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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market on all parts are mostly steady, steady to weak for boneless skinless breast and bone in breast. Supplies of dark meat items are light to moderate. Breast meat cuts are moderate to heavy, with larger size boneless skinless breast being more available. Wings are mostly light to moderate, instances moderate to heavy in the Eastern region. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are mostly desirable weights.

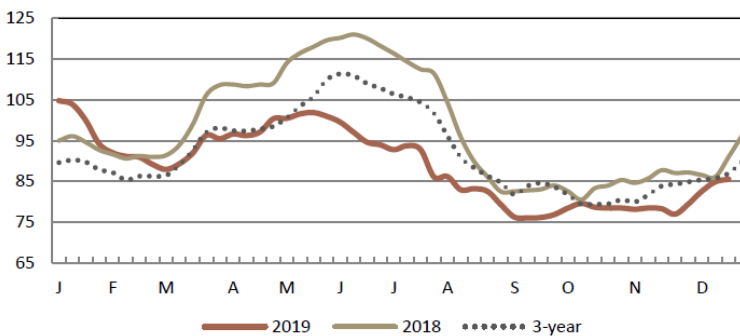
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	85.54	↑ 0.65	9,733
Last Week:	84.89		9,226
Last Year:	91.01	↓ -5.47	11,966

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Nov	78.30	39,512



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 14-Dec-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	167,279	844	1,574	2,418	558
Avg Wt	6.36	3.27	8.37	6.59	7.13
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	171,941	856	1,698	2,554	650
Same wk yr ago	156,773	1,180	1,665	2,845	478
Avg Wt	6.14	3.32	8.10	6.12	6.97
To-date/2019*	8,280,352	38,998	80,317	119,315	22,600
To-date/2018*	8,051,195	52,663	79,466	132,129	21,552
% Change YTD	3%	-26%	1%	-10%	5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	808,560	1,532	9,024	10,556	2,825
Last week	836,321	1,554	9,480	11,034	3,314
Same wk yr ago	731,566	2,174	9,238	11,412	2,365
To-date/2019*	39,188,293	74,750	452,289	527,039	112,419
To-date/2018*	37,897,240	100,106	445,633	545,739	103,172
% Change YTD	3.00%	-25.00%	1.00%	-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 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 5.4 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.	
85.78	↑ 0.64	4,533	85.14	4,534	
88.06	↓ -0.53	1,542	88.59	1,454	
84.88	↑ 0.34	1,363	84.54	1,365	

Central Region		This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
81.30	↑ 3.11	2,743	78.19	2,183	
81.10	↑ 3.20	2,512	77.89	1,952	
83.18	↓ -0.84	1,624	84.02	931	

Western Region		This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
89.83	↓ -0.45	2,457	90.28	2,509	
88.59	↓ -0.49	2,342	89.08	2,394	
85.33	↑ 0.15	1,796	85.18	1,636	

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/21/2019 (1)	12/14/2019
----- Thousand Head -----		
Broiler/fryer	170,443 (2)	167,084
Light hens	731	801
Heavy hens	1,642	1,615
Total	172,816	169,500

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Dec-19 is 162.3 million head compared to 164.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.8 million head or 8.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Dec-19 the estimated available is 159.7 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	1,165	114.96
TENDERLOINS	555	155.12
BREAST - LINE RUN	520	76.84
FRONT HALVES	506	65.40
LEGS	1,002	44.18
LEG QUARTERS	1,043	31.99
LEG QUARTERS	1,000	34.33
WINGS (WHOLE)	513	162.37
WINGS (CUT)	557	173.67
DRUMSTICKS	1,005	29.34
THIGHS	585	29.15
B/S THIGHS	611	98.99

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 54.50	48.96	48.69	

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	96.67	3,024,910
Tenderloins	126.59	857,980
Breast - With Ribs	102.80	236,278
Breast - Line Run	89.33	270,000
Legs	65.19	250,980
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.83	1,274,370
Drumsticks	35.06	1,230,207
Thighs	66.17	228,960
B/S Thighs	113.06	1,020,940
Wings (Whole)	173.56	1,267,620
Backs and Necks	10.00	711,322
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.79	70,200
Gizzards (Hearts)	75.54	106,320

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 mostly steady for all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Mixed seasonal activity on spot markets is mixed as buyers prepare for the holidays differently. Negotiations for 2020 contract continue with more confirmations for both export and domestic channels at steady to slightly higher levels than a year ago. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak and trading at unchanged levels 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 16-DEC-2019 TO 20-DEC-2019, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	80.00 - 98.00	79.00 - 83.00		
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 122.00	120.00 - 122.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 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 13, 2019

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	112.35	152.99	95.62	64.54	19.12	102.79
High	113.78	162.55	105.18	71.71	21.51	102.79
Mostly	113.07	157.77	100.40	66.93	19.12	102.79
SAN JUAN						
Low	112.11	150.60	93.23	62.15	19.12	102.79
High	112.83	160.16	102.79	69.32	21.51	102.79
Mostly	112.35	155.38	98.01	64.54	19.12	102.79
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	113.07	155.38	95.62	66.93	19.12	102.79
High	114.50	164.94	105.18	74.10	21.51	102.79
Mostly	113.54	160.16	100.40	69.32	19.12	102.79
BECERRA						
Low	113.54	157.77	98.01	69.32	19.12	102.79
High	114.74	167.33	107.57	76.49	21.51	102.79
Mostly	114.02	162.55	102.79	71.71	19.12	102.79

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Dec-19	Last Week	Last Year	20-Dec-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 26.50	25.00 - 26.50	21.00-26.00	19.00 - 24.00	19.00 - 23.00	19.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.96	25.83	24.57	21.08	21.00	20.78
Volume Traded	645	495	645	1,792	1,591	1,734
Volume Exported	645	495	645	-	245	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 14-Dec-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	35,308	40,382	48,854	42,735	167,279
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.25	6.89	8.96	6.36
% of total /1	21%	24%	29%	26%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,149	43,937	46,831	46,024	171,941
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.13	6.86	9.18	6.40
% of total /1	20%	26%	27%	27%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2019*	1,802,899	2,380,340	2,165,077	1,932,036	8,280,352
To date/2018*	1,821,114	2,425,070	2,059,443	1,745,568	8,051,195
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	5%	11%	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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
11/9	174.4	169.1	103%	6.34
11/16	170.8	168.5	101%	6.30
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
Year to date	8381.1	8350.5	100%	
12/21		162.0		
12/28		159.7		

*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.	6,186	3.70%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,517	7.48%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,657	5.18%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	7,948	4.75%
	Totals:	35,308	21.11%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,241	4,336	4,264	4,286	5.53
AR	5,713	4,911	4,761	4,937	6.26
Delmarva	2,550	2,249	2,198	2,226	6.79
KY-LA-TN	2,730	2,352	2,396	2,398	5.56
MS	2,685	2,650	2,783	2,655	6.31
NC	4,099	3,527	3,223	3,498	8.00
TX	2,885	2,697	2,305	2,509	6.51
Total	24,903	22,722	21,930	22,509	6.38
Mon-Fri	115,655	(A)			111,257
Saturday	2,472	(included in total for date shown)			0

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Dec-19 and 21-Dec-19 is estimated to be 37,900,000 head up 8.11 percent from a week ago and up 5.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,057,000, last year 35,961,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Dec-19 is estimated to be 174,852,000 head up 4.53 percent from a week ago, and up 7.64 percent from a year ago. (Last week 167,269,000, last year 162,440,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of December 16, 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)	87.00-102.00	89.00-98.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	90.00-109.00	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, WV

Central Region Ducklings

All prices are unchanged. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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 3.0- 8.5 Wtd Avg 7.88
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 - 12-17-19				
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
Hackettstown, NJ		Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Note: Due to the Christmas holiday, these reports will not be released Dec. 26th.				
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .65-.75 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	1.75	6.00	3.93	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .60-.70 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .70-.90 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/13	2,153	7.04
12/12	2,179	7.27
12/11	2,184	6.95
12/10	2,198	6.85
12/9	2,228	6.97
Weekly	8,789	7.01

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	12/21/19	12/14/19	% chg	12/22/18	% chg
Cattle	668	662	1.01	660 ¹	1.01
Hogs	2,810	2,758	1.02	2,739 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 Up 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 14, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 14, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 14, 2019 for the United States were 9.28 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 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	
	Week Ending Dec 07, 2019	Week Ending Dec 14, 2019	Week Ending Dec 07, 2019	Week Ending Dec 14, 2019
AL	33,293	33,602	25,329	24,482
AR	23,312	24,064	21,991	21,538
DE	5,467	5,469	4,901	4,601
FL	1,178	1,178	1,338	1,319
GA	34,371	32,629	26,260	26,466
KY	7,268	8,014	6,095	6,238
LA	3,668	3,774	2,925	3,271
MD	7,846	7,671	6,202	6,194
MS	18,275	18,243	15,400	15,398
MO	8,929	8,983	6,046	6,622
NC	24,338	25,029	19,293	19,716
OK	7,200	7,879	4,420	4,281
PA	5,824	5,707	4,401	4,167
SC	5,512	5,827	5,118	5,560
TX	18,115	18,398	13,891	14,214
VA	6,134	6,439	4,995	5,499
CA, TN, & WV	12,177	12,810	11,104	11,070
Other States	11,118	11,204	8,797	8,351
United States	234,025	236,920	188,506	188,987
Percent of Prev Year ..	107	105	103	103

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls5119.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Jan-20 is estimated at 165.9 million head. This compares to 162.9 million head the previous week and to 156.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.01 cents per pound.

Weekly New York Seasonal Poultry

For Delivery the Week of December 16, 2019.

Capons: Prices are trending steady to firm. Production of USDA Grade A frozen capons has been completed and shipments for the December holidays are in progress. Supplies are in close balance with trade needs. Market activity was moderate to active.

Dollars per Pound Delivered to First Receivers:
6-9 lbs. 3.25-3.32 **Mostly** 3.25-3.30

Geese: Prices are trending steady to firm. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese are in close balance with trade needs. Last of regular December orders are being delivered. Market activity is moderate to active. Dollars per Pound Delivered to First Receivers:

8-16 lbs. 4.50-4.70 **Mostly** 4.50-4.60

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	14-Dec-19		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	844	1,574	2,418
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	856	1,698	2,554
Same week yr ago	1,180	1,665	2,845
To-date/2019*	38,276	78,901	117,177
To-date/2018*	51,623	77,831	129,454

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	357	0	357
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	271	0	271
Same week yr ago	111	0	111
To-date/2019*	11,057	24	11,081
To-date/2018*	13,101	8	13,109

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	1,201	1,574	2,775
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,127	1,698	2,825
Same week yr ago	1,291	1,665	2,956
To-date/2019*	49,333	78,925	128,258
To-date/2018*	64,724	77,839	142,563

*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

12/16/2019	12/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
88,142	77,781	10,361	13%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	12/16/2019	12/09/19	12/17/18
Pacific w/out Denver:	7,954	8,415	11,058
Los Angeles:	569	571	621

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	17	40,045	724.00 835.00	771.75
168 3 Round, top inside round	12	99,940	216.00 234.73	222.42
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	13	46,107	475.00 510.00	489.30
Ground Beef 81%	7	55,370	158.28 205.75	170.66

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,730	77.23- 128.57	89.84
Bnls CC Strap-on	3,332	111.95- 149.50	122.21
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	205	112.63- 130.05	124.17
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,201	120.00- 171.26	143.60