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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for the approaching weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices range steady to firm for all parts. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts, wings, and dark meat items are light to moderate with boneless skinless breasts in the best position, and most dark meat items being held with confidence. The remainder of parts are mostly moderate. Market activity for parts is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

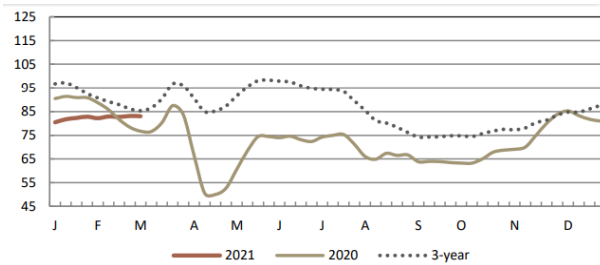
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	83.05	↓ -0.11	9,749
Last Week:	83.16		9,853
Last Year:	76.71	↑ 6.34	9,431

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Feb	82.97		38,765
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Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 20-Feb-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	95,927	682	982	1,664	372
Avg Wt	6.29	3.45	9.16	6.82	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	163,944	731	1,580	2,311	338
Same wk yr ago	169,956	822	1,521	2,343	380
Avg Wt	6.26	3.63	8.10	6.53	7.14
To-date/2021*	1,235,235	6,012	11,302	17,314	2,900
To-date/2020*	1,344,438	6,304	12,261	18,565	3,803
% Change YTD	-8%	-5%	-8%	-7%	-24%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	458,569	1,306	6,162	7,468	1,854
Last week	791,194	1,534	8,658	10,192	1,569
Same wk yr ago	808,583	1,656	8,439	10,095	1,926

To-date/2021*	5,964,665	11,598	64,317	75,915	13,744
To-date/2020*	6,410,200	12,343	68,664	81,007	19,208
% Change YTD	-7%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-28%

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 167.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 97.1 million head, or 70.2 million less 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:	80.83	↓ -0.46	4,465	81.28	4,633
WOGS:	81.39	↑ 0.40	1,662	80.99	1,838
New York					
Whole Body:	81.00	↑ 1.92	1,260	79.08	1,295

Central Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	83.65	↓ -0.10	2,843	83.75	2,845
WOGS:	83.59	↓ -0.08	2,540	83.67	2,540
Chicago					
Whole Body:	83.54	↓ -0.07	1,353	83.61	1,355

Western Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	86.43	↑ 0.31	2,441	86.12	2,375
WOGS:	85.85	↑ 0.29	2,316	85.56	2,250
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	87.70	↑ 0.39	1,403	87.31	1,337

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

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	2/27/2021	(1)	2/20/2021	
----- Thousand Head -----				
Broiler/fryer	177,168	(2)	122,804	
Light hens	805		656	
Heavy hens	1,665		1,077	
Total	179,638		124,537	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Feb-21 is 166.1 million head compared to 172.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 177.5 million head or 11.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Mar-21 the estimated available is 168.7 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	1,193	128.51
TENDERLOINS	609	183.34
BREAST - LINE RUN	525	59.42
FRONT HALVES	566	51.26
LEGS	1,090	35.24
LEG QUARTERS	1,012	31.06
LEG QUARTERS	881	33.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	542	262.63
WINGS (CUT)	604	275.82
DRUMSTICKS	1,015	31.38
THIGHS	532	25.60
B/S THIGHS	611	81.63

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
38.00 - 49.50	2:24 AM	41.16	

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	141.02	1,877,830
TENDERLOINS	187.56	858,560
BREAST - WITH RIBS	110.10	136,939
BREAST - LINE RUN	93.82	279,533
LEGS	46.80	504,468
LEG QUARTERS	36.38	1,903,846
DRUMSTICKS	44.68	1,798,171
THIGHS	49.19	177,060
B/S THIGHS	87.66	531,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	276.20	1,095,790
BACKS AND NECKS	9.00	710,643
LIVERS (5 POUND)	64.72	14,910
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	77.81	58,880

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 firm for both fresh and frozen. The undertone is firm. Spot market domestic and export demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. There was raw material interest noted into pet food. Processing schedules returned to normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are mixed, varying by area. Frame prices are trading at 9-12 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

	Price per lb.		Mostly
	WEEK OF 22-FEB-2021 TO 26-FEB-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 178.00	120.00 - 134.00	
TENDERLOINS	160.00 - 195.00	180.00 - 190.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 90.00	62.00 - 70.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 44.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 34.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 48.00	29.00 - 35.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	28.00 - 50.00	29.00 - 35.00	
B/S THIGHS	55.00 - 88.00	78.00 - 85.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	253.00 - 300.00	260.00 - 269.00	
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 February 19, 2021

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	124.70	164.78	106.89	75.71	20.04	100.21
High	125.81	173.69	115.79	82.39	22.27	100.21
Mostly	125.37	169.24	111.34	77.94	20.04	100.21
SAN JUAN						
Low	124.48	164.78	104.66	73.48	20.04	100.21
High	125.37	173.69	113.57	80.16	22.27	100.21
Mostly	124.70	169.24	109.11	75.71	20.04	100.21
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	125.37	167.01	109.11	77.94	20.04	102.43
High	126.71	175.92	118.02	84.62	22.27	102.43
Mostly	125.81	171.46	113.57	80.16	20.04	102.43
BECERRA						
Low	125.81	169.24	111.34	80.16	20.04	102.43
High	126.93	178.14	120.25	86.85	22.27	102.43
Mostly	126.26	173.69	115.79	82.39	20.04	102.43

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	26-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year	26-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 39.00	30.00 - 36.00	26.00-27.00	24.50 - 32.00	23.50 - 30.00	20.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.41	33.06	26.23	27.29	25.62	21.62
Volume Traded	1,458	864	995	1,714	1,999	2,460
Volume Exported	1,458	864	995	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 20-Feb-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	22,651	33,924	17,595	21,757	95,927
Avg Live Wgt	4.01	5.50	7.02	9.31	6.29
% of total /1	24%	35%	18%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,278	43,904	48,852	38,910	163,944
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.20	6.90	9.12	6.35
% of total /1	20%	27%	30%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,788	51,012	38,626	41,530	169,956
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.44	6.84	9.10	6.26
% of total /1	23%	30%	23%	24%	100%
To date/2021*	243,564	358,928	325,409	307,334	1,235,235
To date/2020*	310,888	374,004	324,297	335,249	1,344,438
% Change YTD	-22%	-4%	0%	-8%	-8%

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*		
1/16	171.0	160.6	106%	6.35
1/23	166.3	160.3	104%	6.35
1/30	168.7	164.8	102%	6.36
2/6	170.0	168.3	101%	6.35
2/13	165.9	169.9	98%	6.35
2/20	97.1	167.3	58%	6.29
Year to date	1250.3	1308.4	96%	
2/27		166.1		
3/6		168.7		

*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.	4,097	4.27%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	1,572	1.64%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	3,294	3.43%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	13,688	14.27%
Totals:		22,651	23.61%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	2/26	2/25	2/24	2/23	2/24	2/23	2/19	2/17	2/19	2/17
AL	4,238	4,251	4,230	4,261	5.51	6.22	3,852	5.01		
AR	8,166	5,035	4,733	4,298	6.55	6.82	5,235	5.03		
Delmarva	2,061	2,107	2,003	2,092	7.05	7.14	2,517	6.23		
KY-LA-TN	3,168	2,383	2,074	2,110	5.91	6.05	2,576	5.40		
MS	2,719	2,721	2,800	2,688	6.53	6.30	1,384	6.28		
NC	3,960	3,534	3,506	3,437	8.15	8.23	4,127	8.23		
TX	4,789	2,788	2,801	2,739	6.55	6.72	(A)	*N/A		
Total	29,101	22,819	22,147	21,625	6.59	6.80	20,244	6.32		
Mon-Fri	119,571	(B)					63,801	(B)		
Saturday	8,163		(included in total for date shown)				8,408			

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Feb-21 and 27-Feb-21

is estimated to be 44,289,000 head up 43.32 percent from a week ago

and up 31.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,902,000, last year 33,702,000)

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

27-Feb-21 is estimated to be 180,520,000 head up 88.18

percent from a week ago, and up 5.72 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 95,927,000, last year 170,749,000) Actual data incorporated when

available.

Week of February 22, 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)	90.00-102.00	97.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-109.00	98.00-101.00

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 unchanged. Demand is in a range of light to moderate.

Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to 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 - 2.0 1.56

(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 - 23-Feb-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:	2.50 11.00	3.44	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	.65 - .75
per pound:				4-5 lbs:	.70 - .85
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	1.40 - 2.00

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/19	2,517	6.99
2/18	1,620	7.19
2/17	1,714	6.23
2/16	1,971	7.02
2/15	1,624	6.28
Weekly	6,929	6.68

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	02/27/21	02/20/21	% chg	02/29/20	% chg
Cattle	666	552	1.21	628 ¹	1.06
Hogs	2642	2432	1.09	2561 ¹	1.03

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.2 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 20, 2021, down 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 20, 2021 for the United States were 1.31 billion. Cumulative placements were down 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			
	Feb 13, 2021	Feb 20, 2021	Feb 13, 2021	Feb 20, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
AL.....	33,636	32,924	23,515	23,621
AR.....	24,469	24,118	21,797	21,207
DE.....	4,669	4,669	5,113	4,136
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,305	1,371
GA.....	34,943	34,124	25,104	26,528
KY.....	7,783	7,877	6,628	5,596
LA.....	3,562	2,284	3,018	1,632
MD.....	7,773	7,777	5,831	4,576
MS.....	17,928	18,054	14,449	14,769
MO.....	9,197	9,037	5,125	6,030
NC.....	24,728	24,802	19,751	19,552
OK.....	7,067	6,595	4,856	4,383
PA.....	6,198	5,887	4,687	4,524
SC.....	5,660	5,718	5,724	5,117
TX.....	17,387	15,261	13,990	14,125
VA.....	6,458	6,303	4,684	5,307
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,851	13,163	11,438	11,047
Other States.....	11,605	11,594	8,708	9,812
United States.....	237,123	231,396	185,723	183,333
Percent of Prev Year..	99	97	98	96

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0921.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Apr-21 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 163.4 million head the previous week and to 171.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 78.39 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 20-Feb-21

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	682	982	1,664
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	731	1,580	2,311
Same week yr ago	822	1,521	2,343
To-date/2021*	5,371	10,204	15,575
To-date/2020*	5,877	11,097	16,974

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	12	0	12
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	222	0	222
Same week yr ago	240	0	240
To-date/2021*	835	8	843
To-date/2020*	1,412	0	1,412

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	694	982	1,676
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	953	1,580	2,533
Same week yr ago	1,062	1,521	2,583
To-date/2021*	6,206	10,212	16,418
To-date/2020*	7,289	11,097	18,386

*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

2/15/2021	2/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
65,501	69,094	-3,593	-5%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	2/22/2021	02/15/21	02/24/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,941	10,827	9,920
Los Angeles:	548	548	568

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	9	9,085	936.08 - 970.00	948.06
168 3 Round, top inside round	10	18,336	250.71 - 273.75	258.05
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	6	7,577	802.00 - 822.25	816.47
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	6	22,320	184.00 - 206.00	193.09

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,696	79.72 - 113.50	94.20
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,566	96.41 - 149.50	116.46
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	286	88.63 - 100.00	95.29
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,058	135.00 - 183.86	160.77