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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices remain steady to weak entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes are ranging from light to readily available. Demand into retail and food service channels is mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks are in balance. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, white meat items and dark items remain steady to weak, while wings are in a good position aided by increased interest due to upcoming football season. Supplies of wings are light to moderate. The balance of white meat and dark items are moderate to sometimes heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are mostly desirable weights.

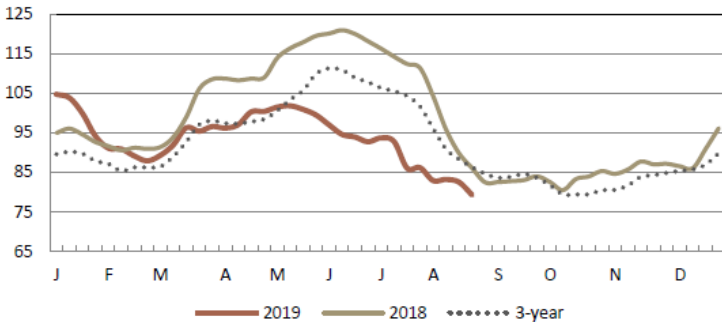
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	79.31	↓ -3.25	12,120
Last Week:	82.55		11,241
Last Year:	82.52	↓ -3.21	13,199

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Jul	88.24	58,179
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Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 17-Aug-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	173,998	742	1,734	2,476	481
Avg Wt	6.24	3.75	8.27	6.92	6.94
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	172,355	789	1,835	2,624	498
Same wk yr ago	168,772	754	1,722	2,476	508
Avg Wt	6.26	3.46	8.30	6.83	6.64
To-date/2019*	5,410,524	26,582	52,626	79,208	14,472
To-date/2018*	5,308,832	35,185	51,858	87,043	14,539
% Change YTD	2%	-24%	1%	-9%	0%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	825,168	1,544	9,823	11,367	2,370
Last week	825,236	1,519	10,571	12,090	2,450
Same wk yr ago	802,950	1,448	9,790	11,238	2,395

To-date/2019*	25,388,916	50,777	296,087	346,864	71,681
To-date/2018*	24,873,098	67,037	290,315	357,352	68,923
% Change YTD	2%	-24%	2%	-3%	4%

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 171.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.1 million head, or 4.3 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	80.91	4,625	83.60	4,707
WOGS:	80.12	1,592	81.77	1,553
New York				
Whole Body:	81.05	1,458	84.12	1,322
Central				
Whole Body:	70.90	3,836	74.35	2,836
WOGS:	70.70	3,536	74.07	2,576
Chicago				
Whole Body:	72.28	2,256	74.58	1,736
Western				
Whole Body:	86.10	3,659	87.52	3,698
WOGS:	85.20	3,559	87.02	3,558
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	82.11	1,828	83.82	1,868

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

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

	Current Week 8/24/2019 (1)	Previous Week 8/17/2019
----- Thousand head -----		
Class		
Broiler/fryer	171,973 (2)	167,739
Light hens	773	699
Heavy hens	1,812	1,700
Total	174,558	170,138
(1) Estimated		

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Aug-19 is 171.9 million head compared to 168.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.3 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 31-Aug-19 the estimated available is 170.5 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	1,174	101.32
Tenderloins	645	162.67
Breast - Line Run	562	85.85
Front Halves	577	67.64
Legs	970	46.61
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,155	35.86
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,084	38.41
Wings (Whole)	571	173.56
Wings (Cut)	605	184.91
Drumsticks	982	33.60
Thighs	580	48.81
B/S Thighs	659	113.20

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
47.50 - 59.00	51.23	51.74

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	104.23	2,957,380
Tenderloins	159.42	996,280
Breast - With Ribs	111.08	202,301
Breast - Line Run	96.55	279,000
Legs	62.42	360,270
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	43.19	1,660,861
Drumsticks	45.27	1,711,999
Thighs	85.19	130,810
B/S Thighs	115.65	804,960
Wings (Whole)	192.44	1,537,080
Backs and Necks	10.07	781,361
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.45	44,490
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.73	96,760

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.

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 19-Aug-19 to 23-Aug-2019

	Price per lb.		Mostly
Breast - B/S	86.00 - 104.00	86.00 - 94.00	
Tenderloins	121.00 - 175.00	155.00 - 165.00	
Breast - Line Run	78.00 - 101.00	78.00 - 90.00	
Legs	53.00 - 56.00	-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.00 - 44.00	39.00 - 42.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	39.00 - 46.00	42.00 - 45.00	
Drumsticks	35.00 - 42.00	35.00 - 38.00	
Thighs	52.00 - 70.00	52.00 - 59.00	
B/S Thighs	91.00 - 117.00	105.00 - 115.00	
Wings (Whole)	149.00 - 175.00	154.00 - 160.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 31.00	-	
Livers	32.00 - 51.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 16, 2019

	Necks, Backs & Wings					
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	100.55	181.13	99.86	60.38	18.58	102.18
High	101.48	190.42	109.15	67.34	20.90	102.18
Mostly	101.02	185.78	104.50	62.70	18.58	102.18
San Juan						
Low	99.86	178.81	97.53	58.06	18.58	102.18
High	101.02	188.10	106.82	65.02	20.90	102.18
Mostly	100.55	183.46	102.18	60.38	18.58	102.18
New San Juan						
Low	100.32	183.46	99.86	62.70	18.58	102.18
High	101.95	192.75	109.15	69.67	20.90	102.18
Mostly	101.02	188.10	104.50	65.02	18.58	102.18
Becerra						
Low	101.02	185.78	102.18	65.02	18.58	102.18
High	102.18	195.07	111.47	71.99	20.90	102.18
Mostly	101.48	190.42	106.82	67.34	18.58	102.18

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 mostly steady. Domestic spot market demand is light to moderate as processors have covered most of their Labor Day needs. Export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are usually moderate. Preparation begins for the upcoming extended Holiday weekend with some working out front to circumvent those typical challenges it will create. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to available. Frame prices are trading at 7-10 cents FOB, mostly 7-8 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	23-Aug-19	Last Week	Last Year	23-Aug-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.50 - 28.00	26.50 - 28.00	25.00-32.00	19.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 24.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.11	27.00	28.14	22.43	22.38	22.89
Volume Traded	590	605	835	1,550	1,673	2,020
Volume Exported	590	605	835	41	163	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 17-Aug-19

(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	39,739	39,399	52,152	42,708	173,998
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.25	6.74	8.88	6.24
% of total /1	23%	23%	30%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,826	40,632	50,900	40,997	172,355
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.24	6.96	8.98	6.30
% of total /1	23%	24%	30%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	37,537	50,232	44,472	36,531	168,772
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.30	7.02	9.14	6.26
% of total /1	22%	30%	26%	22%	100%
To date/2019*	1,196,420	1,634,813	1,348,911	1,230,380	5,410,524
To date/2018*	1,245,941	1,628,673	1,288,639	1,145,579	5,308,832
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	5%	7%	2%

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
7/13	173.9	171.20	102%	6.27
7/20	169.9	170.40	100%	6.22
7/27	171.7	170.50	101%	6.25
8/3	174.4	171.60	102%	6.18
8/10	174.4	171.80	102%	6.30
8/17	176.1	171.80	103%	6.24
Year to date	5476.4	5486.40	100%	
8/24		171.90		
8/31		170.50		

*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.	7,525	4.32%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	4,331	2.49%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	14,328	8.23%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	13,554	7.79%
	Totals:	39,738	22.84%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	08/23	08/22 08/21 08/20	08/21 08/20	08/16 08/14	
AL	5,253	4,222 4,204 4,127	5.61 5.62	5,007	5.53
AR	4,886	5,045 5,027 5,076	5.82 5.87	5,083	5.77
Delmarva	2,538	2,244 2,194 2,155	6.75 6.80	2,178	6.79
KY-LA-TN	2,636	2,507 2,512 2,518	5.58 5.68	2,815	5.58
MS	2,757	2,806 2,879 2,920	6.31 6.33	3,191	6.30
NC	3,810	3,510 3,437 3,408	8.21 8.25	3,781	8.15
TX	2,821	2,766 2,664 2,695	6.47 6.46	2,874	6.41
Total	24,701	23,100 22,917 22,899	6.34 6.37	24,929	6.30
Mon-Fri	116,926	(A)		115,726	(A)
Saturday	2,295	(included in total for date shown)		2,789	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Aug-19 and 24-Aug-19

is estimated to be 37,593,000 head down 1.21 percent from a week ago

and up 3.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 38,054,000, last year 36,374,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending

24-Aug-19 is estimated to be 177,254,000 head up 1.87

percent from a week ago, and up 6.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 173,998,000, last year 166,539,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of August 19, 2019

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- 99.00	96.00- 98.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	93.00-106.00	102.00-106.00

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

Week of August 19, 2019

This week, all prices are unchanged. Demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate to tightly balanced. 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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0-9.0	7.98

(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 - 8-20-19						
AI Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry						
<u>Hackettstown, NJ</u>			<u>Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA</u>			
Low	High	Avg	Price Range			
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6	.50 -	.55 lbs.	
HEAVY FOWL ea.	2.00	2.00	Red Fowl 4-5	.40 -	.45 lbs.	
			Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 -	.90 lbs.	

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
8/16	2,178	6.68
8/15	2,209	6.80
8/14	2,165	6.79
8/13	2,098	6.89
8/12	2,262	7.00
Weekly	10,911	6.83

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	08/24/19	08/17/19	% chg	08/25/18	% chg
Cattle	654	651	1.00	642 ¹	1.02
Hogs	2,528	2,492	1.01	2,521 ¹	1.00

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 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 17, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 17, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through August 17, 2019 for the United States were 6.16 billion. Cumulative placements were up 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	
	Aug 10, 2019 (1,000 eggs)	Aug 17, 2019	Aug 10, 2019 (1,000 chicks)	Aug 17, 2019
AL.....	31,215	32,385	22,050	22,558
AR.....	24,364	24,350	23,640	23,254
DE.....	5,175	4,880	4,641	5,125
FL.....	1,178	1,178	1,319	1,239
GA.....	34,576	34,905	29,887	28,401
KY.....	7,874	7,749	6,143	6,011
LA.....	3,697	3,713	3,202	3,138
MD.....	7,958	7,748	6,205	5,305
MS.....	18,490	18,348	15,519	15,558
MO.....	8,494	8,663	6,025	6,590
NC.....	23,934	23,597	18,977	19,211
OK.....	7,131	7,335	3,426	3,525
PA.....	5,365	5,448	4,302	4,192
SC.....	5,828	5,890	4,684	5,466
TX.....	17,714	17,422	14,236	14,311
VA.....	6,062	6,349	5,746	6,108
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,762	12,261	10,703	11,197
Other States.....	10,139	10,036	7,547	7,838
United States.....	230,956	232,257	188,252	189,027
Percent of Prev Year...	102	103	101	102

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls3419.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Sep-19 is estimated at 166.6 million head. This compares to 166.3 million head the previous week and to 168.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 82.52 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Aug 17, 2019 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	742	1,734	2,476
Last Week	789	1,835	2,624
Same week yr ago	754	1,722	2,476
To-date/2019*	26,600	52,726	79,326
To-date/2018*	35,185	51,878	87,063

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	237	0	237
Last Week	148	0	148
Same week yr ago	359	0	359
To-date/2019*	7,512	17	7,529
To-date/2018*	9,745	8	9,753

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	979	1,734	2,713
Last Week	937	1,835	2,772
Same week yr ago	1,113	1,722	2,835
To-date/2019*	34,112	52,743	86,855
To-date/2018*	44,930	51,886	96,816

*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

8/19/2019	8/1/2019	Change From First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change From First of the Month
77,731	78,510	-779	-1%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	8/19/2019	08/12/19	08/20/18
Pacific w/out Denver:	10223	10173	10067
Los Angeles:	552	568	633

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	11,385	890.00 927.00	904.89
168 3 Round, top inside round	7	35,794	240.49 265.59	250.47
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, Ox1	23	80,044	750.00 812.00	777.45
Ground Beef 81%	14	129,671	183.56 254.50	215.95

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,033	92.22- 124.00	99.46
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,937	96.93- 141.00	115.68
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	293	116.67- 127.00	120.90
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,183	107.53- 139.00	123.16