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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 light to moderate in the Central region, moderate to heavy in the Eastern and Western regions. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the holiday weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market tone on wings is holding firm and trending higher than yesterday. Tenders are steady to firm, while boneless skinless breast are steady to weak. The remainder of parts are steady. Offerings of wings are tight and in good balance. Dark meat items are mostly moderate, instances heavy in the Eastern region, with boneless skinless thighs experiencing a slight decline. Breast meat cuts are moderate to heavy with Jumbo sizes being slightly more available. Tenders are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

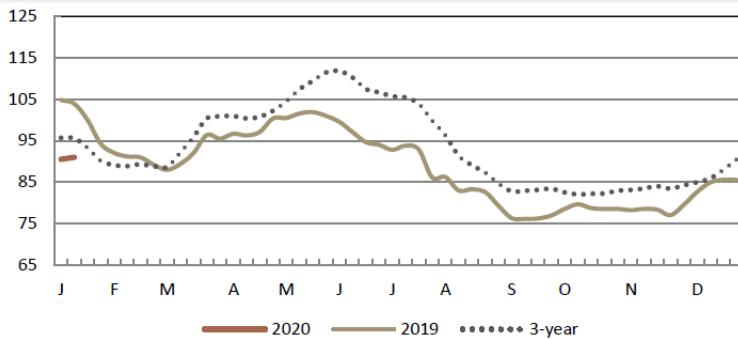
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	90.96	↓ -0.50	9,701
Last Week:	91.46		10,193
Last Year:	99.96	↓ -9.00	10,728

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	84.63	37,205



Eastern Region	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
	92.15	↓ -0.40	4,468	92.56	4,758
	92.17	↓ -0.80	1,522	92.97	1,586
	91.36	↓ -0.95	1,396	92.30	1,433

Central Region	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
	86.46	↓ -0.09	2,722	86.55	2,695
	85.24	↑ 0.09	2,236	85.15	2,176
	85.83	↓ -2.92	1,120	88.75	1,021

Western Region	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
	93.72	↓ -0.66	2,511	94.38	2,740
	92.86	↓ -0.46	2,431	93.31	2,625
	92.94	↓ -0.67	1,698	93.61	1,567

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 Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 11-Jan-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	173,135	776	1,585	2,361	421
Avg Wt	6.26	3.49	8.39	6.78	7.11
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	146,507	507	1,277	1,784	535
Same wk yr ago	165,877	1,053	1,624	2,677	434
Avg Wt	6.17	3.45	8.06	6.25	6.78
To-date/2020*	319,642	1,283	2,862	4,145	956
To-date/2019*	303,759	1,802	2,697	4,499	806
% Change YTD	5%	-29%	6%	-8%	19%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	823,707	1,503	9,109	10,612	2,125
Last week	708,156	957	7,374	8,331	2,667
Same wk yr ago	777,830	2,016	8,966	10,982	2,089
To-date/2020*	1,531,863	2,460	16,483	18,943	4,792
To-date/2019*	1,428,578	3,488	15,089	18,577	3,840
% Change YTD	7.00%	-29.00%	9.00%	2%	25.00%
Dressing %	76.00%	55.50%	68.50%		71.00%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 175.2 million head, or 11.2 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
	1/18/2020 (1)	1/11/2020
----- Thousand Head -----		
Broiler/fryer	173,367 (2)	169,626
Light hens	747	746
Heavy hens	1,666	1,565
Total	175,780	171,937

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Jan-20 is 163.7 million head compared to 169.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 173.7 million head or 10.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Jan-20 the estimated available is 163.6 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	1,172	104.48
TENDERLOINS	532	156.30
BREAST - LINE RUN	546	75.60
FRONT HALVES	536	65.72
LEGS	990	45.37
LEG QUARTERS	1,091	32.18
LEG QUARTERS	1,024	34.25
WINGS (WHOLE)	572	168.98
WINGS (CUT)	593	179.37
DRUMSTICKS	1,033	30.40
THIGHS	584	30.33
B/S THIGHS	606	96.67

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 54.00	48.72	48.95	

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	90.65	2,852,710
Tenderloins	127.19	967,340
Breast - With Ribs	102.25	234,184
Breast - Line Run	88.88	286,658
Legs	66.66	417,980
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.57	1,724,300
Drumsticks	43.03	896,871
Thighs	62.70	254,850
B/S Thighs	111.59	789,080
Wings (Whole)	185.94	1,377,100
Backs and Necks	10.00	786,148
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.48	55,930
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.54	87,560

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 all fat contents of MSC are trending steady. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate and generally following typical seasonal movement. Supplies are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules return to normal this week with some reporting reduced or varied schedules for next week in observance of MLK day. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate. Frame prices are trending mostly steady with trading levels at 5-8 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

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	WEEK OF 13-JAN-2020 TO 17-JAN-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	78.00 - 91.00		79.00 - 81.00	
TENDERLOINS	116.00 - 132.00		120.00 - 122.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 80.00		69.00 - 76.00	
LEGS	45.00 - 50.00		-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 37.00		30.00 - 32.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	30.00 - 37.00		30.00 - 33.00	
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 38.00		-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.00		33.00 - 39.00	
B/S THIGHS	103.00 - 112.00		107.00 - 112.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	134.00 - 159.00		125.00 - 129.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00		-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 44.00		-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00		-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending January 10, 2020

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	108.80	152.31	87.04	50.77	19.34	108.80
High	110.00	161.98	96.71	58.02	21.76	108.80
Mostly	109.52	157.15	91.87	53.19	19.34	108.80
SAN JUAN						
Low	108.31	149.90	84.62	48.35	19.34	108.80
High	109.52	159.57	94.29	55.61	21.76	108.80
Mostly	108.80	154.73	89.45	50.77	19.34	108.80
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	108.80	154.73	89.45	53.19	19.34	108.80
High	110.73	164.40	99.12	60.44	21.76	108.80
Mostly	110.00	159.57	94.29	55.61	19.34	108.80
BECERRA						
Low	109.52	157.15	91.87	55.61	19.34	108.80
High	111.21	166.82	101.54	62.86	21.76	108.80
Mostly	110.00	161.98	96.71	58.02	19.34	108.80

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	17-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year	17-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 27.50	26.00 - 28.00	21.00-25.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 25.00	19.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.53	26.76	23.90	21.75	21.48	21.11
Volume Traded	1,168	790	550	2,244	1,795	1,795
Volume Exported	1,168	790	550	82	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 11-Jan-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	46,690	37,924	44,775	43,746	173,135
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.27	6.90	9.14	6.26
% of total /1	27%	22%	26%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,407	33,855	40,737	34,508	146,507
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.23	7.05	9.46	6.36
% of total /1	26%	23%	28%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,759	54,693	37,338	36,087	165,877
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.38	6.97	9.13	6.17
% of total /1	23%	33%	23%	22%	100%
To date/2020*	84,097	71,779	85,512	78,254	319,642
To date/2019*	71,518	91,525	72,830	67,886	303,759
% Change YTD	18%	-22%	17%	15%	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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
12/7	174.0	162.3	107%	6.40
12/14	169.3	163.9	103%	6.36
12/21	174.0	162.0	107%	6.17
12/28	129.0	159.7	81%	6.26
1/4	148.3	161.5	92%	6.36
1/11	175.2	164.0	107%	6.26
Year to date	323.5	325.5	99%	
1/18		163.7		
1/25		163.6		

*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.	8,164	4.72%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,556	4.36%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	12,930	7.47%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	18,041	10.42%
	Totals:	46,691	26.97%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	1/17	1/16	1/15	1/14	1/15
AL	4,272	4,367	4,419	4,376	5.52
AR	4,806	4,885	4,918	5,023	6.25
Delmarva	2,600	2,237	2,141	2,192	6.81
KY-LA-TN	2,591	2,480	2,442	2,380	5.64
MS	2,723	2,765	2,903	2,833	6.28
NC	4,458	3,642	3,526	3,552	8.30
TX	3,379	2,846	2,487	2,755	6.85
Total	24,829	23,222	22,836	23,111	6.48
Mon-Fri	117,305	(A)			115,152 (A)
Saturday	3,700		(included in total for date shown)		2,044

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Jan-20 and 18-Jan-20 is estimated to be 37,788,000 head up 2.87 percent from a week ago and up 0.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,735,000, last year 37,731,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Jan-20 is estimated to be 178,556,000 head up 6.37 percent from a week ago, and up 3.13 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,857,000, last year 173,135,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of January 13, 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)	94.00-111.50	103.00-107.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	96.00-113.00	104.00-109.00

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,VV

Central Region Ducklings

All prices are unchanged. Demand is fairly good to good as buyers continue to work on securing product needs for the Chinese New Year. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate to active. 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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0-8.5	7.86

(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 - 01-14-20				
All 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 .65 - .70 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	1.00	7.50	2.68	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .60 - .70 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .70 - .90 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/3	3,930	6.83
1/2	2,333	6.83
1/1*	0	0.00
12/31	1,354	6.67
12/30	2,266	6.98
Weekly	9,883	5.46

*New Year's Day Holiday

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)			
W/E	01/18/20	01/11/20	% chg	01/19/19
Cattle	631	640	0.99	626 ¹
Hogs	2,574	2,695	0.96	2,488 ¹

¹Actual data incorporated when available.
 Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 11, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.6 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 11, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 11, 2020 for the United States were 380 million. 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			
	Jan 04, 2019	Jan 11, 2019	Jan 04, 2019	Jan 11, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	34,071	34,108	25,321	25,818
AR	23,850	23,992	23,862	22,180
DE	5,468	5,483	5,998	6,368
FL	1,178	1,178	1,233	1,333
GA	35,038	34,772	24,563	26,270
KY	7,684	7,907	6,670	6,319
LA	3,758	3,740	3,200	3,192
MD	8,090	8,116	5,249	5,467
MS	18,185	18,138	15,482	15,811
MO	8,618	8,905	5,812	6,243
NC	23,316	24,989	20,146	19,886
OK	7,595	7,521	3,477	4,313
PA	6,050	6,024	4,358	4,435
SC	5,602	5,404	4,885	5,132
TX	17,987	17,976	14,700	14,634
VA	6,302	6,453	5,283	4,895
CA, TN, & WV	12,826	13,023	11,057	10,347
Other States	11,218	10,920	8,327	8,162
United States	236,836	238,649	189,623	190,805
Percent of Prev Year	104	104	105	104

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0320.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Feb-20 is estimated at 167.5 million head. This compares to 166.3 million head the previous week and to 167.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 103.87 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 11-Jan-20

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	776	1,585	2,361
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	507	1,277	1,784
Same week yr ago	1,053	1,624	2,677
To-date/2020*	1,283	2,862	4,145
To-date/2019*	1,802	2,697	4,499

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	219	0	219
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	59	0	59
Same week yr ago	273	0	273
To-date/2020*	278	0	278
To-date/2019*	662	0	662

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	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	995	1,585	2,580
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	566	1,277	1,843
Same week yr ago	1,326	1,624	2,950
To-date/2020*	1,561	2,862	4,423
To-date/2019*	2,464	2,697	5,161

*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

1/13/2020	1/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
91,334	91,685	-351	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	1/13/2020	01/06/20	01/14/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,761	7,806	9,693
Los Angeles:	571	560	622

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	18,783	710.75 742.00	721.80
168 3 Round, top inside round	18	250,791	217.36 240.75	219.03
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	7	48,538	515.00 533.25	519.77
Ground Beef 81%	12	83,723	190.00 205.00	195.86

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,345	79.90- 114.50	93.74
Bnls CC Strap-on	3,704	93.00- 146.26	111.06
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	257	119.16- 130.94	124.47
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,219	120.00- 176.00	151.61