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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

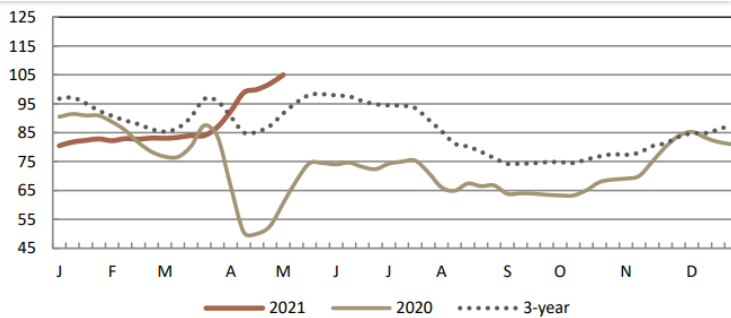
Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes remain in close balance to tight for current needs. Retail and food service demand are moderate to good entering the weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, prices are firm for tenders, wings, and boneless skinless breasts. Dark meat cuts are steady to firm, and the balance of items are steady. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, wings, and tenders continue tight to short. Bone-in breasts and dark meat cuts are light to moderate with thighs and thigh meat in the best position. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. 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.
This Week:	105.03	↑ 3.08	10,700
Last Week:	101.95		10,543
Last Year:	60.63	↑ 44.40	8,303

Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Apr	101.50		41,450



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 24-Apr-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	164,317	845	1,458	2,303	438
Avg Wt	6.32	3.35	8.30	6.48	7.40
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	162,533	829	1,637	2,466	473
Same wk yr ago	156,020	480	1,937	2,417	301
Avg Wt	6.30	3.16	8.20	7.20	7.11
To-date/2021*	2,737,182	13,227	24,880	38,107	6,827
To-date/2020*	2,822,922	13,064	27,168	40,232	7,919
% Change YTD	-3%	1%	-8%	-5%	-14%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	789,247	1,571	8,289	9,860	2,301
Last week	786,855	1,551	9,318	10,869	2,364
Same wk yr ago	747,024	842	10,880	11,722	1,519
To-date/2021*	13,184,211	25,299	141,248	166,547	33,515
To-date/2020*	13,389,720	25,376	153,108	178,484	39,538
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	-8%	-7%	-15%

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 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.3 million head, or 0.2 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:	104.58	↑ 3.39	4,595	101.19	4,316
WOGS:	105.25	↑ 3.33	1,696	101.93	1,507
New York					
Whole Body:	101.69	↑ 2.74	1,247	98.94	1,225

Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	103.94	↑ 3.70	2,857	100.24	3,153
WOGS:	102.86	↑ 3.11	2,496	99.76	2,871
Chicago					
Whole Body:	103.59	↑ 0.64	1,716	102.94	1,605

Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	106.62	↑ 1.87	3,248	104.76	3,074
WOGS:	105.92	↑ 2.00	3,098	103.92	2,924
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	106.03	↑ 0.59	1,744	105.43	1,610

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

Class	Current Week		Previous Week
	5/1/2021	(1)	4/24/2021
-----Thousand Head-----			
Broiler/fryer	161,220	(2)	164,545
Light hens	861		809
Heavy hens	1,596		1,458
Total	163,677		166,812

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-May-21 is 167.9 million head compared to 164.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.5 million head or -6.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 08-May-21 the estimated available is 165.4 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	1,178	183.54
TENDERLOINS	615	209.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	579	75.86
FRONT HALVES	594	72.93
LEGS	1,117	46.05
LEG QUARTERS	1,019	39.70
LEG QUARTERS	995	42.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	639	290.34
WINGS (CUT)	648	300.27
DRUMSTICKS	1,003	40.52
THIGHS	596	47.94
B/S THIGHS	664	129.49

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
51.50 - 60.50	9:50 AM	56.32	

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	191.57	2,715,150
TENDERLOINS	211.55	869,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	122.42	169,545
BREAST - LINE RUN	105.44	361,400
LEGS	58.67	360,505
LEG QUARTERS	42.57	1,646,756
DRUMSTICKS	50.73	1,676,422
THIGHS	59.53	302,060
B/S THIGHS	134.44	551,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	300.47	1,205,533
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00	806,781
LIVERS (5 POUND)	65.87	75,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.42	76,440

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 firm for both fresh and frozen. The undertone remains firm. Current spot market domestic and export demand for MSC is moderate. Supplies are tight. Processing schedules are mostly normal to less than normal. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials remain tight for current needs. Frame prices are firm with trading at 15-21 cents FOB, mostly 16-18 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 26-APR-2021 TO 30-APR-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	170.00 - 208.00	170.00 - 175.00	
TENDERLOINS	180.00 - 214.00	200.00 - 205.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.00 - 105.00	80.00 - 90.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 52.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40.00 - 46.00	40.00 - 46.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	40.00 - 48.00	40.00 - 45.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 60.00	40.00 - 50.00	
B/S THIGHS	120.00 - 143.00	120.00 - 126.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	270.00 - 300.00	272.00 - 290.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 55.00	-	
LIVERS	50.00 - 75.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55.00 - 70.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 23, 2021

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	119.79	187.82	96.20	57.26	20.61	100.78
High	120.71	196.98	105.36	64.13	22.90	100.78
Mostly	120.25	192.40	100.78	59.55	20.61	100.78
SAN JUAN						
Low	119.10	185.52	93.91	54.97	20.61	100.78
High	120.25	194.69	103.07	61.84	22.90	100.78
Mostly	119.79	190.11	98.49	57.26	20.61	100.78
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	119.79	190.11	98.49	59.55	20.61	100.78
High	121.16	199.27	107.65	66.42	22.90	100.78
Mostly	120.25	194.69	103.07	61.84	20.61	100.78
BECERRA						
Low	120.25	192.40	100.78	61.84	20.61	100.78
High	121.39	201.56	109.94	68.71	22.90	100.78
Mostly	120.71	196.98	105.36	64.13	20.61	100.78

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	30-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year	30-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			30.00			-
Wtd Avg Price			30.00			-
Volume Traded	-	-	52	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	55.00 - 59.00	47.00 - 60.00	26.00-30.00	40.00 - 56.00	32.00 - 52.00	23.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	56.62	53.30	27.26	48.13	39.47	25.30
Volume Traded	702	540	1,983	653	775	2,203
Volume Exported	702	540	1,879	41	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 24-Apr-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	35,440	37,094	49,897	41,886	164,317
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.05	6.87	9.04	6.32
% of total /1	22%	23%	30%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,617	38,351	47,470	43,095	162,533
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.04	6.83	9.12	6.37
% of total /1	21%	24%	29%	27%	100%
Year Ago 2/	29,003	43,656	47,871	35,490	156,020
Avg Live Wgt	3.83	5.05	6.92	9.03	6.30
% of total /1	19%	28%	31%	23%	100%
To date/2021*	562,211	725,455	782,669	666,847	2,737,182
To date/2020*	626,167	779,951	732,255	684,549	2,822,922
% Change YTD	-10%	-7%	7%	-3%	-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
3/20	168.5	168.5	100%	6.30
3/27	168.1	167.5	100%	6.27
4/3	163.9	166.5	98%	6.23
4/10	163.3	166.4	98%	6.29
4/17	164.5	165.3	100%	6.37
4/24	166.3	166.1	100%	6.32
Year to date	2770.5	2812.3	99%	
5/1		167.9		
5/8		165.4		

*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.	5,640	3.43%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,045	4.90%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,349	5.08%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	13,406	8.16%
Totals:		35,440	21.57%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,086	4,204	5.57	4,260	5.68
AR	4,288	4,762	6.30	4,822	6.29
Delmarva	1,849	2,045	7.18	2,030	7.11
KY-LA-TN	1,817	2,090	6.09	2,284	5.99
MS	2,528	2,629	6.42	2,483	6.27
NC	3,135	3,593	8.42	3,195	8.58
TX	2,834	2,717	6.81	2,438	6.88
Total	20,537	22,040	6.63	21,776	6.62
Mon-Fri	109,791 (A)				109,287 (A)
Saturday	343	(included in total for date shown)			1,141

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Apr-21 and 01-May-21 is estimated to be 31,256,000 head down 6.12 percent from a week ago and down 11.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,294,000, last year 35,375,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-May-21 is estimated to be 165,669,000 head up 0.82 percent from a week ago, and up 2.25 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,317,000, last year 162,022,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of April 26, 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)	92.00-112.50	102.00-106.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	94.00-119.00	104.00-109.00

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 remain steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is 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 - 1.5 1.01
 (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 - 27-Apr-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 14.00	6.12	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	1.10 1.20
per pound:				4-5 lbs:	0.85 1.10
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	1.30 1.50

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/23	1,917	6.99
4/22	1,963	7.11
4/21	1,987	7.27
4/20	2,029	7.16
4/19	2,024	7.39
Weekly	8,003	7.23

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	05/01/21	04/24/21	% chg	05/02/20	% chg
Cattle	649	665	0.98	439 ¹	1.48
Hogs	2,454	2,473	0.99	1,540 ¹	1.59

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 24, 2021, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 6 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 24, 2021, up 6 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through April 24, 2021 for the United States were 2.99 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States and United States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States and United States	
	Apr 17, 2021 (1,000 eggs)	Apr 24, 2021	Apr 17, 2021 (1,000 chicks)	Apr 24, 2021
AL.....	33,347	33,063	23,990	23,996
AR.....	24,565	24,480	22,662	21,962
DE.....	4,791	4,948	5,145	4,370
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,312	1,245
GA.....	34,683	34,715	26,345	26,684
KY.....	7,541	8,038	6,092	6,400
LA.....	3,441	3,441	2,891	2,992
MD.....	7,934	7,944	5,246	5,977
MS.....	16,737	16,950	13,835	13,034
MO.....	9,491	9,538	5,267	5,864
NC.....	25,827	24,976	20,927	20,281
OK.....	7,542	7,626	4,088	4,042
PA.....	6,519	6,556	4,813	4,737
SC.....	5,859	5,763	4,750	5,491
TX.....	18,298	18,564	14,646	14,735
VA.....	6,064	6,442	5,692	5,873
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,661	12,528	10,907	10,682
Other States.....	12,555	12,617	9,088	10,102
United States.....	239,064	239,398	187,696	188,467
Percent of Prev Year..	110	107	106	106

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1821.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Jun-21 is estimated at 164.3 million head. This compares to 164.2 million head the previous week and to 170.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 52.70 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	24-Apr-21		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	845	1,458	2,303
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	829	1,637	2,466
Same week yr ago	480	1,937	2,417
To-date/2021*	12,586	23,782	36,368
To-date/2020*	12,637	26,004	38,641

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	160	0	160
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	192	0	192
Same week yr ago	112	0	112
To-date/2021*	1,999	18	2,017
To-date/2020*	2,608	0	2,608
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	1,005	1,458	2,463
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,021	1,637	2,658
Same week yr ago	592	1,937	2,529
To-date/2021*	14,585	23,800	38,385
To-date/2020*	15,245	26,004	41,249
*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

4/26/2021	4/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
72,851	66,765	6,086	9%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	4/26/2021	04/19/21	04/27/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	15,674	15,020	10,584
Los Angeles:	527	539	560

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	8,675	1,167.30 - 1,364.11	1,226.76
168 3 Round, top inside round	13	73,790	272.30 - 307.00	291.60
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	10	19,917	941.00 - 970.00	960.97
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	6	25,184	206.00 - 231.00	211.77

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,233	90.22 - 135.50	116.81
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,789	107.93 - 161.50	124.95
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	302	96.22 - 141.91	132.13
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,319	204.00 - 269.70	246.30