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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for most sizes. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate for the approaching weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are sufficient. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices remain steady to firm for dark meat items and wings, and steady on the balance of parts. Offerings of wings and most dark meat cuts continue to clear satisfactorily with leg quarters, thighs, and thigh meat in the best position. Bone-in breast and tenders are light to moderate, and boneless skinless breasts are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity for parts is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable to heavy.

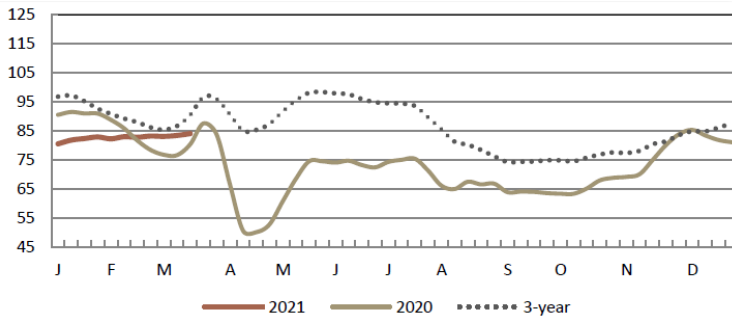
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	83.99	↑ 0.62	9,977
Last Week:	83.37		9,772
Last Year:	80.33	↑ 3.66	9,254

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Feb	82.97	38,765



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 6-Mar-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	172,542	837	1,551	2,388	422
Avg Wt	6.35	3.42	8.17	6.50	7.08
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	177,430	831	1,690	2,521	471
Same wk yr ago	170,274	858	1,581	2,439	454
Avg Wt	6.17	3.49	8.46	6.71	6.94
To-date/2021*	1,585,207	7,680	14,543	22,223	3,793
To-date/2020*	1,685,461	7,994	15,372	23,366	4,727
% Change YTD	-6%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-20%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	832,688	1,589	8,680	10,269	2,121
Last week	871,110	1,591	9,470	11,061	2,358
Same wk yr ago	798,449	1,662	9,162	10,824	2,237
To-date/2021*	7,668,463	14,778	82,467	97,245	18,223
To-date/2020*	8,014,516	15,667	86,451	102,118	23,744
% Change YTD	-4%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-23%

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 168.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 174.6 million head, or 5.9 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:	81.77	↑ 0.32	4,561	81.46	4,343
WOGS:	80.54	↓ -0.90	1,629	81.44	1,607
New York					
Whole Body:	80.89	↑ 0.05	1,330	80.84	1,296

Central Region

This Week Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	84.20	↑ 1.48	2,521	82.72	2,633
WOGS:	84.01	↑ 1.31	2,306	82.69	2,358
Chicago					
Whole Body:	85.07	↑ 1.54	1,205	83.53	1,348

Western Region

This Week Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	87.31	↑ 0.35	2,895	86.97	2,796
WOGS:	86.51	↑ 0.37	2,695	86.13	2,596
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	87.78	↑ 0.15	1,531	87.63	1,498

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	3/13/2021	(1) 3/6/2021
Broiler/fryer	169,257 (2)	173,624
Light hens	681	800
Heavy hens	1,502	1,600
Total	171,440	176,024

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Mar-21 is 168.8 million head compared to 172.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.6 million head or 0.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Mar-21 the estimated available is 168.5 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	1,198	133.25
TENDERLOINS	698	183.98
BREAST - LINE RUN	582	61.56
FRONT HALVES	557	54.28
LEGS	1,011	38.16
LEG QUARTERS	1,021	34.49
LEG QUARTERS	1,059	37.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	606	268.20
WINGS (CUT)	625	278.99
DRUMSTICKS	1,008	33.45
THIGHS	574	27.01
B/S THIGHS	658	86.34

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
40.00 - 50.50	12:28 PM	44.39	

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	141.59	2,294,020
TENDERLOINS	188.88	850,130
BREAST - WITH RIBS	111.88	155,688
BREAST - LINE RUN	91.32	410,141
LEGS	48.47	532,590
LEG QUARTERS	36.03	1,751,120
DRUMSTICKS	45.13	1,741,756
THIGHS	53.84	357,250
B/S THIGHS	91.22	533,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	280.46	1,099,590
BACKS AND NECKS	9.67	811,800
LIVERS (5 POUND)	66.14	87,170
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.20	82,080

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 steady to higher for both fresh and frozen. The undertone is firm. Domestic and export demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate to closely balanced. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials are tight for current needs. Frame prices are steady to slightly higher with trading at 11-12.5 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

WEEK OF 08-MAR-2021 TO 12-MAR-2021, CENTS PER POUND	Price per lb.		Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 178.00	132.00 - 135.00	
TENDERLOINS	160.00 - 195.00	180.00 - 190.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 95.00	62.00 - 95.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 34.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 48.00	29.00 - 35.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	28.00 - 50.00	29.00 - 38.00	
B/S THIGHS	75.00 - 96.00	78.00 - 96.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	253.00 - 300.00	260.00 - 269.00	
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 March 05, 2021

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	119.87	164.82	98.46	64.21	19.26	98.46
High	120.94	173.38	107.02	70.64	21.40	98.46
Mostly	120.51	169.10	102.74	66.35	19.26	98.46
SAN JUAN						
Low	119.65	164.82	96.32	62.07	19.26	98.46
High	120.51	173.38	104.88	68.49	21.40	98.46
Mostly	119.87	169.10	100.60	64.21	19.26	98.46
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	120.51	166.96	100.60	66.35	19.26	98.46
High	121.79	175.52	109.16	72.78	21.40	98.46
Mostly	120.94	171.24	104.88	68.49	19.26	98.46
BECERRA						
Low	120.94	169.10	102.74	68.49	19.26	98.46
High	122.01	177.66	111.30	74.92	21.40	98.46
Mostly	121.36	173.38	107.02	70.64	19.26	98.46

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	12-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year	12-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded			-			-
Volume Exported			-			-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 48.00	30.00 - 42.00	26.00-28.00	27.00 - 36.00	26.00 - 37.00	21.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	37.69	33.39	26.90	31.04	29.57	21.82
Volume Traded	864	1,242	1,342	1,142	938	1,877
Volume Exported	864	1,242	1,342	449	41	367
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded			-			-
Volume Exported			-			-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 6-Mar-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	38,072	41,168	54,459	38,843	172,542
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.18	6.96	9.16	6.35
% of total /1	22%	24%	32%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	29,708	46,550	45,887	55,285	177,430
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.10	6.73	8.85	6.46
% of total /1	17%	26%	26%	31%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,490	45,686	41,699	44,399	170,274
Avg Live Wgt	3.64	5.15	6.65	8.94	6.17
% of total /1	23%	27%	24%	26%	100%
To date/2021*	311,344	446,646	425,755	401,462	1,585,207
To date/2020*	389,876	462,795	411,640	421,150	1,685,461
% Change YTD	-20%	-3%	3%	-5%	-6%

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*		
1/30	168.7	164.8	102%	6.36
2/6	170.0	168.3	101%	6.35
2/13	165.9	169.9	98%	6.35
2/20	97.1	167.3	58%	6.29
2/27	179.6	166.1	108%	6.46
3/6	174.6	168.7	103%	6.35
Year to date	1604.5	1643.2	98%	
3/13		168.8		
3/20		168.5		

*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.	4,038	2.34%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	5,782	3.35%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	13,948	8.08%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	14,305	8.29%
Totals:		38,073	22.07%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	3/12	3/11	3/10	3/9	3/10	3/9	3/5	3/3		
AL	4,138	2,659	4,045	2,785	5.55	6.37	4,133	5.56		
AR	5,735	4,945	4,829	4,893	6.14	6.30	6,431	6.31		
Delmarva	1,860	2,049	2,018	2,028	7.09	7.19	2,019	7.41		
KY-LA-TN	2,435	2,351	2,353	2,348	5.71	5.78	3,028	5.72		
MS	2,671	4,302	2,738	4,115	6.50	5.56	2,531	6.49		
NC	3,694	3,522	3,467	3,517	8.08	8.20	4,011	8.22		
TX	3,075	2,901	2,886	2,860	6.63	6.70	3,560	6.56		
Total	23,608	22,729	22,336	22,546	6.48	6.55	25,713	6.54		
Mon-Fri	114,748	(A)					114,758	(A)		
Saturday	2,956		(included in total for date shown)				4,263			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Mar-21 and 13-Mar-21 is estimated to be 35,929,000 head down 8.46 percent from a week ago and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 39,250,000, last year 35,098,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 13-Mar-21 is estimated to be 173,577,000 head up 0.60 percent from a week ago, and up 1.80 percent from a year ago. (Last week 172,542,000, last year 170,505,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 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)	92.00-102.00	97.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	94.00-109.00	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 continue steady. Demand is moderate at times light. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz, boneless breasts 750-900, bone-in legs 500-510, gizzards 230-305, wings 125-170, livers 215-245, and feet 150-170 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 1.43
 (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-Mar-2021					
All 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:	3.00	6.00	5.77	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.90 1.00
per pound:					4-5 lbs: 0.60 0.80
				Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 0.85 1.20

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/5	2,019	7.15
3/4	1,995	7.14
3/3	1,799	7.41
3/2	2,113	7.24
3/1	2,009	7.36
Weekly	7,916	7.29

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

W/E	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
	03/13/21	03/06/21	% chg	03/14/20	% chg
Cattle	647	665	0.97	641 ¹	1.01
Hogs	2,583	2,563	1.01	2,639 ¹	0.98

¹ 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 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 6, 2021, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.7 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 March 6, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 6, 2021 for the United States were 1.68 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 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			
	Feb 27, 2021	Mar 06, 2021	Feb 27, 2021	Mar 06, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
AL.....	33,327	33,607	23,892	24,181
AR.....	24,194	24,084	21,927	22,845
DE.....	4,669	4,669	3,958	3,868
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,354	1,275
GA.....	34,663	34,812	26,867	25,529
KY.....	8,063	8,050	5,365	5,613
LA.....	3,485	3,562	2,358	3,041
MD.....	7,913	7,838	6,252	6,606
MS.....	16,936	17,160	14,430	14,401
MO.....	8,960	9,316	5,665	6,117
NC.....	25,239	25,660	19,679	20,490
OK.....	7,499	7,156	4,341	2,617
PA.....	6,139	6,067	4,562	4,561
SC.....	5,742	5,837	5,211	5,901
TX.....	18,927	17,176	14,904	13,988
VA.....	6,423	6,500	5,117	4,817
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,035	13,126	12,184	11,820
Other States.....	12,136	12,441	8,223	9,136
United States.....	238,559	238,270	186,289	186,806
Percent of Prev Year..	100	99	98	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1121.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 17-Apr-21 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 170.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.3 million head and the national weighted average price was 76.58 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 6-Mar-21

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	837	1,551	2,388
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	831	1,690	2,521
Same week yr ago	858	1,581	2,439
To-date/2021*	7,039	13,445	20,484
To-date/2020*	7,567	14,208	21,775

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	0	0	0
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	170	0	170
Same week yr ago	106	0	106
To-date/2021*	1,005	8	1,013
To-date/2020*	1,807	0	1,807

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	837	1,551	2,388
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,001	1,690	2,691
Same week yr ago	964	1,581	2,545
To-date/2021*	8,044	13,453	21,497
To-date/2020*	9,374	14,208	23,582

*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

3/8/2021	3/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
65,516	64,379	1,137	2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/8/2021	03/01/21	03/09/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	11,794	10,953	9,808
Los Angeles:	543	540	572

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	7	10,886	835.00 - 934.11	859.19
168 3 Round, top inside round	9	74,462	219.00 - 247.53	239.78
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	8	93,087	740.00 - 789.70	743.60
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	8	114,347	172.10 - 200.00	174.35

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,375	86.08 - 130.00	98.49
Bnls CC Strap-on	3,920	98.22 - 179.00	111.49
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	161	94.63 - 119.70	104.93
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,980	145.00 - 187.36	164.87