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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak on all sizes. Offerings of all sizes ranged moderate to heavy. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Processor schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are trending steady to firm for wings and generally steady for b/s breasts and dark meat items. Tenders remained weak. Supplies of wings are seasonally light and continued to move well. Dark meat cuts and b/s breasts are light to moderate, tenders are readily available with discounting, and the remainder of parts are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, and ranged desirable to heavy.

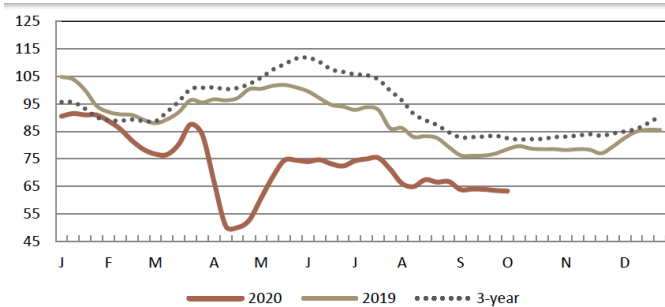
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

Table with 4 columns: Category, Wtd Avg, Change, 1,000 lbs. Rows: This Week, Last Week, Last Year.

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Table with 3 columns: Month, Wtd Avg, 1,000 lbs. Row: Aug.



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 19-Sep-2020

Table with 6 columns: Category, Young Chickens, Light Hens, Heavy Hens, Total Hens, Duck. Rows: Head, Avg Wt, Head Slaughter Comparisons, Last week, Same wk yr ago, Avg Wt, To-date/2020*, To-date/2019*, % Change YTD.

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Table with 5 columns: Category, Current week, Last week, Same wk yr ago, To-date/2020*, To-date/2019*, % Change YTD. Rows: Current week, Last week, Same wk yr ago, To-date/2020*, To-date/2019*, % Change YTD.

Table with 5 columns: Category, 2020, 2019, 3-year, 2020. Row: Dressing %.

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 172.3 million head, or 5.1 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

Table with 3 columns: Class, Current Week, Previous Week. Rows: Broiler/fryer, Light hens, Heavy hens, Total.

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Sep-20 is 166.7 million head compared to 177.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.2 million head or 1.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Oct-20 the estimated available is 165.4 million head.

Eastern Region

Table with 6 columns: Category, This Week Wtd Avg, Change, 1,000 lbs., Last Week Wtd Avg, 1,000 lbs. Rows: Whole Body, WOGS, New York Whole Body.

Central Region

Table with 6 columns: Category, This Week Wtd Avg, Change, 1,000 lbs., Last Week Wtd Avg, 1,000 lbs. Rows: Whole Body, WOGS, Chicago Whole Body.

Western Region

Table with 6 columns: Category, This Week Wtd Avg, Change, 1,000 lbs., Last Week Wtd Avg, 1,000 lbs. Rows: Whole Body, WOGS, Los Angeles Whole Body.

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	1,206	97.72
TENDERLOINS	584	186.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	543	58.40
FRONT HALVES	524	45.06
LEGS	1,038	25.76
LEG QUARTERS	1,057	16.56
LEG QUARTERS	1,005	20.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	631	201.77
WINGS (CUT)	711	215.41
DRUMSTICKS	1,041	28.24
THIGHS	520	24.65
B/S THIGHS	542	54.14

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
28.00 - 38.00	30.43	30.81	

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	94.75	2,712,880
TENDERLOINS	180.57	854,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	96.28	312,127
BREAST - LINE RUN	80.89	289,042
LEGS	42.42	407,766
LEG QUARTERS	23.94	1,405,496
DRUMSTICKS	36.33	1,940,575
THIGHS	41.02	368,280
B/S THIGHS	64.62	656,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	210.41	1,293,310
BACKS AND NECKS	9.94	928,647
LIVERS (5 POUND)	65.17	61,230
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.44	70,960

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 steady for fresh and frozen. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for current needs as industry assessing market conditions. Schedules are normal as dealers continue monitor disruptions in processing schedules. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak with trading levels at 3 -8 cents FOB, mostly 4-8 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 21-SEP-2020 TO 25-SEP-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	79.00 - 88.00	83.00 - 85.00		
TENDERLOINS	169.00 - 185.00	170.00 - 175.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 75.00	58.00 - 63.00		
LEGS	20.00 - 40.00	-		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 24.00	18.00 - 21.00		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	16.00 - 37.00	18.00 - 22.00		
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 40.00	-		
THIGHS	26.00 - 39.00	29.00 - 34.00		
B/S THIGHS	53.00 - 67.00	54.00 - 63.00		
WINGS (WHOLE)	195.00 - 210.00	203.00 - 205.00		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 54.00	-		
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	54.00 - 61.00	-		

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 18, 2020

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	108.17	153.91	73.70	60.70	17.34	101.88
High	109.47	162.58	82.37	67.20	19.51	101.88
Mostly	108.39	158.24	78.04	62.86	17.34	101.88
SAN JUAN						
Low	107.74	151.74	71.53	58.53	17.34	101.88
High	108.39	160.41	80.21	65.03	19.51	101.88
Mostly	108.17	156.08	75.87	60.70	17.34	101.88
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	108.82	153.91	75.87	62.86	17.34	101.88
High	110.34	162.58	84.54	69.37	19.51	101.88
Mostly	109.47	158.24	80.21	65.03	17.34	101.88
BECERRA						
Low	109.47	156.08	78.04	62.86	17.34	101.88
High	110.55	164.75	86.71	69.37	19.51	101.88
Mostly	109.90	160.41	82.37	65.03	17.34	101.88

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-Sep-20	Last Week	Last Year	25-Sep-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 32.00	26.00-27.00	25.00 - 28.00	25.00 - 27.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.83	30.51	26.65	26.40	26.08	22.82
Volume Traded	2,138	2,093	550	3,060	2,570	2,279
Volume Exported	2,138	2,093	550	-	-	122
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 19-Sep-20

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	33,922	43,726	49,290	43,337	170,275
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.22	6.98	8.97	6.37
% of total /1	20%	26%	29%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	31,904	33,594	44,880	38,732	149,110
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.13	7.02	9.23	6.48
% of total /1	21%	23%	30%	26%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,642	41,291	54,068	38,992	174,993
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.26	6.85	9.19	6.29
% of total /1	23%	24%	31%	22%	100%
To date/2020*	1,306,967	1,711,915	1,714,991	1,505,515	6,239,388
To date/2019*	1,381,901	1,865,968	1,587,071	1,425,203	6,260,143
% Change YTD	-5%	-8%	8%	6%	0%

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
8/15	170.2	170.0	100%	6.30
8/22	173.1	170.4	102%	6.44
8/29	171.2	171.1	100%	6.36
9/5	176.0	170.5	103%	6.38
9/12	150.9	169.0	89%	6.48
9/19	172.3	167.2	103%	6.37
Year to date	6315.2	6339.8	100%	
9/26		166.7		
10/3		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.	7,865	4.62%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	4,047	2.38%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	14,222	8.35%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	7,787	4.57%
	Totals:	33,921	19.92%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,170	4,340	4,277	4,364	5.54
AR	4,829	4,788	4,814	4,829	6.34
Delmarva	2,071	2,071	2,026	2,092	7.16
KY-LA-TN	2,255	2,369	2,390	2,329	5.96
MS	2,639	2,315	2,818	2,798	6.39
NC	4,058	3,617	3,547	3,563	8.44
TX	3,327	2,796	2,441	2,752	7.17
Total	23,349	22,296	22,313	22,727	6.65
Mon-Fri	113,213	(A)			113,250
Saturday	1,318	(included in total for date shown)			1,911

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Sep-20 and 26-Sep-20 is estimated to be 35,535,000 head down 3.36 percent from a week ago and down 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,770,000, last year 35,771,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Sep-20 is estimated to be 172,632,000 head up 1.38 percent from a week ago, and down 1.44 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 170,275,000, last year 175,151,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of September 21, 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	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)	81.00-101.00	81.00-86.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	84.00-108.00	85.00-90.00

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

All prices remain too few to report. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies are in a full range, heavy to at times short of full needs. Processing schedules are varied. Market activity is moderate to slow. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts, bone-in legs, gizzards, wings, livers, and feet are all too few to report.

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	TFEWR	TFEWR

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
 Prices in cents per pound. 0.0 - 3.0 2.97

(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 - 22-Sep-2020

AI Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .45 - .65 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	1.00	16.00	8.89	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .45 - .60 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .75 - 1.10 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
9/18	2,688	6.92
9/17	2,121	7.03
9/16	2,079	7.06
9/15	2,082	7.25
9/14	1,986	7.40
Weekly	8,268	7.19

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)			
W/E	09/26/20	09/19/20	% chg	09/28/19
Cattle	651	645	1.01	650 ¹
Hogs	2,627	2,578	1.02	2,641 ¹

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 223 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 19, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.4 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 Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 19, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through September 19, 2020 for the United States were 7.07 billion. 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			
	Sep 12, 2020	Sep 19, 2020	Sep 12, 2020	Sep 19, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	32,147	31,576	24,302	24,797
AR.....	22,174	22,397	21,307	21,603
DE.....	4,826	4,826	4,813	4,469
FL.....	1,163	1,163	1,304	1,298
GA.....	33,935	33,002	26,217	25,799
KY.....	6,467	7,107	5,880	6,240
LA.....	3,160	3,319	2,722	2,938
MD.....	7,111	7,638	5,338	5,544
MS.....	16,694	16,467	14,221	13,974
MO.....	8,825	8,029	5,641	6,320
NC.....	23,234	22,904	19,503	19,348
OK.....	7,325	6,523	4,896	4,335
PA.....	6,326	6,356	4,839	4,824
SC.....	5,754	5,774	5,680	5,219
TX.....	16,820	16,589	14,472	13,866
VA.....	6,021	6,036	5,822	5,349
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,024	11,617	10,909	11,383
Other States.....	11,380	11,352	8,347	8,482
United States.....	226,386	222,675	186,213	185,788
Percent of Prev Year..	102	98	100	99

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls3920.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Oct-20 is estimated at 163.5 million head. This compares to 163.7 million head the previous week and to 169.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 177.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 76.91 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	19-Sep-20		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	712	1,768	2,480
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	506	1,572	2,078
Same week yr ago	802	1,771	2,573
To-date/2020*	28,551	62,097	90,648
To-date/2019*	30,614	61,516	92,130

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	10	0	10
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	50	0	50
Same week yr ago	354	0	354
To-date/2020*	4,850	7	4,857
To-date/2019*	8,941	17	8,958

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	722	1,768	2,490
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	556	1,572	2,128
Same week yr ago	1,156	1,771	2,927
To-date/2020*	33,401	62,104	95,505
To-date/2019*	39,555	61,533	101,088

*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

9/21/2020	9/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
83,011	81,979	1,032	1%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	9/21/2020	09/14/20	09/23/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	11,225	Corrected data *9,484*	8,296
Los Angeles:	563	575	563

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	102,122	840.00 - 909.03	846.52
168 3 Round, top inside round	8	8,042	218.00 - 231.00	225.66
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	27	86,450	581.00 - 646.50	591.81
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	11	80,484	150.00 - 170.00	158.71

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,795	69.71 - 106.00	82.41
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,566	94.56 - 149.25	113.36
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	275	91.80 - 106.33	99.10
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,227	115.00 - 157.00	138.65