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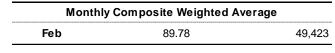
#### National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

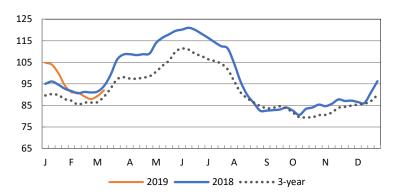
Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm with mixed undertones. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate entering the weekend. Retail demand is mostly light to moderate, but often good in areas with improved weather conditions. Food service is moderate to good. Floor stocks are balanced to instances short of full trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts and wings continue firm, and all other items are steady to firm. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings are very light, and the remaining items are moderate to short. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

#### **National Whole Broiler/Fryer**

#### National Composite Weighted Average\*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	92.00 1	2.65	12,099
Last Week:	89.35		11,591
Last Year:	99.04 🗸	-7.04	12,630





	This	Week	Last	Week
Eastern	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	94.89	4,514	94.33	4,105
WOGS:	94.80	1,571	90.82	1,429
New York				
Whole Body:	95.27	1,244	93.66	1,317
Central				
Whole Body:	84.47	4,034	79.82	3,852
WOGS:	83.85	3,744	79.60	3,724
Chicago				
Whole Body:	85.43	1,878	81.00	1,752
Western				
Whole Body:	96.87	3,551	93.82	3,634
WOGS:	96.19	3,451	93.30	3,534
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	94.92	1,671	92.19	1,834

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 Pou	Itry Slaughtered	Under Feo	leral	Inspection	on
(Preliminary)	Week ending 9-	Mar-2019			

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
			usands		
Head	160,268	826	1,608	2,434	462
Avg Wt	6.16	3.33	8.18	6.53	7.17
Last week	162,582	744	1,447	2,191	570
Same wk yr ago	160,433	1,179	1,443	2,622	445
Avg Wt	6.19	3.43	7.97	5.93	6.38
To-date/2019*	1,599,503	8,318	14,921	23,239	4,528
To-date/2018*	1,581,868	10,392	14,731	25,123	4,535
% Change YTD	1%	-20%	1%	-7%	0%
Ready-to-Cook W	eight and Dres	sing Percent	tage		
Current week	750,311	1,527	9,010	10,537	2,352
Last week	751,259	1,400	8,247	9,647	2,857
Same wk yr ago	754,741	2,244	7,878	10,122	2,016
To-date/2019*	7,447,887	15,873	83,362	99,235	22,595
To-date/2018*	7,424,544	20,238	80,838	101,076	22,080
% Change YTD	0%	-22%	3%	-2%	2%
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 164.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.2 million head, or 2.6 million less 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

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	Current Week 3/16/2019	(1)	Previous Week 3/9/2019
Class		Tho	busand head
Broiler/fryer	162,800	(2)	157,950
Light hens	777		786
Heavy hens	1,499		1,591
Total	165,076		160,327
1)ESTIMAT	ED		

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Mar-19 is 166.2 million head compared to 161.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.1 million head or -3.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Mar-19 the estimated available is 165.8 million head.

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## 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.

	Weekly	
Item	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,116	123.83
Tenderloins	581	188.45
Breast - Line Run	526	93.57
Front Halves	604	75.19
Legs	1,007	39.99
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,080	30.10
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,063	32.06
Wings (Whole)	610	162.95
Wings (Cut)	633	182.13
Drumsticks	993	25.81
Thighs	591	43.52
B/S Thighs	665	117.16
Whole Body Index Based on S	outhern States Parts Trading	for f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
48.50 - 63.00	54.24	52.61

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

	Weekl	y
Item	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	110.07	2,805,460
Tenderloins	175.68	1,191,580
Breast - With Ribs	121.49	109,614
Breast - Line Run	103.90	482,982
Legs	57.75	262,620
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	39.30	1,639,223
Drumsticks	32.92	1,153,702
Thighs	72.22	131,954
B/S Thighs	116.64	857,560
Wings (Whole)	183.44	1,175,600
Backs and Necks	10.06	643,775
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	66.08	64,310
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.68	79,800
Includes New York City Metropolit	an Area, Northern NJ, M	A, CT, RI, and PA
(Northeast Of Harrisburg)		

(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 11-Mar-19 to 15-Mar-2019

	Price per lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	94.00 - 112.00	102.00 - 105.00
Tenderloins	170.00 - 173.00	-
Breast - Line Run	84.00 - 90.00	-
Legs	45.50 - 52.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	31.00 - 40.00	33.00 - 35.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	35.00 - 44.00	36.00 - 39.00
Drumsticks	31.00 - 37.00	31.00 - 33.00
Thighs	50.00 - 58.00	51.00 - 56.00
B/S Thighs	107.00 - 116.00	109.00 - 112.00
Wings (Whole)	143.00 - 170.00	147.00 - 165.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 31.00	-
Livers	32.00 - 50.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 60.00	-

## Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 08, 2019

Rayon	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	88.42	141.93	67.48	51.19	18.61	90.74
High	89.58	151.24	76.78	58.17	20.94	90.74
Mostly	89.12	146.59	72.13	53.52	18.61	90.74
San Juan						
Low	87.95	141.93	65.15	48.86	18.61	90.74
High	89.12	151.24	74.46	55.84	20.94	90.74
Mostly	88.42	146.59	69.80	51.19	18.61	90.74
New San .	Juan					
Low	88.42	144.26	69.80	53.52	18.61	93.07
High	90.28	153.57	79.11	60.50	20.94	93.07
Mostly	89.12	148.91	74.46	55.84	18.61	93.07
Becerra						
Low	89.12	144.26	72.13	55.84	18.61	93.07
High	90.74	153.57	81.44	62.82	20.94	93.07
Mostly	89.81	148.91	76.78	58.17	18.61	93.07

## 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 mostly steady. The undertone is steady to instances fully steady. Spot market demand is light to moderate into both domestic and export channels. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to varied. Market activity ranges slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials continue to be reported as moderate to at times short of full needs with most interest centering into pet food and export avenues. Frame prices are trading at 8-10.5 cents FOB.

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

	Frozen Fresh					
Fat Content	15-Mar-19	Last Week	Last Year	15-Mar-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 28.00	26.00 - 28.00	29.00-33.00	21.00 - 24.00	21.00 - 24.00	22.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.71	27.00	31.34	22.69	23.04	24.03
Volume Traded	385	495	615	1,818	1,142	1,510
Volume Exported	385	495	535	204	-	82
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

### USDA BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

#### Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection Week ending 9-Mar-19

week chang					
(Preliminary)			Thousands		
	(A) 4.25 lbs.	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lb	os.
	& down	6.25 lbs.	7.75 lbs.	& up	Total
Head	33,031	49,969	38,590	38,678	160,268
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.25	6.82	8.82	6.16
% of total /1	21%	31%	24%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,339	52,352	35,555	35,336	162,582
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.38	6.93	8.91	6.08
% of total /1	24%	32%	22%	22%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,347	50,400	36,345	34,341	160,433
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.52	7.03	9.18	6.19
% of total /1	25%	31%	23%	21%	100%
To date/2019*	359,945	510,099	370,286	359,173	1,599,503
To date/2018*	357,013	522,711	357,374	344,770	1,581,868
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	4%	4%	1%

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

	Million			
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
2/2	165.2	162.6	102%	6.11
2/9	164.0	164.9	99%	6.07
2/16	163.5	168.2	97%	6.09
2/23	162.1	165.5	98%	6.13
3/2	164.6	161.8	102%	6.08
3/9	162.2	164.8	98%	6.16
Year to date	1619.0	1616.2	100%	
3/16		166.2		
3/23		165.8		

\*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.	7,046	4.40%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,534	7.82%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,811	4.87%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,639	3.52%
	Totals:	33,030	20.61%

### **Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers**

E	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg	Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	03/15	03/14	03/13	03/12	03/13	03/12	03/08	03/06
AL	4,208	4,024	3,885	3,970	5.57	5.46	3,947	5.60
AR	4,595	4,655	4,798	4,766	5.79	5.89	4,292	5.83
Delmarva	2,225	2,225	2,179	2,148	6.70	6.76	2,155	6.82
KY-LA-TN	2,358	2,449	2,202	2,444	5.35	5.43	2,430	5.42
MS	2,623	2,768	2,850	2,926	6.23	6.38	2,605	6.16
NC	3,381	3,439	3,228	3,236	8.00	8.02	3,464	7.99
ТХ	2,328	2,358	2,239	2,049	6.6	6.82	2,237	6.24
Total	21,718	21,918	21,381	21,539	6.27	6.32	21,130	6.25
Mon-Fri	108,814	(A)					106,594	(A)
Saturday	601	(inclu	ided in t	otal for d	ate sho	wn)	1,064	( )

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Mar-19 and 16-Mar-19 is estimated to be 33,053,000 head up 2.47 percent from a week ago and down 0.5 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,255,000, last year 33,208,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Mar-19 is estimated to be 164,501,000 head up 2.64 percent from a week ago, and up 3.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,268,000, last year 159,248,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

### 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	205-220	215-230
asters. Prices negotiated by fi	rst receivers U.S. Grade	A & Plant Grade

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb. NA - - (l. -

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 Per Box)	92.00-109.50	102.00-104.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-111.00	105.00-109.00
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 Week of March 11, 2019

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Central Region Ducklings
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This week, prices are unchanged. Demand is moderate to instances light. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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.

Origin	Frozen	Freek
pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb		
Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S	. Grade A delivered in tr	ucklot &
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Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	201-221	225-233
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National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl						
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg				
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0-9.0	7.91				
(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 L	ight 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 r	egion = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and	WI

Live Fowl Auctions – 03-12-19						
***AI Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***						
Hackettstown, NJ		Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA				
Heavy Fowl		Price Range - cents per lb.				
	Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl
per lb.:	-	-	-	5-6 lbs: 1.65 -	1.85	<b>E O lbo:</b> 1.00 1.00
each:	1.50	14.00	2.86	4-5 lbs: 1.50 -	1.70	<b>5-9 lbs:</b> 1.80 - 1.90

### Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/8	2,155	6.53
3/7	2,143	6.62
3/6	1,897	6.82
3/5	2,131	6.65
3/4	2,143	6.84
Weekly	10,468	6.69

## Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Unde	r Federal Ins	pection (ir	1 000's)	
W/E	03/16/19	03/09/19	% chg	03/17/18	% chg
Cattle	593	603	0.98	601 <sup>1</sup>	0.99
Hogs	2452	2535	0.97	2418 <sup>1</sup>	1.01

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

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Week of March 11, 2019

#### **Broiler Hatchery**

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 9, 2019 for the United States were 1.84 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

	Broiler Eggs		Broiler Chicks	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Mar 02,	Mar 09,	Mar 02,	Mar 09,
	2019	2019	2019	2019
State	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	31,832	31,635	22,190	22,595
AR	24,898	25,181	24,162	22,522
DE	5,127	5,326	4,470	4,797
FL	1,225	1,194	1,342	1,335
GA	34,627	34,760	27,917	28,857
KY	7,760	7,621	5,788	6,836
LA	3,803	3,803	3,234	3,274
MD	8,173	8,005	6,601	6,017
MS	16,721	17,724	15,577	15,815
MO	8,421	8,717	4,789	6,139
NC	24,136	24,182	17,583	18,709
OK	7,505	7,585	3,260	3,727
PA	5,167	5,206	3,810	3,835
SC	5,832	5,936	5,265	4,206
ТХ	17,249	17,359	13,649	13,874
VA	6,621	6,469	6,019	5,701
CA, TN, & WV	12,646	12,593	10,222	9,936
Other States	9,747	9,856	7,755	7,702
United States	231,490	233,152	183,633	185,877
Percent of Prev Year	101	102	101	101
Source: USDA, NASS				

https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1119.pdf

### Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Apr-19 is estimated at 163.0 million head. This compares to 162.3 million head the previous week and to 162.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the national weighted average price was 99.04 cents per pound.

### US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection Week Ending Mar 09, 2019 (Preliminary)

## **U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	826	1,608	2,434
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	744	1,447	2,191
Same week yr ago	1,179	1,443	2,622
To-date/2019*	8,336	14,921	23,257
To-date/2018*	10,392	14,731	25,123

## U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	
Head	244	0	244	
Head sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	203	0	203	
Same week yr ago	290	0	290	
To-date/2019*	2,512	7	2,519	
To-date/2018*	2,628	8	2,636	
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
Head	1,070	1,608	2,678
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	947	1,447	2,394
Same week yr ago	1,469	1,443	2,912
To-date/2019*	10,848	14,928	25,776
To-date/2018*	13,020	14,739	27,759

\*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			
			03/11/19	03/04/19	03/12/18
AM	03/11/19	71,839	Pacific Co	ast:	
AM	03/01/19	69,812	7554	7823	8266
CHG		2027	Los Angel	es:	
PCT CHG		3%	579	581	1559

Fresh Beef Cuts FOB Negotiated 112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy 168 3 Round, top inside round 180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1 Ground Beef 81%	<b>Total</b> <b>Ibs.</b> 12,259 62,385 36,156 74,821	Price Range780.00837.66222.50235.00640.00715.00192.00207.35	228.61 678.72
Fresh Pork Cuts FOB Negotiated	Kilo Ibs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC Bnls CC Strap-on Butt	2,193 2,145	65.66- 99.50 90.09-146.00	75.34 104.19
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac Sparerib	270	69.50- 99.42	88.88
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,022	108.00-147.00	123.93