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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak for all sizes. Offerings are readily available with some discounting noted. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced to instances heavier than desired. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, the market tone is remaining steady on breast cuts and tenders. Dark meat cuts are steady at best. Wings are mixed, ranging steady to weak with jumbo sizes in the weakest position. Offerings of tenders and breast cut items are light to moderate. Wings are moderate to available, instances light in the Central region. Dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

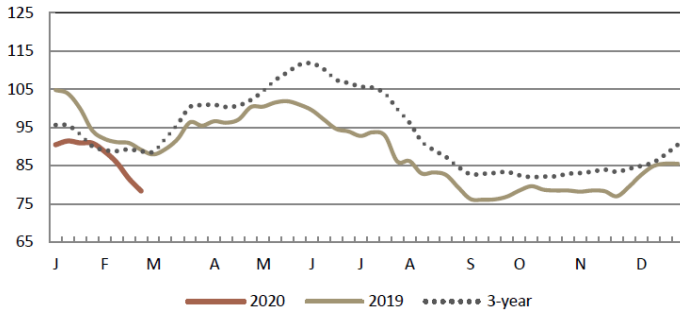
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	78.39	↓ -3.24	9,488
Last Week:	81.62		9,907
Last Year:	89.16	↓ -10.77	12,130

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

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



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 15-Feb-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	170,974	899	1,517	2,416	487
Avg Wt	6.20	3.61	8.31	6.56	7.18
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	171,276	904	1,492	2,396	420
Same wk yr ago	161,570	657	1,674	2,331	516
Avg Wt	6.09	3.26	8.12	6.75	6.82
To-date/2020*	1,174,482	5,482	10,740	16,222	3,423
To-date/2019*	1,116,459	6,059	10,336	16,395	3,123
% Change YTD	5%	-10%	4%	-1%	10%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	805,629	1,801	8,635	10,436	2,483
Last week	810,958	1,766	8,278	10,044	2,120
Same wk yr ago	747,811	1,189	9,311	10,500	2,499
To-date/2020*	5,601,617	10,687	60,225	70,912	17,282
To-date/2019*	5,200,005	11,646	57,626	69,272	15,463
% Change YTD	8%	-8%	5%	2%	12%

Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%	71.0%
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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 170.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.1 million head, or 2.3 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
	2/22/2020	(1)	2/15/2020
----- Thousand Head -----			
Broiler/fryer	165,506	(2)	164,844
Light hens	740		870
Heavy hens	1,602		1,492
Total	167,848		167,206

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Feb-20 is 170.5 million head compared to 162.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.8 million head or -4.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 29-Feb-20 the estimated available is 170.3 million head.

Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
78.24	↓ -4.36	4,790	82.59	5,143		
75.49	↓ -6.48	1,864	81.97	1,808		
79.29	↓ -3.83	1,396	83.13	1,492		

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
76.80	↓ -0.53	2,810	77.33	2,718		
75.84	↓ -0.60	2,126	76.44	2,322		
76.61	↓ -0.23	1,295	76.84	1,068		

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
81.12	↓ -3.77	1,888	84.90	2,046		
79.67	↓ -3.23	1,808	82.90	1,926		
80.04	↓ -3.14	1,340	83.19	1,305		

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	
BREAST - B/S	943	98.97
TENDERLOINS	516	164.41
BREAST - LINE RUN	440	74.98
FRONT HALVES	440	61.06
LEGS	807	43.28
LEG QUARTERS	842	30.30
LEG QUARTERS	809	32.16
WINGS (WHOLE)	454	172.79
WINGS (CUT)	436	181.13
DRUMSTICKS	859	29.24
THIGHS	434	28.89
B/S THIGHS	516	83.62

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
41.00 - 51.50	45.5	45.69	

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	88.49	2,471,440
Tenderloins	139.61	923,840
Breast - With Ribs	98.99	255,797
Breast - Line Run	89.12	297,550
Legs	62.77	316,680
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.04	1,402,865
Drumsticks	46.30	1,699,660
Thighs	56.24	367,948
B/S Thighs	99.87	876,900
Wings (Whole)	179.11	918,880
Backs and Necks	10.00	725,983
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	64.79	64,630
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.51	80,520

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.)

MSC prices are trending at least steady on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate for fresh ; moderate to instances good for frozen. Supplies are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are mostly moderate. Frame prices are trending steady with trading at unchanged to higher at 5-10 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

	Price per lb.	Mostly
WEEK OF 17-FEB-2020 TO 21-FEB-2020, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	62.00 - 81.00	75.00 - 81.00
TENDERLOINS	128.00 - 150.00	131.00 - 133.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 94.00	69.00 - 74.00
LEGS	36.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 37.00	33.00 - 35.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	28.00 - 45.00	35.00 - 37.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	35.00 - 41.00	35.00 - 39.00
B/S THIGHS	92.00 - 107.00	98.00 - 102.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	138.00 - 150.00	138.00 - 142.00
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 February 07, 2020

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	102.88	144.52	73.48	51.44	19.60	112.68
High	104.10	154.32	83.28	58.79	22.05	112.68
Mostly	103.61	149.42	78.38	53.89	19.60	112.68
SAN JUAN						
Low	102.63	142.07	71.04	48.99	19.60	112.68
High	103.61	151.87	80.83	56.34	22.05	112.68
Mostly	102.88	146.97	75.93	51.44	19.60	112.68
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	102.88	144.52	75.93	53.89	19.60	112.68
High	105.08	154.32	85.73	61.24	22.05	112.68
Mostly	104.35	149.42	80.83	56.34	19.60	112.68
BECERRA						
Low	103.61	146.97	78.38	56.34	19.60	112.68
High	105.33	156.77	88.18	63.69	22.05	112.68
Mostly	104.35	151.87	83.28	58.79	19.60	112.68

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	21-Feb-20	Last Week	Last Year	21-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 - 27.00	24.00-26.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.29	26.25	25.00	21.66	21.98	22.00
Volume Traded	1,025	1,206	495	2,468	1,958	1,428
Volume Exported	1,025	1,206	495	306	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 8-Feb-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	41,231	51,378	33,277	45,088	170,974
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.28	6.82	9.11	6.20
% of total /1	24%	30%	19%	26%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	34,569	54,069	36,398	36,534	161,570
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.27	6.79	8.91	6.09
% of total /1	21%	33%	23%	23%	100%
To date/2020*	272,100	322,992	285,671	293,719	1,174,482
To date/2019*	250,771	355,417	260,984	249,287	1,116,459
% Change YTD	9%	-9%	9%	18%	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*		
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
2/8	173.4	170.0	102%	6.23
2/15	173.1	170.8	101%	6.20
Year to date	1188.9	1160.9	102%	
2/22		170.5		
2/29		170.3		

*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.	9,394	5.49%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	9,805	5.73%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	12,881	7.53%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,151	5.35%
	Totals:	41,231	24.12%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	2/21	2/20	2/19	2/18	2/19	2/18	2/14	2/12	2/14	2/12
AL	4,276	4,329	4,309	4,337	5.55	5.55	4,072	5.48		
AR	4,594	4,809	4,905	5,005	6.12	6.14	4,110	5.82		
Delmarva	1,899	2,202	2,174	2,115	6.92	6.96	2,234	6.69		
KY-LA-TN	2,379	2,410	2,352	2,398	5.71	5.63	2,390	5.62		
MS	2,322	2,794	2,783	2,927	6.4	6.98	2,908	6.24		
NC	3,320	3,549	3,531	3,524	8.06	8.24	3,409	7.96		
TX	2,829	2,870	2,614	2,819	6.45	6.53	2,580	6.35		
Total	21,619	22,963	22,668	23,125	6.42	6.53	21,703	6.26		
Mon-Fri	113,907	(A)					113,715	(A)		
Saturday	442		(included in total for date shown)				0			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Feb-20 and 22-Feb-20 is estimated to be 32,902,000 head down 0.69 percent from a week ago and up 4.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,129,000, last year 31,567,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Feb-20 is estimated to be 171,892,000 head up 0.54 percent from a week ago, and up 7.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 170,974,000, last year 160,194,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of February 17, 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)	90.00-103.50	96.00-100.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	92.00-106.00	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

All prices are steady. Demand is mostly moderate. 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.	2.0-7.0	6.63

(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 - 02-18-20

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 - lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	2.75	10.50	4.43	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .40 - .60 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .70 - .90 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/14	2,234	6.42
2/13	2,274	6.53
2/12	2,232	6.69
2/11	2,236	6.85
2/10	2,034	7.07
Weekly	11,010	6.71

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	02/22/20	02/15/20	% chg	02/23/19	% chg
Cattle	628	620	1.01	581 ¹	1.08
Hogs	2,622	2,596	1.01	2,487 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 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 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 Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 15, 2020 for the United States were 1.34 billion. 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			
	Feb 08, 2019	Feb 15, 2019	Feb 08, 2019	Feb 15, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	34,263	33,376	25,401	24,723
AR.....	23,688	23,490	22,502	20,163
DE.....	5,495	5,216	5,325	5,694
FL.....	1,209	1,193	1,287	1,282
GA.....	35,004	35,119	27,506	28,485
KY.....	7,864	7,882	6,739	6,317
LA.....	3,879	3,835	3,228	3,327
MD.....	7,565	7,938	5,625	5,445
MS.....	18,304	18,381	14,999	15,369
MO.....	8,949	8,660	6,101	6,425
NC.....	25,114	25,234	19,970	20,110
OK.....	7,507	7,464	3,705	5,400
PA.....	5,902	6,075	4,364	4,473
SC.....	5,802	5,887	4,521	4,982
TX.....	17,846	17,250	13,842	14,373
VA.....	6,508	6,512	5,916	5,897
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,312	12,921	11,203	11,575
Other States.....	11,008	11,259	8,289	8,138
United States.....	239,219	237,692	190,523	192,178
Percent of Prev Year..	105	103	104	105

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0820.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Mar-20 is estimated at 168.6 million head. This compares to 168.4 million head the previous week and to 161.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 90.94 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 15-Feb-20

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	899	1,517	2,416
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	904	1,492	2,396
Same week yr ago	675	1,674	2,349
To-date/2020*	5,482	10,740	16,222
To-date/2019*	6,077	10,336	16,413

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	229	0	229
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	198	0	198
Same week yr ago	287	0	287
To-date/2020*	1,179	0	1,179
To-date/2019*	1,862	7	1,869

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

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

	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	1,128	1,517	2,645
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,102	1,492	2,594
Same week yr ago	962	1,674	2,636
To-date/2020*	6,661	10,740	17,401
To-date/2019*	7,939	10,343	18,282

*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

	2/17/2020	2/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
	100,868	97,689	3,179	3%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	2/17/2020	02/10/20	02/18/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,297	10,515	7,760
Los Angeles:	564	585	593

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	5	20,607	665.00 695.75	680.23
168 3 Round, top inside round	8	45,673	233.75 243.50	235.26
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	13	41,115	530.00 585.75	544.46
Ground Beef 81%	17	59,514	168.00 207.00	176.93

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,302	71.83- 111.00	87.61
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,825	90.23- 137.00	101.83
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	191	93.00- 111.63	102.39
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,463	130.00- 176.00	150.93