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[National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance](#)

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending generally steady for all sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy, instances light in the Central region. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are sufficient. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market tone is steady to firm for wings, tenders, and dark meat items. Boneless skinless breast are steady to weak, with Jumbo boneless skinless breast in the weakest position. Supplies of dark meat items are light to moderate with drumsticks and wings in the tightest position. Breast cuts are moderate to heavy as Jumbo boneless skinless breast are more available and slow to clear. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

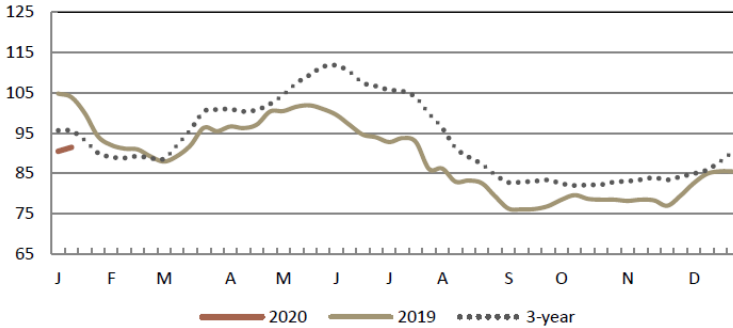
[National Whole Broiler/Fryer](#)

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	91.46	↑ 0.97	10,193
Last Week:	90.49		8,904
Last Year:	103.87	↓ -12.41	10,784

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	84.63	37,205



Eastern Region		This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
92.56	↑ 1.52	4,758	91.04	4,209	
92.97	↑ 0.12	1,586	92.84	1,293	
92.30	↑ 1.32	1,433	90.98	1,165	

Central Region		This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
86.55	↑ 1.00	2,695	85.55	2,296	
85.15	↑ 0.01	2,176	85.14	2,074	
88.75	↓ -0.37	1,021	89.13	1,117	

Western Region		This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
94.38	↑ 0.11	2,740	94.27	2,399	
93.31	↑ 0.23	2,625	93.08	2,284	
93.61	↑ 0.79	1,567	92.82	1,940	

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 4-Jan-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	146,507	507	1,277	1,784	535
Avg Wt	6.36	3.40	8.43	7.00	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	127,491	492	899	1,391	332
Same wk yr ago	137,882	749	1,073	1,822	372
Avg Wt	6.21	3.54	8.33	6.36	6.63
To-date/2020*	146,507	507	1,277	1,784	535
To-date/2019*	137,882	749	1,073	1,822	372
% Change YTD	6%	-32%	19%	-2%	44%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	708,156	957	7,374	8,331	2,667
Last week	606,551	958	5,111	6,069	1,615
Same wk yr ago	650,748	1,472	6,123	7,595	1,751
To-date/2020*	708,156	957	7,374	8,331	2,667
To-date/2019*	650,748	1,472	6,123	7,595	1,751
% Change YTD	9.00%	-35.00%	20.00%	10%	52.00%
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 161.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.3 million head, or 13.2 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

[Weekly Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers & Fowl](#)

Class	Current Week		Previous Week
	1/11/2020	(1)	1/4/2020
----- Thousand Head -----			
Broiler/fryer	169,626	(2)	143,873
Light hens	746		516
Heavy hens	1,565		1,254
Total	171,937		145,643

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Jan-20 is 164.0 million head compared to 167.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.0 million head or 6.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Jan-20 the estimated available is 163.7 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	1,098	109.76
TENDERLOINS	566	153.48
BREAST - LINE RUN	530	75.51
FRONT HALVES	560	66.08
LEGS	1,059	45.45
LEG QUARTERS	1,010	32.41
LEG QUARTERS	989	34.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	572	165.34
WINGS (CUT)	602	175.88
DRUMSTICKS	981	29.89
THIGHS	580	30.62
B/S THIGHS	610	99.54

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 54.50	49.17	49.25	

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	97.28	2,692,170
Tenderloins	123.59	1,011,480
Breast - With Ribs	103.91	251,290
Breast - Line Run	89.91	292,594
Legs	65.98	350,360
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.26	1,843,480
Drumsticks	41.21	1,261,674
Thighs	66.17	246,770
B/S Thighs	109.58	871,560
Wings (Whole)	182.30	1,333,830
Backs and Necks	10.00	830,465
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	64.76	53,900
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.54	71,600

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 MSC for all fat contents are trending mostly steady. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate and generally following seasonal movement. Supplies are sufficient for current needs. Some 2020 contract negotiations continue to persist. Processing schedules return to normal following the holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate. Frame prices are trending mostly steady with trading levels between 5-8 cents FOB, mostly 6-8 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 06-JAN-2020 TO 10-JAN-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	80.00 - 89.00	79.00 - 86.00		
TENDERLOINS	114.00 - 122.00	120.00 - 122.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	69.00 - 76.00	69.00 - 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)	129.00 - 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 January 03, 2020

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	115.18	158.37	107.98	57.59	19.20	110.38
High	116.38	167.96	117.58	64.79	21.60	110.38
Mostly	115.90	163.17	112.78	59.99	19.20	110.38
SAN JUAN						
Low	114.70	158.37	105.58	57.59	19.20	110.38
High	115.90	167.96	115.18	64.79	21.60	110.38
Mostly	115.18	163.17	110.38	59.99	19.20	110.38
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	115.66	160.77	107.98	59.99	19.20	110.38
High	117.34	170.36	117.58	67.19	21.60	110.38
Mostly	116.14	165.57	112.78	62.39	19.20	110.38
BECERRA						
Low	116.38	163.17	110.38	59.99	19.20	110.38
High	117.58	172.76	119.97	67.19	21.60	110.38
Mostly	116.86	167.96	115.18	62.39	19.20	110.38

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	10-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year	10-Jan-20	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 - 27.50	21.00-25.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00-23.50
Wtd Avg Price	26.76	26.49	24.30	21.48	21.00	20.95
Volume Traded	790	379	550	1,795	1,387	1,690
Volume Exported	790	379	550	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 4-Jan-20

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	37,407	33,855	40,737	34,508	146,507
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.23	7.05	9.46	6.36
% of total /1	26%	23%	28%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	29,671	33,761	40,563	23,496	127,491
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.20	7.20	9.41	6.26
% of total /1	23%	26%	32%	18%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,759	36,832	35,492	31,799	137,882
Avg Live Wgt	3.59	5.31	7.00	9.16	6.21
% of total /1	24%	27%	26%	23%	100%
To date/2020*	37,407	33,855	40,737	34,508	146,507
To date/2019*	33,759	36,832	35,492	31,799	137,882
% Change YTD	11%	-8%	15%	9%	6%

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*		
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
12/21	174.0	162.0	107%	6.17
12/28	129.0	159.7	81%	6.26
1/4	148.3	161.5	92%	6.36
Year to date	148.3	161.5	92%	
1/11		164.0		
1/18		163.7		

*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.	8,052	5.50%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,739	5.96%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,285	5.66%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	12,330	8.42%
	Totals:	37,406	25.53%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	1/10	1/9	1/8	1/7	1/8	1/7	1/3	1/3	1/3	1/1
AL	4,310	4,337	4,259	4,104	5.45	5.36	4,177	5.82		
AR	4,929	4,918	4,978	4,867	6.30	6.36	5,812	9.11		
Delmarva	2,406	2,255	2,101	2,227	6.86	6.92	3,930	0.00		
KY-LA-TN	2,769	2,446	2,384	2,390	5.63	5.61	2,934	6.89		
MS	2,682	2,740	2,839	2,815	6.29	6.46	2,931	4.44		
NC	3,900	3,619	3,521	3,539	8.28	8.30	6,091	6.78		
TX	3,333	2,811	2,764	2,807	6.73	6.80	4,015	5.99		
Total	24,329	23,126	22,846	22,749	6.48	6.52	29,890	6.58		
Mon-Fri	116,961	(A)					97,442	(A)		
Saturday	2,402		(included in total for date shown)				7,011			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-Jan-20 and 11-Jan-20 is estimated to be 37,027,000 head down 18.85 percent from a week ago and up 9.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 45,627,000, last year 33,820,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 11-Jan-20 is estimated to be 176,225,000 head up 20.28 percent from a week ago, and up 6.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 146,507,000, last year 165,877,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of January 6, 2020

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)	94.00-108.00	103.00-107.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-110.00	104.00-109.00

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,VV

Central Region Ducklings

Prices remain steady. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to varied. 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	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0- 9.0	3.0

(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 - 01-07-20				
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
Hacketstown, NJ		Gravestone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .90 - 1.00 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	1.00	8.50	2.96	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .85 - 2.00 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .85 - 1.10 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/3	3,930	6.83
1/2	2,333	6.83
1/1*	0	0.00
12/31	1,354	6.67
12/30	2,266	6.98
Weekly	5,953	5.12

*New Year's Day Holiday

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	01/11/20	01/04/20	% chg	01/12/19	% chg
Cattle	640	546	1.17	631 ¹	1.01
Hogs	2,713	2,293	1.18	2,554 ¹	1.06

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.
 Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 4 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 4, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.8 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 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 4, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Dec 28, 2019	Jan 04, 2019	Dec 28, 2019	Jan 04, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	33,567	33,631	23,016	24,936
AR	23,860	23,850	21,831	23,572
DE	5,468	5,468	5,277	5,300
FL	1,178	1,178	1,284	1,234
GA	34,576	35,028	27,678	24,895
KY	7,912	7,683	6,283	6,638
LA	3,819	3,758	3,115	3,200
MD	8,121	8,142	6,017	5,990
MS	17,749	18,185	15,380	15,482
MO	8,952	8,618	5,950	5,812
NC	25,012	23,349	19,614	20,298
OK	7,781	7,595	4,333	3,477
PA	5,712	6,050	4,515	4,358
SC	5,437	5,593	4,696	4,585
TX	18,132	17,987	14,633	14,723
VA	6,468	6,302	5,186	5,600
CA, TN, & WV	12,790	11,864	11,163	11,122
Other States	11,064	11,342	8,514	8,263
United States	237,598	235,623	188,485	189,485
Percent of Prev Year	104	104	107	104

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0220.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Feb-20 is estimated at 166.3 million head. This compares to 166.3million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 139.2 million headend the national weighted average price was 104.79 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 4-Jan-20

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	507	1,277	1,784
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	492	899	1,391
Same week yr ago	749	1,073	1,822
To-date/2020*	507	1,277	1,784
To-date/2019*	749	1,073	1,822

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	59	0	59
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	187	0	187
Same week yr ago	389	0	389
To-date/2020*	59	0	59
To-date/2019*	389	0	389

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	566	1,277	1,843
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	679	899	1,578
Same week yr ago	1,138	1,073	2,211
To-date/2020*	566	1,277	1,843
To-date/2019*	1,138	1,073	2,211

*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

	1/6/2020	1/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
	91,690	91,685	5	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	1/6/2020	12/30/19	01/07/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	7,806	7,806	9,693
Los Angeles:	560	560	622

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	20	90,007	687.00 764.00	693.32
168 3 Round, top inside round	12	88,650	208.72 238.50	222.04
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	17	67,106	508.00 530.00	513.14
Ground Beef 81%	16	140,493	177.00 208.00	182.02

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,312	82.73- 115.50	94.19
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,220	103.42- 148.94	117.78
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	262	116.06- 138.05	123.25
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	915	120.00- 164.35	149.82