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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending mostly firm for all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate and clearing well. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good in the Eastern region, light to moderate in the Central and Western regions. Many plants are scheduled to run on Saturday to make up for the New year holiday. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate, moderate to active in the Eastern region. In the parts structure, the market on dark meat items, tenders, and wings continue to be steady; about steady to steady on boneless skinless breast. Supplies of dark meat items and wings are light to moderate as legs, leg quarters, and drumsticks remain in a good position. Breast meat items are moderate to active. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are mostly desirable weights.

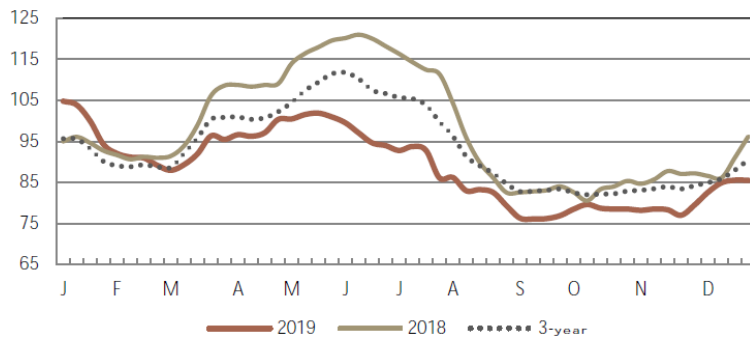
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	90.49	↑ 4.99	8,904
Last Week:	85.50		8,929
Last Year:	104.79	↓ -14.30	11,732

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Dec	84.63	37,205
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Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
91.04	↑ 4.56	4,209	86.47	3,832		
92.84	↑ 4.74	1,293	88.11	1,311		
90.98	↑ 5.13	1,165	85.85	1,083		
Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
85.55	↑ 3.73	2,296	81.81	2,743		
85.14	↑ 3.67	2,074	81.47	2,512		
89.13	↑ 5.75	1,117	83.38	1,624		
Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
94.27	↑ 6.05	2,399	88.22	2,354		
93.08	↑ 6.28	2,284	86.79	2,239		
92.82	↑ 7.20	1,940	85.62	1,895		

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 28-Dec-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	127,491	492	899	1,391	332
Avg Wt	6.26	3.51	8.30	6.60	6.85
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	171,899	804	1,639	2,443	605
Same wk yr ago	117,657	620	846	1,466	360
Avg Wt	6.27	3.44	8.07	6.11	7.11
To-date/2019*	8,579,742	40,294	82,855	123,149	23,537
To-date/2018*	8,331,292	54,339	81,700	136,039	22,407
% Change YTD	3%	-26%	1%	-9%	5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	606,551	958	5,111	6,069	1,615
Last week	806,069	1,571	9,319	10,890	2,998
Same wk yr ago	560,659	1,184	4,677	5,861	1,817
To-date/2019*	40,600,913	77,279	466,719	543,998	117,032
To-date/2018*	39,207,267	103,230	458,097	561,327	107,463
% Change YTD	4.00%	-25.00%	2.00%	-3%	9.00%

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 159.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 129.0 million head, or 30.7 million less 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	
	1/5/2020	(1)	12/29/2019	
Broiler/fryer	143,873	(2)	130,997	
Light hens	516		438	
Heavy hens	1,254		913	
Total	145,643		132,348	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for the week ending 05-Jan-20 is 161.5 million head compared 139.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 144.2 million head or -17.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-20 the estimated available is 164.0 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	959	108.84
TENDERLOINS	459	152.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	420	75.66
FRONT HALVES	428	65.82
LEGS	844	45.19
LEG QUARTERS	886	32.32
LEG QUARTERS	828	34.71
WINGS (WHOLE)	412	161.85
WINGS (CUT)	449	172.43
DRUMSTICKS	767	29.75
THIGHS	464	30.44
B/S THIGHS	520	99.53

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 54.50	49.15	49.07	

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	97.35	1,930,720
Tenderloins	125.40	676,680
Breast - With Ribs	103.20	181,312
Breast - Line Run	89.33	216,000
Legs	58.32	216,693
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	37.64	946,985
Drumsticks	37.01	1,461,918
Thighs	64.96	174,760
B/S Thighs	111.00	532,280
Wings (Whole)	179.71	976,120
Backs and Necks	10.00	552,159
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.08	47,720
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.21	70,120

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 steady for all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are sufficient for current needs. Negotiations for 2020 contract continue with confirmations slowly coming in for both export and domestic channels at steady to slightly higher prices than the previous year. Processing schedules are reduced due the holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak with trading unchanged at 5-8 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 30-DEC-2019 TO 03-JAN-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	79.00 - 89.00	79.00 - 83.00		
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 122.00	120.00 - 122.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 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 - 36.00	-		
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.00	33.00 - 39.00		
B/S THIGHS	103.00 - 112.00	107.00 - 112.00		
WINGS (WHOLE)	125.00 - 143.00	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 December 27, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	118.02	163.78	108.39	67.44	19.27	110.79
High	119.22	173.42	118.02	74.67	21.68	110.79
Mostly	118.74	168.60	108.39	69.85	19.27	110.79
SAN JUAN						
Low	117.78	163.78	105.98	65.03	19.27	110.79
High	118.74	173.42	115.61	72.26	21.68	110.79
Mostly	118.02	168.60	110.79	67.44	19.27	110.79
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	118.74	166.19	110.79	69.85	19.27	110.79
High	120.19	175.83	120.43	77.07	21.68	110.79
Mostly	119.22	171.01	115.61	72.26	19.27	110.79
BECERRA						
Low	119.22	166.19	113.20	72.26	19.27	110.79
High	120.43	175.83	122.84	79.48	21.68	110.79
Mostly	119.71	171.01	118.02	74.67	19.27	110.79

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	3-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year	3-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 - 26.50	21.00-25.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00-23.50
Wtd Avg Price	26.49	26.33	24.13	21.00	21.00	20.89
Volume Traded	379	330	440	1,387	1,306	1,285
Volume Exported	379	330	440	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 28-Dec-19

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	29,671	33,761	40,563	23,496	127,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.20	7.20	9.41	6.26
% of total /1	23%	26%	32%	18%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,926	50,698	39,826	43,449	171,899
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.18	6.84	8.91	6.17
% of total /1	22%	29%	23%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	27,975	38,337	24,389	26,956	117,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.32	7.25	9.50	6.27
% of total /1	24%	33%	21%	23%	100%
To date/2019*	1,870,496	2,464,799	2,245,466	1,998,981	8,579,742
To date/2018*	1,887,252	2,518,568	2,115,176	1,810,296	8,331,292
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	6%	10%	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	Million Head		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
11/23	166.8	166.7	100%	6.31
11/30	131.5	163.2	81%	6.23
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
Year to date	8684.1	8672.2	100%	
1/4		161.5		
1/11		164.0		

*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.	5,867	4.60%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	10,386	8.15%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,352	5.77%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	6,066	4.76%
	Totals:	29,671	23.27%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	1/3	1/2	1/1	12/31	1/1	12/31		
AL	4,030	4,033	(A)	4,030	(A)	5.36	4,347	0.00
AR	5,558	4,912	(A)	4,178	(A)	6.10	6,064	0.00
Delmarva	3,898	2,252	0	1,354	0.00	6.67	3,694	0.00
KY-LA-TN	2,449	2,433	(A)	2,385	(A)	5.66	3,321	0.00
MS	2,760	2,733	(A)	2,488	(A)	6.21	2,931	0.00
NC	5,754	3,554	(A)	2,468	(A)	8.47	5,863	0.00
TX	4,277	2,844	(A)	2,608	(A)	6.78	3,542	0.00
Total	28,726	22,761	2,689	19,511	6.58	6.34	29,762	0.00
Mon-Fri	96,975	(B)					84,794	(B)
Saturday	5,690	(included in total for date shown)					8,072	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan-20 and 04-Jan-20 is estimated to be 43,719,000 head down 3.77 percent from a week ago and up 0.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 45,431,000, last year 43,533,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Jan-20 is estimated to be 146,304,000 head up 14.76 percent from a week ago, and up 24.35 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 127,491,000, last year 117,657,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of December 30, 2019

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)	94.00-108.00	98.00-103.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-110.00	100.00-106.00

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,VV

Central Region Ducklings

All prices are unchanged this week. Demand is in a range of moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are varied to reduced in observance of the New Year's holiday. Market activity is moderate to instances 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

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 3.0- 9.0 Wtd Avg 7.87
 Prices in cents per pound.

(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 - 12-31-19

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 .70 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	2.00	7.50	3.59	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .65 - .75 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .70 - 1.05 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/27	3,694	6.77
12/26	2,253	7.05
12/25*	0	0.00
12/24	1,112	6.94
12/23	2,275	6.94
Weekly	9,334	5.54

*Christmas Day Holiday

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	01/04/20	12/28/19	% chg	01/05/19	% chg
Cattle	546	468	1.17	535 ¹	1.02
Hogs	2,293	2,029	1.13	2,251 ¹	1.02

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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 28, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 28, 2019, up 7 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 28, 2019 for the United States were 9.66 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 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			
	Dec 21, 2019	Dec 28, 2019	Dec 21, 2019	Dec 28, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	33,696	33,567	25,360	23,016
AR.....	23,818	23,860	21,745	21,831
DE.....	5,469	5,468	5,350	5,196
FL.....	1,178	1,178	1,310	1,284
GA.....	35,038	34,549	26,719	27,660
KY.....	7,933	7,896	6,231	6,476
LA.....	3,774	3,819	3,164	3,115
MD.....	7,759	7,971	6,018	6,062
MS.....	18,538	17,749	15,426	15,380
MO.....	8,934	8,952	5,753	5,950
NC.....	25,017	24,898	20,069	19,303
OK.....	7,860	7,781	4,292	4,333
PA.....	6,085	5,712	4,347	4,515
SC.....	5,886	5,396	4,311	5,098
TX.....	18,192	18,132	14,239	14,633
VA.....	6,257	6,468	5,979	5,084
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,870	12,790	10,826	11,143
Other States.....	10,837	11,114	8,179	8,478
United States.....	239,14	237,300	189,318	188,557
Percent of Prev Year..	33,696	33,567	25,360	23,016

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0120.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Feb-20 is estimated at 166.3 million head. This compares to 165.9 million head the previous week and to 155.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.21 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 28-Dec-19

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	492	899	1,391
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	804	1,639	2,443
Same week yr ago	620	846	1,466
To-date/2019*	39,572	81,439	121,011
To-date/2018*	53,299	80,065	133,364

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	187	0	187
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	210	0	210
Same week yr ago	114	0	114
To-date/2019*	11,454	24	11,478
To-date/2018*	13,548	8	13,556

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	679	899	1,578
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,014	1,639	2,653
Same week yr ago	734	846	1,580
To-date/2019*	51,026	81,463	132,489
To-date/2018*	66,847	80,073	146,920

*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

12/30/2019	12/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
91,682	77,781	13,901	18%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	12/30/2019	12/23/19	12/31/18
Pacific w/out Denver:	7,806	8,650	10,386
Los Angeles:	560	569	612

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	23,610	715.00 759.75	718.55
168 3 Round, top inside round	20	331,077	220.00 239.75	222.49
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	19	45,421	505.00 549.54	511.91
Ground Beef 81%	11	18,485	181.00 211.75	184.53

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,414	79.71- 127.25	92.03
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,105	95.00- 154.00	119.40
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	183	121.63- 131.94	125.38
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,028	120.00- 163.24	145.60