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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes remain in close balance. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good for the approaching holiday weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, prices are firm for most dark meat items and boneless skinless breasts. Wings and tenders are at least steady, and the remainder of parts are steady to firm. Offerings of wings, dark meat items, and boneless skinless breasts are balanced to tight, and continue to clear satisfactorily. Tenders, bone-in breast, and all other parts range light to moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable to heavy.

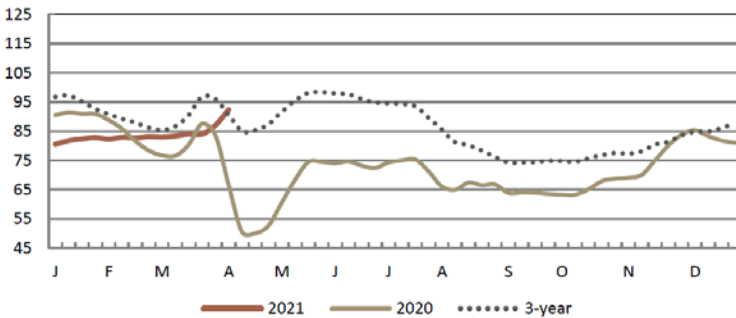
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	92.36	↑ 5.41	9,959
Last Week:	86.95		9,879
Last Year:	66.61	↑ 25.75	8,242

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Mar	86.68	39,587



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 27-Mar-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	166,037	766	1,482	2,248	457
Avg Wt	6.27	3.58	8.22	6.64	7.10
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	166,471	736	1,281	2,017	395
Same wk yr ago	169,683	780	1,711	2,491	535
Avg Wt	6.14	3.34	8.21	6.69	7.08
To-date/2021*	2,087,040	9,906	18,837	28,743	5,093
To-date/2020*	2,197,339	10,357	20,400	30,757	6,211
% Change YTD	-5%	-4%	-8%	-7%	-18%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	791,200	1,522	8,345	9,867	2,304
Last week	797,063	1,430	7,380	8,810	1,980
Same wk yr ago	791,809	1,446	9,622	11,068	2,689
To-date/2021*	10,070,028	19,028	107,001	126,029	24,727
To-date/2020*	10,429,196	20,143	114,908	135,051	31,128
% Change YTD	-3%	-6%	-7%	-7%	-21%

Dressing % 76.0% 55.5% 68.5% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.1 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Eastern Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	91.90	↑ 7.15	4,244	84.75	4,376
WOGS:	91.89	↑ 5.83	1,887	86.06	1,616
New York					
Whole Body:	91.69	↑ 8.66	1,120	83.03	1,260

Central Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	91.08	↑ 2.42	2,668	88.66	2,343
WOGS:	91.03	↑ 2.56	2,493	88.48	2,168
Chicago					
Whole Body:	90.39	↑ 2.66	1,755	87.73	1,430

Western Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	94.11	↑ 5.40	3,047	88.71	3,160
WOGS:	93.57	↑ 5.59	2,847	87.98	2,960
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	95.19	↑ 6.53	1,583	88.65	1,696

Weekly Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers & Fowl

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	4/3/2021	(1)	3/27/2021	
Broiler/fryer	158,226	(2)	163,942	
Light hens	730		744	
Heavy hens	1,405		1,490	
Total	160,361		166,176	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Apr-21 is 166.5 million head compared to 166.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.5 million head or -8.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Apr-21 the estimated available is 166.4 million head.

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	1,194	142.79
TENDERLOINS	635	194.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	590	64.77
FRONT HALVES	581	60.22
LEGS	1,050	40.80
LEG QUARTERS	1,100	36.14
LEG QUARTERS	1,009	40.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	613	274.37
WINGS (CUT)	611	287.50
DRUMSTICKS	1,013	36.67
THIGHS	610	32.42
B/S THIGHS	670	100.67

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.50 - 53.50	48.84	48.18	

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	146.57	3,002,760
TENDERLOINS	187.48	973,597
BREAST - WITH RIBS	113.01	224,712
BREAST - LINE RUN	99.07	339,602
LEGS	50.97	461,401
LEG QUARTERS	40.12	1,567,382
DRUMSTICKS	45.27	1,478,566
THIGHS	55.16	181,780
B/S THIGHS	98.28	897,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	287.94	1,148,360
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00	761,538
LIVERS (5 POUND)	65.29	89,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.15	88,040

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 steady to mostly firm for both fresh and frozen. The undertone remains firm. Domestic and export demand is moderate as we enter the Easter weekend with industry addressing the typical challenges that's associated with it. Supplies are balanced to tight. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the holiday. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials are tight for current needs. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading at 11-13 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 29-MAR-2021 TO 02-APR-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 178.00	135.00 - 145.00	
TENDERLOINS	180.00 - 198.00	180.00 - 190.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 85.00	65.00 - 85.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 45.00	33.00 - 40.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 48.00	33.00 - 40.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 50.00	35.00 - 40.00	
B/S THIGHS	78.00 - 110.00	83.00 - 91.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	263.00 - 300.00	272.00 - 290.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 55.00	-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 29, 2021

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	123.68	178.90	103.81	46.38	19.88	101.60
High	124.79	187.73	112.64	53.01	22.09	101.60
Mostly	124.35	183.32	108.22	48.59	19.88	101.60
SAN JUAN						
Low	123.46	176.69	101.60	44.17	19.88	101.60
High	124.35	185.52	110.43	50.80	22.09	101.60
Mostly	123.68	181.11	106.01	46.38	19.88	101.60
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	124.35	181.11	106.01	48.59	19.88	101.60
High	125.67	189.94	114.85	55.22	22.09	101.60
Mostly	124.79	185.52	110.43	50.80	19.88	101.60
BECERRA						
Low	124.79	183.32	108.22	50.80	19.88	101.60
High	125.89	192.15	117.06	57.42	22.09	101.60
Mostly	125.67	187.73	112.64	53.01	19.88	101.60

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year	2-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	40.00 - 50.00	45.00 - 50.00	26.00-28.00	28.00 - 46.00	40.00 - 42.00	22.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	44.14	47.39	27.09	38.16	40.80	23.42
Volume Traded	378	806	1,831	583	306	2,122
Volume Exported	378	644	1,831	-	41	245
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 27-Mar-21

(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	34,579	41,237	54,639	35,582	166,037
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.11	6.92	9.10	6.27
% of total /1	21%	25%	33%	21%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	36,717	40,828	51,380	37,546	166,471
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.13	7.01	9.18	6.30
% of total /1	22%	25%	31%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,063	44,773	46,239	36,608	169,683
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.34	6.81	9.00	6.14
% of total /1	25%	26%	27%	22%	100%
To date/2021*	417,583	571,034	589,925	508,498	2,087,040
To date/2020*	506,730	596,134	554,437	540,038	2,197,339
% Change YTD	-18%	-4%	6%	-6%	-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
2/20	97.1	167.3	58%	6.29
2/27	179.6	166.1	108%	6.46
3/6	174.6	168.7	103%	6.35
3/13	171.4	168.8	102%	6.32
3/20	168.5	168.5	100%	6.30
3/27	168.1	167.5	100%	6.27
Year to date	2112.5	2148.0	98%	
4/3		166.5		
4/10		166.4		

*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.	3,320	2.00%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,920	7.78%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,960	5.40%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,379	5.65%
Totals:		34,579	20.83%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,650	4,123	4,058	4,125	5.59
AR	4,142	4,781	4,748	4,917	6.24
Delmarva	2,308	2,031	1,909	2,007	7.17
KY-LA-TN	2,376	2,327	2,254	2,233	5.77
MS	2,445	2,514	2,459	2,588	6.07
NC	3,184	3,480	3,379	3,399	8.12
TX	2,899	2,894	2,692	2,823	6.99
Total	21,004	22,150	21,499	22,092	6.52
Mon-Fri	110,175 (A)				110,431 (A)
Saturday	671	(included in total for date shown)		1,339	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Apr-21 and 03-Apr-21 is estimated to be 31,966,000 head down 5.02 percent from a week ago and up 1.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,654,000, last year 31,594,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Apr-21 is estimated to be 165,382,000 head down 0.39 percent from a week ago, and up 0.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 166,037,000, last year 164,732,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 29, 2021

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)	92.00-103.00	98.00-100.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	94.00-110.00	99.00-102.00

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 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 750-900, bone-in legs 500-510, gizzards 230-305, wings 125-170, livers 215-245, and feet 150-170 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 and Others	201-221	225-233
Mostly		

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
 Prices in cents per pound. 0.0 - 1.5 1.22
 (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 - 30-Mar-2021					
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry					
	Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	
	Price Range	Avg		(per pound)	Price Range
Heavy Fowl each:	3.50	9.50	8.16	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.65 0.80
per pound:	-	-	-		4-5 lbs: 0.60 0.65
				Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 0.75 1.05

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/26	4,076	5.34
3/25	4,178	5.46
3/24	4,054	5.44
3/23	4,264	5.53
3/22	4,270	5.57
Weekly	8,083	7.25

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	04/03/21	03/27/21	% chg	04/04/20	% chg
Cattle	609	649	0.94	631 ¹	0.97
Hogs	2,470	2,544	0.97	2,573 ¹	0.96

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 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 27, 2021, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.9 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 Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 27, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 27, 2021 for the United States were 2.24 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States and United States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	Mar 20, 2021 (1,000 eggs)	Mar 27, 2021	Mar 20, 2021 (1,000 chicks)	Mar 27, 2021
AL.....	33,161	33,238	24,628	24,477
AR.....	24,265	24,354	20,503	21,807
DE.....	4,947	4,948	5,028	5,320
FL.....	1,210	1,209	1,351	1,325
GA.....	34,737	34,811	27,487	27,403
KY.....	7,962	8,027	5,690	6,442
LA.....	3,265	3,215	2,800	2,779
MD.....	7,914	7,912	5,648	4,875
MS.....	16,920	16,275	13,980	14,279
MO.....	9,232	9,385	5,942	5,942
NC.....	25,037	25,664	20,892	20,545
OK.....	6,693	7,520	4,585	3,480
PA.....	6,353	6,491	4,701	4,699
SC.....	5,818	5,700	4,598	4,148
TX.....	17,639	18,202	14,749	13,759
VA.....	6,470	6,560	5,100	5,934
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,045	13,189	11,123	11,194
Other States.....	12,279	11,857	9,464	9,221
United States.....	236,947	238,557	188,269	187,629
Percent of Prev Year..	98	100	98	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1422.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-May-21 is estimated at 164.5 million head. This compares to 162.1 million head the previous week and to 171.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 83.68 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	27-Mar-21		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	766	1,482	2,248
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	736	1,281	2,017
Same week yr ago	780	1,711	2,491
To-date/2021*	9,265	17,739	27,004
To-date/2020*	9,930	19,236	29,166

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	187	10	197
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	28	0	28
Same week yr ago	50	0	50
To-date/2021*	1,400	18	1,418
To-date/2020*	2,061	0	2,061

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	953	1,492	2,445
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	764	1,281	2,045
Same week yr ago	830	1,711	2,541
To-date/2021*	10,665	17,757	28,422
To-date/2020*	11,991	19,236	31,227

*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

3/29/2021	3/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
65,527	64,379	1,148	2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/29/2021	03/22/21	03/30/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	13,359	12,793	8,564
Los Angeles:	538	542	589

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	11	18,997	924.00 - 1,028.33	972.74
168 3 Round, top inside round	6	42,834	247.00 - 266.00	263.41
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	16	31,090	815.00 - 854.11	832.75
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	12	71,949	164.00 - 205.00	173.59

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,508	96.79 - 133.99	114.20
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,804	100.00 - 164.50	123.63
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	270	105.33 - 137.91	128.17
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,452	143.03 - 226.00	199.86