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### National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady on most sizes. Offerings ranged moderate to at times heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good entering the holiday weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced; with some plants down on Monday for the holiday. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices ranged steady to firm for wings, boneless skinless breasts, and tenders. Dark meat cuts and the remainder of parts are mostly steady. Offerings of wings and tenders are closely balanced to tight and held with confidence. Boneless/skinless breasts and dark meat cuts are light to moderate with jumbo boneless/skinless breasts reported as short of current needs. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed but noted as mostly desirable.

### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	82.74	↓ -0.20	9,461
<b>Last Week:</b>	82.93		9,703
<b>Last Year:</b>	81.62	↑ 1.12	9,907

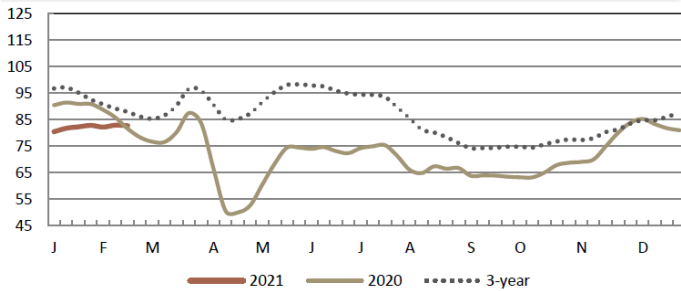
  

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
<b>Jan</b>	82.29	38,247

### Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 6-Feb-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	167,930	775	1,558	2,333	363
Avg Wt	6.35	3.34	8.25	6.62	6.68
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	166,634	826	1,486	2,312	375
Same wk yr ago	171,276	904	1,492	2,396	420
Avg Wt	6.23	3.52	8.10	6.37	7.11
To-date/2021*	975,364	4,599	8,740	13,339	2,190
To-date/2020*	1,003,508	4,583	9,223	13,806	2,936
% Change YTD	-3%	0%	-5%	-3%	-25%



### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	810,430	1,437	8,805	10,242	1,722
Last week	805,442	1,627	8,367	9,994	1,715
Same wk yr ago	810,958	1,766	8,278	10,044	2,120
To-date/2021*	4,714,902	8,758	49,497	58,255	10,321
To-date/2020*	4,795,988	8,886	51,590	60,476	14,799
% Change YTD	-2%	-1%	-4%	-4%	-30%

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 168.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.0 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

### Eastern Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	80.35	↓ -1.42	4,283	81.77	4,245
WOGS:	77.89	↓ -2.28	1,937	80.16	2,934
<b>New York</b>					
Whole Body:	78.80	↓ -1.09	1,225	79.89	1,330

### Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	83.80	↑ 1.42	2,835	82.38	3,240
WOGS:	83.75	↑ 1.64	2,520	82.11	2,995
<b>Chicago</b>					
Whole Body:	83.71	↑ 1.42	1,365	82.29	2,040

### Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	85.83	↓ -0.15	2,343	85.98	2,218
WOGS:	85.20	↓ -0.08	2,138	85.28	2,028
<b>Los Angeles</b>					
Whole Body:	87.00	↓ -0.29	1,300	87.29	1,190

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	2/13/2021 (1)	2/6/2021
-----Thousand Head-----		
Broiler/fryer	169,346 (2)	166,154
Light hens	698	786
Heavy hens	1,602	1,547
Total	171,646	168,487

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Feb-21 is 169.9 million head compared to 173.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.7 million head or -0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 20-Feb-21 the estimated available is 167.3 million head.

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

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	1,161	123.58
TENDERLOINS	629	181.01
BREAST - LINE RUN	554	58.87
FRONT HALVES	555	50.84
LEGS	1,064	30.75
LEG QUARTERS	1,046	27.78
LEG QUARTERS	1,020	29.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	600	257.08
WINGS (CUT)	640	272.22
DRUMSTICKS	998	30.52
THIGHS	514	25.13
B/S THIGHS	615	77.63

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
35.50 - 46.00	9:36 AM	39.31	

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	130.38	1,981,780
TENDERLOINS	183.09	851,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	109.48	214,244
BREAST - LINE RUN	93.82	273,798
LEGS	47.05	482,960
LEG QUARTERS	33.90	2,353,865
DRUMSTICKS	44.07	2,014,083
THIGHS	43.96	323,500
B/S THIGHS	84.12	603,240
WINGS (WHOLE)	280.55	1,274,080
BACKS AND NECKS	9.00	814,884
LIVERS (5 POUND)	66.03	73,500
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.23	76,880

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.

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 to firm. Demand into domestic and export channels are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal this week. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are also light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels at 9-12 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 08-FEB-2021 TO 12-FEB-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	114.00 - 157.00	114.00 - 120.00	
TENDERLOINS	160.00 - 195.00	160.00 - 180.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 90.00	60.00 - 65.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 40.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	26.00 - 30.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 35.00	25.00 - 30.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	27.00 - 50.00	34.00 - 40.00	
B/S THIGHS	55.00 - 85.00	70.00 - 85.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	253.00 - 300.00	258.00 - 298.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 55.00	-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 30, 2021

Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
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\*\*\*This report will be released as soon as information becomes available. We apologize for any inconvenience.\*\*\*

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	12-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year	12-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	30.00 - 36.00	30.00 - 35.00	26.00-27.00	23.50 - 31.00	23.00 - 31.00	20.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.23	32.47	26.25	25.92	25.33	21.98
Volume Traded	1,704	1,026	1,206	1,775	1,958	1,958
Volume Exported	1,704	1,026	1,206	-	-	-
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 6-Feb-21

(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	26,500	46,745	52,622	42,063	167,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	4.98	6.76	9.04	6.35
% of total /1	16%	28%	31%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	29,945	51,906	45,199	39,584	166,634
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.19	6.94	9.26	6.36
% of total /1	18%	31%	27%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,001	49,735	44,874	43,666	171,276
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.14	6.70	8.93	6.23
% of total /1	19%	29%	26%	25%	100%
To date/2021*	188,635	281,100	258,962	246,667	975,364
To date/2020*	230,869	271,614	252,394	248,631	1,003,508
% Change YTD	-18%	3%	3%	-1%	-3%

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
1/2	139.5	157.9	88%	6.40
1/9	171.8	159.3	108%	6.36
1/16	171.0	160.6	106%	6.35
1/23	166.3	160.3	104%	6.35
1/30	168.7	164.8	102%	6.36
2/6	170.0	168.3	101%	6.35
Year to date	987.3	971.2	102%	
2/13		169.9		
2/20		167.3		

\*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.	4,288	2.55%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,226	4.90%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,665	4.56%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	6,321	3.76%
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>26,500</b>	<b>15.78%</b>

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,165	4,277	3,969	4,275	5.18
AR	4,359	4,877	4,036	4,706	6.37
Delmarva	1,704	2,026	2,097	1,926	6.85
KY-LA-TN	2,753	2,322	2,254	2,249	5.76
MS	2,592	2,591	2,697	2,731	6.85
NC	3,662	3,598	3,563	3,604	8.28
TX	2,798	2,751	2,699	2,865	6.59
Total	22,033	22,442	21,315	22,356	6.54
Mon-Fri	110,957	(A)			111,690 (A)
Saturday	699	(included in total for date shown)			1,403

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Feb-21 and 13-Feb-21 is estimated to be 33,532,000 head down 1.92 percent from a week ago and up 2.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,187,000, last year 32,631,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 13-Feb-21 is estimated to be 167,599,000 head down 0.20 percent from a week ago, and down 1.97 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,930,000, last year 170,974,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of February 8, 2021

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	215-235	230-245

**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)	90.00-102.00	97.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-109.00	98.00-101.00

**Squabs:** NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes  
**11 oz** 95.04- 103.68 **13 oz** 120.69- 152.92 **15 oz** 132.03- 160.94  
 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. The undertone is steady to firm. Demand ranges moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to short. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts 750-900, bone-in legs 450-510, gizzards 230-250, wings 125-150, livers 215-245, 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 and Others	201-221	225-233
Mostly		

National Fowl Market

**Live Spent Heavy Fowl**  
**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range Wtd Avg  
 Prices in cents per pound. 0.0 - 2.0 1.71  
 (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 - 9-Feb-2021				
***AI Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***				
	Hackettstown, NJ	Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
	Price Range	Avg	(per pound)	Price Range
Heavy Fowl each:	5.00	5.00	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.55 0.90
per pound:				4-5 lbs: 1.00 1.20
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 1.00 1.20

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/5	1,905	7.04
2/4	2,093	6.85
2/3	2,059	6.86
2/2	1,779	7.33
2/1	1,778	7.36
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>7.10</b>

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	02/13/21	02/06/21	% chg	02/15/20	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	611	653	0.94	621 <sup>1</sup>	0.98
<b>Hogs</b>	2664	2675	1.00	2589 <sup>1</sup>	1.03

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.  
 Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

## Broiler Hatchery

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.0 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 6, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 6, 2021 for the United States were 939 million. Cumulative placements were down 1 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 30,	Feb 06,	Jan 30,	Feb 06,
	2021	2021	2021	2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)		
AL.....	33,396	33,721	24,239	24,707
AR.....	24,246	24,475	22,283	22,146
DE.....	4,948	4,669	4,306	4,287
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,367	1,382
GA.....	33,711	34,662	26,050	24,942
KY.....	7,685	8,158	6,586	5,497
LA.....	3,516	3,562	2,575	2,979
MD.....	7,380	7,714	5,542	5,890
MS.....	17,804	18,111	14,464	14,094
MO.....	9,244	9,210	5,925	5,350
NC.....	24,055	23,943	19,140	19,806
OK.....	6,944	7,319	3,587	3,873
PA.....	6,315	6,295	4,771	4,771
SC.....	5,872	5,899	5,474	5,272
TX.....	18,213	17,517	14,321	14,669
VA.....	6,313	6,300	5,731	6,184
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,457	13,245	10,681	11,638
Other States.....	11,044	10,744	8,947	9,597
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>235,352</b>	<b>236,753</b>	<b>185,989</b>	<b>187,084</b>
Percent of Prev Year..	98	99	98	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0721.pdf>

## Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Mar-21 is estimated at 163.2 million head. This compares to 164.0 million head the previous week and to 170.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 85.82 cents per pound.

## US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 6-Feb-21

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	775	1,558	2,333
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	826	1,486	2,312
Same week yr ago	904	1,492	2,396
To-date/2021*	3,958	7,642	11,600
To-date/2020*	4,156	8,059	12,215

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	156	8	164
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	198	0	198
Same week yr ago	198	0	198
To-date/2021*	601	8	609
To-date/2020*	943	0	943

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	931	1,566	2,497
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,024	1,486	2,510
Same week yr ago	1,102	1,492	2,594
To-date/2021*	4,559	7,650	12,209
To-date/2020*	5,099	8,059	13,158

\*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

2/8/2021	2/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
69,972	69,094	878	1%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	2/8/2021	02/01/21	02/10/20
<b>Pacific w/out Denver:</b>	10,194	9,705	10,515
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	537	541	585

## Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	44,929	880.42 - 925.00	910.79
168 3 Round, top inside round	11	158,631	241.00 - 254.70	245.78
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	8	29,615	750.00 - 792.70	764.53
<b>GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse &amp; Fine Grind</b>				
Ground Beef 81%				

## Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,494	78.90 - 121.50	98.41
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,202	98.35 - 150.50	120.66
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	113	90.63 - 100.44	96.97
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,639	135.00 - 192.98	164.84