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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending generally steady to weak for all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate in the Central region, moderate to heavy in all other regions. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market tone is steady to firm on tenders, at least steady on wings, and holding steady for boneless skinless breast. Dark meat items are steady to weak with boneless skinless thighs in the weakest position. Offerings of tenders and wings are continuing to clear satisfactorily, while the remaining breast cuts are mostly moderate. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with thigh meat in the longest position. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

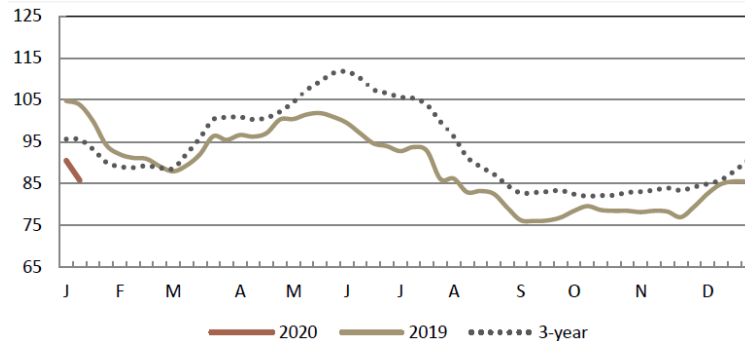
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	85.82	↓ -2.93	9,410
Last Week:	88.75		8,652
Last Year:	91.16	↓ -5.34	12,233

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Jan	90.56	47,052



Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
	87.44	↓ -3.24	4,729	90.68	4,489	
	86.78	↓ -2.79	1,586	89.57	1,469	
	87.33	↓ -3.14	1,390	90.47	1,363	

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
	81.37	↓ -2.23	2,638	83.60	2,143	
	80.45	↓ -2.28	2,284	82.73	1,912	
	81.04	↓ -1.17	1,021	82.22	1,021	

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
	87.83	↓ -2.09	2,043	89.93	2,020	
	86.62	↓ -2.15	1,923	88.76	1,900	
	87.87	↓ -1.57	1,310	89.45	1,167	

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 1-Feb-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	171,982	779	1,702	2,481	526
Avg Wt	6.29	3.47	8.01	6.58	7.19
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	166,070	839	1,490	2,329	496
Same wk yr ago	163,174	912	1,544	2,456	420
Avg Wt	6.11	3.61	8.06	6.41	6.73
To-date/2020*	832,232	3,679	7,731	11,410	2,516
To-date/2019*	792,876	4,631	7,304	11,935	2,099
% Change YTD	5%	-21%	6%	-4%	20%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	822,143	1,500	9,339	10,839	2,685
Last week	791,357	1,593	8,277	9,870	2,521
Same wk yr ago	757,715	1,827	8,525	10,352	2,007
To-date/2020*	3,985,030	7,120	43,312	50,432	12,679
To-date/2019*	3,704,796	9,032	40,650	49,682	10,320
% Change YTD	8.00%	-21.00%	7.00%	2%	23.00%

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 167.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 174.1 million head, or 6.8 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Weekly Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers & Fowl

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	2/8/2020	(1)	2/1/2020	
----- Thousand Head -----				
Broiler/fryer	168,794	(2)	169,748	
Light hens	751		809	
Heavy hens	1,702		1,490	
Total	171,247		172,047	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Feb-20 is 170.0 million head compared to 164.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.1 million head or -0.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Feb-20 the estimated available is 170.8 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	
BREAST - B/S	1,155	99.42
TENDERLOINS	631	162.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	557	75.13
FRONT HALVES	540	63.36
LEGS	1,026	44.98
LEG QUARTERS	1,078	31.42
LEG QUARTERS	1,004	33.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	603	173.58
WINGS (CUT)	575	184.04
DRUMSTICKS	1,037	29.78
THIGHS	575	30.12
B/S THIGHS	600	90.75

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
42.50 - 54.00	47.1	47.39	

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	85.69	2,938,760
Tenderloins	133.77	981,520
Breast - With Ribs	98.27	253,853
Breast - Line Run	89.33	270,000
Legs	64.73	247,720
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	41.49	2,138,447
Drumsticks	44.52	1,288,892
Thighs	52.26	369,320
B/S Thighs	105.83	890,560
Wings (Whole)	185.48	1,357,500
Backs and Necks	10.00	609,602
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.44	58,130
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.72	74,720

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 MSC for all fat contents are trending steady. Export and domestic demand is light to moderate and continue to follow seasonal movement. Supplies are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate. Frame prices are trending steady with trading at unchanged levels between 5-8 cents FOB, mostly 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

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	WEEK OF 03-FEB-2020 TO 07-FEB-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	74.00 - 89.00		79.00 - 81.00	
TENDERLOINS	124.00 - 138.00		120.00 - 122.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 90.00		69.00 - 76.00	
LEGS	40.00 - 50.00		-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 34.00		30.00 - 32.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	35.00 - 41.00		30.00 - 33.00	
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 36.00		-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.00		33.00 - 39.00	
B/S THIGHS	100.00 - 110.00		107.00 - 112.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	138.00 - 158.00		125.00 - 129.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00		-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00		-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00		-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 31, 2020

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	91.53	132.47	74.67	45.76	19.27	98.75
High	92.73	142.11	84.30	52.99	21.68	98.75
Mostly	92.25	137.29	79.48	48.17	19.27	98.75
SAN JUAN						
Low	91.29	132.47	72.26	43.35	19.27	98.75
High	92.25	142.11	81.89	50.58	21.68	98.75
Mostly	91.29	137.29	77.07	45.76	19.27	98.75
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	92.01	134.88	77.07	48.17	19.27	98.75
High	93.69	144.52	86.71	55.40	21.68	98.75
Mostly	92.97	139.70	81.89	50.58	19.27	98.75
BECERRA						
Low	92.49	134.88	79.48	50.58	19.27	98.75
High	93.93	144.52	89.12	57.81	21.68	98.75
Mostly	92.97	139.70	84.30	52.99	19.27	98.75

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Feb-20	Last Week	Last Year	7-Feb-20	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 - 27.50	24.00-26.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.25	26.54	25.00	21.46	21.30	21.72
Volume Traded	958	715	440	2,468	1,918	1,854
Volume Exported	958	715	440	122	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 25-Jan-20

(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	38,595	51,830	36,096	45,460	171,981
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.22	6.82	9.21	6.29
% of total /1	22%	30%	21%	26%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,260	53,937	38,262	37,612	166,071
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.31	7.02	9.30	6.27
% of total /1	22%	32%	23%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	35,792	52,169	36,621	38,592	163,174
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.21	6.80	8.91	6.11
% of total /1	22%	32%	22%	24%	100%
To date/2020*	197,868	221,879	207,520	204,965	832,232
To date/2019*	182,124	244,679	187,050	179,023	792,876
% Change YTD	9%	-9%	11%	14%	5%

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		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
12/28	129.0	159.7	81%	6.26
1/4	148.3	161.5	92%	6.36
1/11	175.2	164.0	107%	6.26
1/18	176.7	163.7	108%	6.33
1/25	168.1	163.6	103%	6.27
2/1	174.1	167.3	104%	6.29
Year to date	842.4	820.1	103%	
2/8		170.0		
2/15		170.8		

*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.	5,275	3.07%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,827	6.88%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	12,039	7.00%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,454	5.50%
	Totals:	38,595	22.44%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	2/7	2/6	2/5	2/4	2/5	2/4		
AL	4,276	4,401	4,304	4,324	5.42	5.49	4,255	5.50
AR	4,587	4,904	4,926	4,902	6.16	6.25	4,311	6.18
Delmarva	2,606	2,240	2,223	2,219	6.82	6.90	2,218	6.81
KY-LA-TN	2,378	2,443	2,470	2,467	5.58	5.62	2,653	5.64
MS	2,750	2,773	2,900	2,906	6.36	6.38	2,858	6.33
NC	3,709	3,636	3,564	3,518	8.09	8.16	3,694	8.08
TX	2,790	2,866	2,780	2,848	6.42	6.59	2,608	6.56
Total	23,096	23,263	23,167	23,184	6.38	6.45	22,597	6.41
Mon-Fri	115,544	(A)					113,705	(A)
Saturday	759		(included in total for date shown)				732	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Feb-20 and 08-Feb-20

is estimated to be 35,150,000 head up 1.90 percent from a week ago

and up 7.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,494,000, last year 32,738,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending

08-Feb-20 is estimated to be 175,130,000 head up 1.83

percent from a week ago, and up 8.10 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 171,982,000, last year 162,013,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of February 3, 2020

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

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)	94.00-109.50	102.00-106.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	96.00-111.00	103.00-107.00

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

This week, prices are steady. Demand and supplies are moderate.

Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. 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.	2.0-8.0	7.35

(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 - 02-04-20				
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
Hackettstown, NJ		Gravestone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .45 - .60 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	2.00	7.00	4.22	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .40 - .50 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .85 - 1.20 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/31	2,218	6.73
1/30	2,210	6.51
1/29	2,179	6.81
1/28	2,202	6.78
1/27	2,207	6.95
Weekly	11,016	6.76

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	02/08/20	02/01/20	% chg	02/09/19	% chg
Cattle	631	640	0.99	625 ¹	1.01
Hogs	2,691	2,703	1.00	2,511 ¹	1.07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.
 Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 1, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.8 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 1, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 1, 2020 for the United States were 953 million. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Jan 25, 2019	Feb 01, 2019	Jan 25, 2019	Feb 01, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	34,255	33,619	24,933	25,233
AR.....	23,378	23,550	21,273	22,939
DE.....	5,484	5,514	4,902	5,765
FL.....	1,178	1,168	1,297	1,223
GA.....	35,549	35,214	27,364	26,272
KY.....	7,989	7,905	5,839	5,683
LA.....	3,864	3,879	3,192	3,201
MD.....	8,179	8,245	6,335	5,533
MS.....	18,305	18,124	15,507	15,472
MO.....	8,914	8,778	5,464	5,135
NC.....	25,106	24,994	18,404	20,582
OK.....	7,837	7,756	5,396	4,388
PA.....	6,204	6,251	4,419	4,461
SC.....	5,753	5,889	5,402	4,679
TX.....	17,992	17,369	14,423	14,634
VA.....	6,453	6,469	5,470	6,104
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,269	13,019	10,609	12,000
Other States.....	10,791	10,843	8,907	8,826
United States.....	240,500	238,586	189,136	192,130
Percent of Prev Year..	105	104	103	104

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0620.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Mar-20 is estimated at 167.4 million head. This compares to 166.8 million head the previous week and to 168.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.2 million head and the national weighted average price was 92.04 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 1-Feb-20

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	779	1,702	2,481
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	839	1,490	2,329
Same week yr ago	912	1,544	2,456
To-date/2020*	3,679	7,731	11,410
To-date/2019*	4,631	7,304	11,935

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	137	0	137
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	204	0	204
Same week yr ago	152	0	152
To-date/2020*	752	0	752
To-date/2019*	1,346	7	1,353

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	916	1,702	2,618
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,043	1,490	2,533
Same week yr ago	1,064	1,544	2,608
To-date/2020*	4,431	7,731	12,162
To-date/2019*	5,977	7,311	13,288

*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

	2/3/2020	2/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
	97,689	97,689	0	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	2/3/2020	01/27/20	02/04/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	9,999	9,923	8,259
Los Angeles:	576	580	600

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	5	5,171	725.00 750.00	725.89
168 3 Round, top inside round	10	87,852	229.46 241.50	233.09
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	15	54,988	549.25 592.00	559.04
Ground Beef 81%	22	202,405	170.00 215.75	176.70

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,152	83.36- 114.50	93.68
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,032	92.36- 139.54	107.65
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	270	104.06- 123.32	112.05
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,043	121.00- 176.00	160.78