	25,880

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

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

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-packed pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound
Delivered to: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI
Week of 31-Dec-18 to 04-Jan-2019

	Price per lb.		Mostly	
Breast - B/S	84.00 - 100.00		88.00 - 92.00	
Tenderloins	136.00 - 137.00			
Breast - Line Run	81.00 - 110.00		81.00 - 90.00	
Legs	53.00			
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	22.00 - 32.00		23.00 - 27.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	25.00 - 32.00		25.00 - 30.00	
Drumsticks	31.00 - 33.00			
Thighs	44.00			
B/S Thighs	109.00 - 116.00			
Wings (Whole)	109.00 - 190.00		121.00 - 128.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 41.00			
Livers	25.00 - 51.00			
Gizzards (Hearts)	35.00 - 61.00			

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 28, 2018

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	103.68	154.37	99.07	48.39	18.43	103.68
High	103.68	163.59	110.59	57.60	20.74	105.07
Mostly	103.68	158.98	101.38	52.99	18.43	104.37
San Juan						
Low	103.68	154.37	96.77	48.39	18.43	103.45
High	103.68	163.59	105.99	57.60	20.74	104.37
Mostly	103.68	158.98	101.38	52.99	18.43	103.68
New San Juan						
Low	103.68	156.68	101.38	43.78	18.43	103.68
High	103.68	165.89	110.59	50.69	20.74	105.53
Mostly	103.68	161.28	105.99	46.08	18.43	104.37
Becerra						
Low	103.68	156.68	103.68	52.99	18.43	104.37
High	103.68	165.89	112.90	59.91	20.74	105.99
Mostly	103.68	161.28	108.29	55.30	18.43	105.07

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(f.o.b. Shipper Dock or equiv.; negotiated prices in trucklot and less than trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2- weeks.)

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Prices of 15-20% MSC are trending steady to weak. Spot market demand is light to instances moderate into both domestic and export channels. Supplies are mixed, as industry works through a second consecutive week with a major Holiday. Processing schedules were reduced to varied in observance of the New Year holiday. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials range light to available. Frame prices are trading at levels between 8-10 cents FOB.

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	4-Jan-19	Last Week	Last Year	4-Jan-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	21.00 - 25.00	21.00 - 25.00	29.00-33.00	19.00 - 23.50	19.00 - 23.50	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.13	24.43	31.12	20.89	21.05	22.21
Volume Traded	440	385	851	1,285	1,199	1,112
Volume Exported	440	385	851	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 29-Dec-18

(Preliminary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	27,975	38,337	24,389	26,956	117,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.32	7.25	9.50	6.27
% of total /1	24%	33%	21%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,163	55,161	31,344	37,772	162,440
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.33	6.89	8.87	6.07
% of total /1	23%	34%	19%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,552	41,305	33,134	27,273	137,264
Avg Live Wgt	3.57	5.40	7.34	9.73	6.25
% of total /1	26%	30%	24%	20%	100%
To date/2018*	1,887,252	2,518,568	2,115,176	1,810,296	8,331,292
To date/2017*	2,071,193	2,543,807	1,976,676	1,778,025	8,369,701
% Change YTD	-9%	-1%	7%	2%	0%

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.

Est. U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
11/24	125.6	157.2	80	6.22
12/01	167.5	153.5	109	6.30
12/08	166.0	160.1	104	6.13
12/15	158.7	155.4	102	6.14
12/22	164.4	156.1	105	6.07
12/29	119.1	156.7	76	6.27
Year to date	8432.5	8541.3	99	
01/05		155.3		
01/12		**		

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this number is not available

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live weight	RTC WOG's weight	Head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	5,575	4.74%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	13,051	11.09%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	6,978	5.93%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	2,371	2.02%
Totals:		27,975	23.78%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,363	3,982	3,850	740	5.58
AR	6,687	5,042	4,877	0	6.13
Delmarva	3,191	2,272	2,020	208	6.91
KY-LA-TN	2,765	2,500	2,429	254	5.47
MS	2,808	2,803	2,897	0	6.23
NC	4,759	3,099	3,136	616	8.24
TX	3,325	2,559	2,354	670	6.98
Total	27,898	22,257	21,563	2,488	6.44
Mon-Fri	93,510	(A)			78,254
Saturday	6,072	(included in total for date shown)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jan-19 and 05-Jan-19 is estimated to be 42,458,000 head down 3.94 percent from a week ago and up 18.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 44,198,000, last year 35,830,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 05-Jan-19 is estimated to be 138,741,000 head up 17.92 percent from a week ago, and up 7.50 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 117,657,000, last year 129,060,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of December 31, 2018

Ducklings: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A, 4-5 lbs., delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	231-235	236-242
Mostly		242
Midwest	205-220	215-230

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 Per Box)	92.00-104.50	99.00-104.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-109.00	104.00-106.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 92.16- 103.68 13 oz. 113.40- 147.09 15 oz. 123.20- 154.71
Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Week of December 31, 2018

Prices remain unchanged. Demand is fairly good to good with preparation beginning for the upcoming Chinese New Year. Supplies are moderate to short of current needs. Processing schedules are reduced to varied in observance of the New Year holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz.

boneless breasts at 750-900, bone-in legs at 450-510, gizzards at 230-250, wings at 100-125, livers at 182-215, and feet 125-150 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	201-221	225-233

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 3.0-9.0 8.32
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

Live Spent Light Fowl

Majority price (cents/head) for removal: 0-7

(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.

Ready-to-Cook Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers
(cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

Live Fowl Auctions - 01-01-19						
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry						
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA			
Heavy Fowl			Price Range - cents per lb.			
Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl	
per lb.:	-	-	5-6 lbs: -		5-9 lbs: 1.70	
each:	1.00	1.00	4-5 lbs: 1.40-1.50			

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/28	4,162	6.79
12/27	2,165	6.86
12/26	2,244	7.11
12/25	0	0.00
12/24	179	5.85
Weekly	8,750	5.32

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	01/05/19	12/29/18	% chg	01/06/18	% chg
Cattle	520,000	438,000	19%	545,000 ¹	-5%
Hogs	2,262,000	1,884,000	20%	2,122,000 ¹	7%

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 1 Percent

****The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.****

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

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State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States and United States Week Ending		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States and United States Week Ending	
	Dec 29, 2018 (1,000 eggs)	Dec 29, 2018 (1,000 eggs)	Dec 29, 2018 (1,000 chicks)	Jan 05, 2018 (1,000 chicks)
AL.....				
AR.....				
DE.....				
FL.....				
GA.....				
KY.....				
LA.....				
MD.....				
MS.....				
MO.....				
NC.....				
OK.....				
PA.....				
SC.....				
TX.....				
VA.....				
CA, TN, & WV.....				
Other States.....				
United States.....				
Percent of Prev Year...				

Source: USDA, NASS

****The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.****

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Feb-19 is estimated at ** ** million head. This compares to ** ** million head the previous week and to 159.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 130.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 95.00 cents per pound.

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US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Dec 29, 2018 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	620	846	1,466
Head sltr Comparison			
Last Week	1,056	1,388	2,444
Same week yr ago	839	1,075	1,914
To-date/2018*	54,339	81,700	136,039
To-date/2017*	64,339	77,829	142,168

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	114	0	114
Head sltr Comparison			
Last Week	333	0	333
Same week yr ago	91	0	91
To-date/2018*	13,548	8	13,556
To-date/2017*	14,689	8	14,697

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	734	846	1,580
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,389	1,388	2,777
Same week yr ago	930	1,075	2,005
To-date/2018*	67,887	81,708	149,595
To-date/2017*	79,028	77,837	156,865

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

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs Selected Centers, incl Gov't Stocks			Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
			12/31/18	12/24/18	01/01/18
AM	12/31/18	75,976			
AM	12/01/18	83,115			
CHG		-7139			
PCT CHG		-9%			
			Pacific Coast:		
			10386	10718	8857
			Los Angeles:		
			612	627	1885

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	740.00-742.00	740.32
168 3 Round, top inside round	214.08-240.00	220.23
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	518.00-561.50	530.72
Ground Beef 81%	180.00-209.05	194.03

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	78.62
Bnls CC Strap-on	108.04
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	98.25
Sparerib -Trimd Sparerib - MED	132.34