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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady with mixed undertones for all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate in the Western region and moderate to instances heavy in all other regions. Retail and food service demand is light to mostly moderate with improvement noted for the upcoming weekend. Floor stocks are balanced to instances heavier than desired. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, the market on boneless skinless breasts is mostly steady while bone-in breasts, tenderloins and whole wings are steady to weak. The market on dark items is steady to weak with limited export interest affecting movement for leg quarters and legs. Offerings of cut wings are light to moderate, while other white and dark meat items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

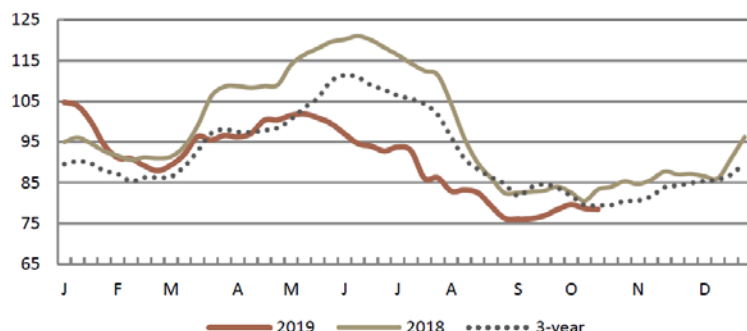
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	78.49	↓ -0.22	12,680
Last Week:	78.71		11,265
Last Year:	84.00	↓ -5.51	13,060

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Sep	76.92	44,069
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	This Week Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Last Week Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern Region				
Whole Body:	78.61	4,714	76.48	4,478
WOGS:	77.60	1,636	76.48	1,657
New York				
Whole Body:	78.05	1,365	77.24	1,295
Central Region				
Whole Body:	70.41	3,823	71.54	3,018
WOGS:	69.03	3,295	69.15	2,548
Chicago				
Whole Body:	68.85	1,129	73.13	1,396
Western Region				
Whole Body:	85.83	4,143	87.10	3,769
WOGS:	85.08	4,043	86.31	3,669
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	83.58	2,280	84.02	1,939

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 12-Oct-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	174,574	670	1,768	2,438	468
Avg Wt	6.36	3.40	8.47	7.08	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	175,426	687	1,520	2,207	394
Same wk yr ago	163,896	1,147	1,590	2,737	350
Avg Wt	6.26	3.13	8.26	6.11	6.88
To-date/2019*	6,785,294	32,391	66,445	98,836	17,879
To-date/2018*	6,620,585	43,552	65,421	108,973	17,760
% Change YTD	2%	-26%	2%	-9%	1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	843,821	1,264	10,258	11,522	2,333
Last week	838,606	1,334	8,746	10,080	1,964
Same wk yr ago	779,752	1,993	8,996	10,989	1,710

To-date/2019*	31,967,489	62,149	374,450	436,599	88,538
To-date/2018*	31,121,036	82,691	366,855	449,546	84,451
% Change YTD	3.00%	-25.00%	2.00%	-3%	5.00%

Dressing %	76.00%	55.50%	68.50%		71.00%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.7 million head, or 6.4 million more 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 10/19/2019 (1)	Previous Week 10/12/2019
----- Thousand head -----		
Class		
Broiler/fryer	167,968 (2)	171,360
Light hens	710	630
Heavy hens	1,653	1,766
Total	170,331	173,756
(1) ESTIMATED		

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Oct-19 is 170.5 million head compared to 169.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or -2.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 26-Oct-19 the estimated available is 170.0 million head.

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	929	91.08
TENDERLOINS	592	157.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	528	79.56
FRONT HALVES	416	63.52
LEGS	886	40.27
LEG QUARTERS	847	30.27
LEG QUARTERS	883	33.82
WINGS (WHOLE)	468	172.16
WINGS (CUT)	462	186.21
DRUMSTICKS	870	27.00
THIGHS	452	29.15
B/S THIGHS	489	104.90

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
41.00 - 52.50	46.85	46.91

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	85.78	3,016,660
Tenderloins	142.33	961,920
Breast - With Ribs	97.53	200,439
Breast - Line Run	92.98	291,426
Legs	57.42	336,418
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	34.44	2,001,846
Drumsticks	36.29	1,457,071
Thighs	56.48	193,090
B/S Thighs	111.17	811,600
Wings (Whole)	186.24	1,390,580
Backs and Necks	10.30	651,642
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.54	61,740
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.54	99,920

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.

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.)

Prices of 15-20% MSC are trending mostly steady. Domestic and export demand is in a range of light to moderate. Supplies are usually moderate. Processing schedules are normal and reported as following typical seasonal patterns. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy with all available options continuing to be utilized to maintain product flow. Frame prices are mostly steady with trading levels at 6-8 cents FOB.

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

	Price per lb.	Mostly
WEEK OF 07-OCT-2019 TO 11-OCT-2019, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	70.00 - 88.00	70.00 - 76.00
TENDERLOINS	132.00 - 138.00	132.00 - 137.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	71.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 73.00
LEGS	43.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 33.00	26.00 - 29.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	29.00 - 35.00	29.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 30.00	-
THIGHS	33.00 - 39.00	33.00 - 39.00
B/S THIGHS	99.00 - 112.00	99.00 - 107.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	132.00 - 143.00	132.00 - 134.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45.00 - 55.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 11, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	96.52	145.95	101.22	56.50	18.83	101.22
High	97.69	155.37	110.64	63.56	21.19	101.22
Mostly	97.22	150.66	105.93	58.85	18.83	101.22
SAN JUAN						
Low	96.05	143.60	98.87	56.50	18.83	101.22
High	97.22	153.01	108.29	63.56	21.19	101.22
Mostly	96.52	148.31	103.58	58.85	18.83	101.22
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	96.99	145.95	103.58	58.85	18.83	101.22
High	98.40	155.37	112.99	65.91	21.19	101.22
Mostly	97.46	150.66	108.29	61.21	18.83	101.22
BECERRA						
Low	97.46	148.31	105.93	61.21	18.83	101.22
High	98.87	157.72	115.35	68.27	21.19	101.22
Mostly	97.93	153.01	110.64	63.56	18.83	101.22

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	18-Oct-19	Last Week	Last Year	18-Oct-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 27.00	26.00 - 27.00	25.00-27.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00 - 25.00	18.50-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.81	26.59	26.00	22.70	22.75	21.08
Volume Traded	495	605	660	1,714	1,795	1,479
Volume Exported	495	508	660	-	-	122
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-Oct-19

(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	31,929	47,325	51,738	43,582	174,574
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.06	6.87	9.06	6.36
% of total /1	18%	27%	30%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,719	46,833	53,290	38,584	175,426
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.15	6.97	9.13	6.29
% of total /1	21%	27%	30%	22%	100%
Year Ago 2/	30,047	53,165	45,274	35,410	163,896
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.19	7.01	9.19	6.26
% of total /1	18%	32%	28%	22%	100%
To date/2019*	1,481,400	2,010,117	1,744,292	1,549,485	6,785,294
To date/2018*	1,522,436	1,997,307	1,672,478	1,428,364	6,620,585
% Change YTD	-3%	1%	4%	8%	2%

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	Million Head Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
9/7	150.7	169.7	89%	6.29
9/14	175.8	168.9	104%	6.30
9/21	177.1	169.1	105%	6.29
9/28	177.3	170.0	104%	6.38
10/5	177.6	169.8	105%	6.29
10/12	176.7	170.3	104%	6.36
Year to date	6867.9	6846.6	100%	
10/19		170.5		
10/26		170.0		

*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.	5,716	3.26%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	6,650	3.79%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	18,719	10.67%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,635	3.21%
	Totals:	36,720	20.93%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,213	4,296	10/16	4,414	10/15
AR	4,617	4,985	4,985	4,883	6.22
Delmarva	2,227	2,262	2,244	2,250	7.03
KY-LA-TN	2,431	2,437	2,470	2,522	5.81
MS	2,778	2,846	2,906	2,965	6.38
NC	3,726	3,510	3,295	3,526	8.49
TX	2,945	2,795	2,816	2,755	6.81
Total	22,937	23,131	23,015	23,315	6.55
Mon-Fri	115,737	(A)		116,109	(A)
Saturday	631	(included in total for date shown)		1,183	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct-19 and 19-Oct-19 is estimated to be 34,908,000 head down 2.99 percent from a week ago and down 3.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,985,000, last year 36,164,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Oct-19 is estimated to be 176,338,000 head up 1.01 percent from a week ago, and up 5.02 percent from a year ago. (Last week 174,574,000, last year 167,901,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of October 14, 2019

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	205-225	220-235

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)	84.00-99.00	89.00-92.50
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	90.00-106.00	100.00-102.00

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

11 oz 92.16- 103.68 **13 oz.** 120.38- 152.92 **15 oz.** 126.80- 160.94
Eastern Region: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

Central Region Ducklings

Week of October 14, 2019

This week, prices are unchanged. Demand is fairly good to good as buyers begin to secure product for the upcoming holidays. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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 7.90

(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 - 10-15-19

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry						
<u>Hackettstown, NJ</u>				<u>Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA</u>		
Low	High	Avg		Price Range		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 -	.85 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	8.50	4.67	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.60 -	.75 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.95 -	1.05 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
10/11	2,531	6.85
10/10	2,223	6.95
10/9	2,198	6.87
10/8	2,253	7.02
10/7	2,200	6.77
Weekly	11,405	6.89

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	10/19/19	10/12/19	% chg	10/20/18	% chg
Cattle	642	645	1.00	632 ¹	1.02
Hogs	2,726	2,695	1.01	2,599 ¹	1.05

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 12, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 12, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through October 12, 2019 for the United States were 7.64 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,	Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,		
19 Selected States and United States				
	Week Ending			
	Oct 05,	Oct 12,	Oct 05,	Oct 12,
	2019	2019	2019	2019
State	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	30,098	31,598	22,695	21,134
AR.....	22,557	20,913	18,232	21,487
DE.....	5,034	5,029	4,044	4,239
FL.....	1,163	1,163	1,256	1,293
GA.....	33,480	33,013	28,085	29,239
KY.....	7,199	7,523	5,729	5,407
LA.....	3,295	3,677	3,208	3,078
MD.....	7,870	7,102	5,914	5,960
MS.....	15,641	16,619	14,563	14,626
MO.....	8,387	8,288	5,682	6,276
NC.....	22,712	22,594	19,129	19,207
OK.....	7,760	6,224	4,407	3,366
PA.....	5,714	5,466	4,088	4,120
SC.....	5,516	5,505	4,972	4,521
TX.....	16,110	16,788	12,939	13,894
VA.....	5,635	6,408	5,849	6,047
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,591	11,851	9,964	9,483
	9,319	9,835	7,467	8,455
Other States.....				
	219,081	219,596	178,223	181,832
United States.....				
Percent of Prev Year..	101	101	105	103

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls4119.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Nov-19 is estimated at 158.4 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 166.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 84.00 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 12-Oct-19

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	670	1,768	2,438
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	687	1,520	2,207
Same week yr ago	1,147	1,590	2,737
To-date/2019*	32,409	66,545	98,954
To-date/2018*	43,552	65,441	108,993

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	218	0	218
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	185	0	185
Same week yr ago	270	0	270
To-date/2019*	9,444	17	9,461
To-date/2018*	11,686	8	11,694

Data Source: CFIA, as compiled by AAFC, Poultry Section

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	888	1,768	2,656
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	872	1,520	2,392
Same week yr ago	1,417	1,590	3,007
To-date/2019*	41,853	66,562	108,415
To-date/2018*	55,238	65,449	120,687

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

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings -

~in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds~

Processed other Poultry

10/14/2019	10/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
79,097	78,233	864	1%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	10/14/2019	10/07/19	10/15/18
Pacific w/out Denver:	7,872	7806	8859
Los Angeles:	546	560	601

Fresh Beef Cuts

	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated				
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	50,141	874.00 928.00	887.85
168 3 Round, top inside round	6	27,710	224.71 232.00	226.11
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	13	13,044	516.75 550.00	538.56
Ground Beef 81%	18	96,440	162.00 190.00	172.21

Fresh Pork Cuts

	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated			
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	984	61.00- 104.00	64.08
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,839	99.22- 155.26	119.60
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	46	95.50- 109.85	101.91
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,064	105.00- 146.26	127.68