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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are firm going into the weekend. Supplies of all sizes are light and held with confidence. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate to good. Floor stocks are mostly adequate. Market activity is moderate to good. In the parts structure, white items and dark items are steady to firm. Offerings of tenders are tight with premiums noted. All other items are light to moderate and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights

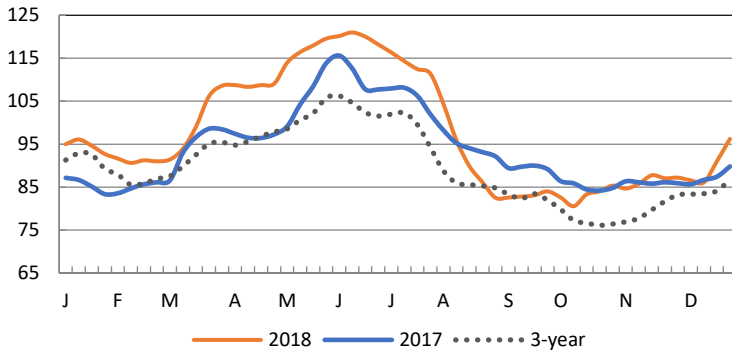
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	96.21	↑ 5.20	10,930
Last Week:	91.01		11,966
Last Year:	89.80	↑ 6.41	11,596

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	89.75	47,974



Region	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	95.18	3,575	91.26	4,683
WOGS:	99.48	1,067	92.41	1,633
New York				
Whole Body:	95.17	1,103	91.97	1,214
Central				
Whole Body:	93.22	3,588	85.21	3,558
WOGS:	93.27	3,358	85.07	3,318
Chicago				
Whole Body:	96.19	2,322	87.33	2,412
Western				
Whole Body:	100.02	3,767	96.24	3,725
WOGS:	99.56	3,667	95.55	3,585
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	100.30	2,014	95.06	1,963

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 22-Dec-2018

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	162,440	1,056	1,388	2,444	495
Avg Wt	6.07	3.31	8.19	6.08	7.04
Last week	156,773	1,180	1,665	2,845	478
Same wk yr ago	160,093	1,106	1,557	2,663	405
Avg Wt	6.16	3.45	7.95	6.08	7.10
To-date/2018*	8,213,635	53,719	80,854	134,573	22,047
To-date/2017*	8,232,437	63,505	76,765	140,270	21,017
% Change YTD	0%	-15%	5%	-4%	5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	749,368	1,940	7,787	9,727	2,474
Last week	731,566	2,174	9,238	11,412	2,365
Same wk yr ago	749,491	2,118	8,479	10,597	2,042

To-date/2018*	38,646,608	102,046	453,420	555,466	105,646
To-date/2017*	38,443,724	118,135	424,825	542,960	100,952
% Change YTD	1%	-14%	7%	2%	5%

Dressing %

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 156.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.4 million head, or 8.3 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

Class	Current Week 12/29/2018 (1)	Previous Week 12/22/2018
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	118,643 (2)	167,065
Light hens	556	1,062
Heavy hens	918	1,430
Total	120,117	169,557

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-18 is 156.4 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 118.9 million head or -37.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jan-19 the estimated available is 156.0 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	669	96.80
Tenderloins	328	159.98
Breast - Line Run	325	90.44
Front Halves	311	71.32
Legs	566	33.14
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	638	23.76
Leg Quarters (4/10)	633	25.78
Wings (Whole)	331	142.55
Wings (Cut)	335	162.05
Drumsticks	584	25.88
Thighs	363	33.72
B/S Thighs	399	110.90

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.50 - 58.00	48.19	47.54

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	96.51	1,661,140
Tenderloins	133.56	669,640
Breast - With Ribs	113.76	141,672
Breast - Line Run	99.00	270,000
Legs	47.42	385,253
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	27.62	996,725
Drumsticks	41.42	341,570
Thighs	61.70	93,320
B/S Thighs	117.00	582,320
Wings (Whole)	151.91	741,770
Backs and Necks	10.50	550,983
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.42	54,770
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.98	66,280

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 24-Dec-18 to 28-Dec-2018

	Price per lb.		Mostly	
Breast - B/S	79.00 - 110.00		79.00 - 88.00	
Tenderloins	124.00 - 135.00		124.00 - 130.00	
Breast - Line Run	76.00 - 106.00		78.00 - 81.00	
Legs	34.00 - 37.00		-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	22.00 - 40.00		24.00 - 28.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	25.00 - 35.00		25.00 - 29.00	
Drumsticks	31.00 - 33.00		-	
Thighs	39.00 - 45.00		39.00 - 42.00	
B/S Thighs	106.00 - 116.00		108.00 - 112.00	
Wings (Whole)	109.00 - 140.00		109.00 - 117.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 41.00		-	
Livers	25.00 - 51.00		-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	35.00 - 61.00		-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 21, 2018

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	97.90	143.44	88.79	43.26	18.21	100.18
High	99.27	152.55	97.90	50.09	20.49	100.18
Mostly	98.59	147.99	93.35	45.54	18.21	100.18
San Juan						
Low	97.67	143.44	88.79	40.98	18.21	100.18
High	98.59	152.55	97.90	47.81	20.49	100.18
Mostly	97.90	147.99	93.35	43.26	18.21	100.18
New San Juan						
Low	100.18	145.71	88.79	43.26	18.21	100.18
High	102.23	154.82	97.90	50.09	20.49	100.18
Mostly	100.86	150.27	93.35	45.54	18.21	100.18
Becerra						
Low	100.86	145.71	95.63	45.54	18.21	100.18
High	102.46	154.82	102.46	52.37	20.49	100.18
Mostly	101.55	150.27	97.90	47.81	18.21	100.18

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 trending steady to weak. Demand into all channels for mechanically separated chicken is light to moderate at best, while raw material demand is reported in a full range this week. Supplies are mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced in observance of the Christmas Holiday with schedules for next week varied due to the New Year's holiday. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials is light to moderate. Frame prices are within the high side of last week's range and trading levels at 8-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	28-Dec-18	Last Week	Last Year	28-Dec-18	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	21.00 - 25.00	21.00 - 26.00	29.00-33.00	19.00 - 23.50	19.00 - 23.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.43	24.57	31.72	21.05	20.78	22.05
Volume Traded	385	645	587	1,199	1,734	1,356
Volume Exported	385	645	587	-	-	41
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 22-Dec-18

(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	38,163	55,161	31,344	37,772	162,440
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.33	6.89	8.87	6.07
% of total /1	23%	34%	19%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,832	54,666	35,917	37,358	156,773
Avg Live Wgt	3.51	5.19	6.76	8.97	6.14
% of total /1	18%	35%	23%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,771	52,249	40,701	33,372	160,093
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.25	6.90	9.11	6.16
% of total /1	21%	33%	25%	21%	100%
To date/2018*	1,859,277	2,480,231	2,090,787	1,783,340	8,213,635
To date/2017*	2,035,641	2,502,502	1,943,542	1,750,752	8,232,437
% Change YTD	-9%	-1%	8%	2%	0%

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
11/17	161.8	160.5	101%	6.18
11/24	125.6	157.2	80%	6.22
12/1	167.5	153.5	109%	6.30
12/8	166.0	160.1	104%	6.13
12/15	158.7	155.4	102%	6.14
12/22	164.4	156.1	105%	6.07
Year to date	8313.4	8384.6	99%	
12/29		156.7		
1/5		155.3		

*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.	7,279	4.48%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	18,741	11.54%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	3,044	1.87%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,099	5.60%
Totals:		38,163	23.49%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,433	3,972	5.56	3,834	5.49
AR	6,447	5,081	6.25	4,277	5.85
Delmarva	2,209	2,211	7.11	3,176	6.83
KY-LA-TN	3,076	2,441	5.97	2,785	5.47
MS	2,815	2,806	6.24	2,591	6.28
NC	4,184	2,811	8.22	3,600	8.09
TX	3,807	2,606	6.92	3,655	6.53
Total	26,971	21,928	6.54	23,918	6.27
Mon-Fri	80,265	(A)		108,039	(A)
Saturday	5,825	(included in total for date shown)		7,540	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Dec-18 and 29-Dec-18 is estimated to be 41,048,000 head up 12.43 percent from a week ago and down 5.0 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,510,000, last year 43,230,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Dec-18 is estimated to be 116,499,000 head down 28.28 percent from a week ago, and down 15.13 percent from a year ago. (Last week 162,440,000, last year 137,264,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of December 24, 2018

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	205-220	215-230

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)	92.00-102.00	97.00-100.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-108.00	103.00-106.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 92.16- 103.68 13 oz. 113.40- 147.09 15 oz. 123.20- 154.71
Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Week of December 24, 2018

All prices are steady. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies continue moderate to short of needs. Processing schedules are reduced to varied in observance of the Christmas holiday. 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

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 4.0-9.0 Wtd Avg 8.49
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 - 12-25-18 Unavailable due to Holidays					
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry					
Hackettstown, NJ Heavy Fowl			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA Price Range - cents per lb.		
Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl
per lb.:	-	-	5-6 lbs:	-	5-9 lbs: -
each:	-	-	4-5 lbs:	-	-

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/21	3,176	6.51
12/20	2,184	6.83
12/19	2,068	6.83
12/18	2,201	6.85
12/17	2,147	6.96
Weekly	11,776	6.80

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	12/29/18	12/22/18	% chg	12/30/17	% chg
Cattle	438	659	-34	498 ¹	-12
Hogs	1,884	2,717	-31	2,089 ¹	-10

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 1 Percent

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States and United States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States and United States	
	Dec 15, 2018 (1,000 eggs)	Dec 22, 2018	Dec 15, 2018 (1,000 chicks)	Dec 22, 2018
AL.....				
AR.....				
DE.....				
FL.....				
GA.....				
KY.....				
LA.....				
MD.....				
MS.....				
MO.....				
NC.....				
OK.....				
PA.....				
SC.....				
TX.....				
VA.....				
CA, TN, & WV.....				
Other States.....				
United States.....				
Percent of Prev Year...				

Source: USDA, NASS

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Feb-19 is estimated at ** ** million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 159.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 138.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 89.80 cents per pound.

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US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Dec 22, 2018 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,056	1,388	2,444
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,180	1,665	2,845
Same week yr ago	1,106	1,557	2,663
To-date/2018*	53,719	80,854	134,573
To-date/2017*	63,500	76,754	140,254

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	333	0	333
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	111	0	111
Same week yr ago	331	0	331
To-date/2018*	13,434	8	13,442
To-date/2017*	14,598	8	14,606

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	1,389	1,388	2,777
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,291	1,665	2,956
Same week yr ago	1,437	1,557	2,994
To-date/2018*	67,153	80,862	148,015
To-date/2017*	78,098	76,762	154,860

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

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs Selected Centers, incl Gov't Stocks			Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
			12/24/18	12/17/18	12/25/17
AM	12/25/18	82,539			
AM	12/01/18	83,115			
CHG		-576			
PCT CHG		-1%			
			Pacific Coast:		
			10718	11058	8915
			Los Angeles:		
			627	621	1707

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	725.00 752.00	737.47
168 3 Round, top inside round	229.00 241.25	234.97
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	511.95 544.25	525.35
Ground Beef 81%	170.40 195.00	184.85

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	83.10
Bnls CC Strap-on	116.41
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	115.68
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	130.39