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## National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak for all sizes. Movement on ready to cook whole birds slightly improved due to holiday weekend demand. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate. Buyers are monitoring market conditions in anticipation of Hurricane Dorian making landfall in the Florida area this weekend and purchasing product as needed. Floor stocks are adequate to sometimes heavier than desired. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, white meat and dark meat items are moderate to heavy, with wings and tenders mostly moderate. Wings are in good balance, but all other parts range moderate to heavy with thighs and drums moving slow. Typical transportation challenges associated with a major holiday weekend are reported, while also being watchful of Hurricane Dorian. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are mostly desirable weights.

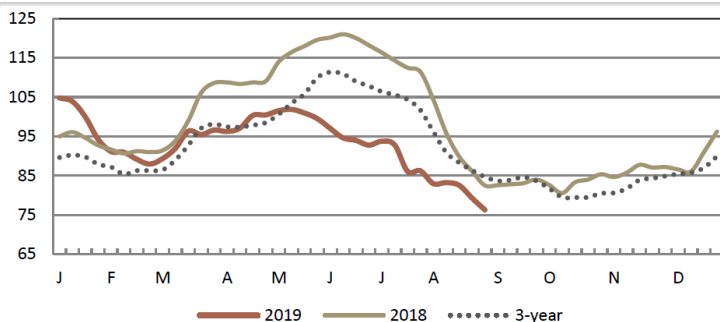
### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average\*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	76.29	↓ -3.01	12,018
<b>Last Week:</b>	79.31		12,120
<b>Last Year:</b>	82.57	↓ -6.28	13,301

#### Monthly Composite Weighted Average

<b>Aug</b>	80.88	58,881
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	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Eastern</b>				
Whole Body:	78.87	4,928	80.91	4,625
WOGS:	76.75	1,531	80.12	1,592
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	79.81	1,260	81.05	1,458
<b>Central</b>				
Whole Body:	69.02	3,682	70.90	3,836
WOGS:	68.71	3,382	70.70	3,536
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	69.99	1,692	72.28	2,256
<b>Western</b>				
Whole Body:	80.42	3,408	86.10	3,659
WOGS:	80.27	3,388	85.20	3,559
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	79.80	1,928	82.11	1,828

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 24-Aug-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	----- Thousands -----				
Head	174,094	723	1,837	2,560	455
Avg Wt	6.20	3.55	8.20	6.89	6.75
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	173,998	742	1,734	2,476	481
Same wk yr ago	166,539	1,065	1,979	3,044	404
Avg Wt	6.25	3.27	8.20	6.48	6.45
To-date/2019*	5,584,618	27,305	54,463	81,768	14,927
To-date/2018*	5,475,371	36,250	53,837	90,087	14,943
% Change YTD	2%	-25%	1%	-9%	0%

#### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	820,331	1,424	10,318	11,742	2,181
Last week	825,168	1,544	9,823	11,367	2,370
Same wk yr ago	791,060	1,933	11,116	13,049	1,850

To-date/2019*	26,209,247	52,201	306,405	358,606	73,862
To-date/2018*	25,664,158	68,970	301,431	370,401	70,773
% Change YTD	2%	-24%	2%	-3%	4%

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 171.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.2 million head, or 4.3 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

	Current Week 8/31/2019 (1)	Previous Week 8/24/2019
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	176,120 (2)	171,973
Light hens	735	773
Heavy hens	1,687	1,812
Total	178,542	174,558
(1) ESTIMATED		

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Aug-19 is 170.5 million head compared to 173.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 176.5 million head or 6.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Sep-19 the estimated available is 169.7 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	1,085	99.86
Tenderloins	652	163.29
Breast - Line Run	527	83.63
Front Halves	574	65.86
Legs	1,007	45.47
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,135	35.40
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,052	38.23
Wings (Whole)	545	174.47
Wings (Cut)	631	186.80
Drumsticks	1,036	32.17
Thighs	549	45.79
B/S Thighs	619	108.81

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
46.50 - 57.00	50.35	50.63

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	103.81	2,791,980
Tenderloins	158.35	1,061,040
Breast - With Ribs	110.14	159,894
Breast - Line Run	94.37	313,758
Legs	62.20	356,520
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	43.93	1,893,394
Drumsticks	43.94	1,194,064
Thighs	76.67	249,300
B/S Thighs	115.70	839,640
Wings (Whole)	189.59	1,366,660
Backs and Necks	10.20	649,227
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.94	56,480
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.49	84,880
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 mostly steady. Demand into domestic channels is light to moderate. Export demand is usually light. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate. Members in industry are navigating around those typical challenges associated with a major Holiday, while watching if hurricane Dorian will cause any disruptions next week. Processing schedules are varied as we enter the extended Labor Day weekend. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to available. Frame prices are trading at 6.5-9 cents FOB, mostly 6.5-8 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  
Week of 26-Aug-19 to 30-Aug-2019

	Price per lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	86.00 - 104.00	86.00 - 94.00
Tenderloins	121.00 - 165.00	153.00 - 161.00
Breast - Line Run	74.00 - 98.00	74.00 - 79.00
Legs	52.00 - 56.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	35.00 - 42.00	38.00 - 42.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	38.00 - 45.00	41.00 - 45.00
Drumsticks	32.00 - 39.00	32.00 - 34.00
Thighs	50.00 - 65.00	50.00 - 60.00
B/S Thighs	99.00 - 115.00	105.00 - 114.00
Wings (Whole)	145.00 - 185.00	158.00 - 170.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 31.00	-
Livers	32.00 - 51.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 23, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	91.89	164.58	86.86	54.86	18.29	98.29
High	93.49	173.73	96.01	61.72	20.57	98.29
Mostly	92.12	169.16	91.44	57.15	18.29	98.29
SAN JUAN						
Low	91.44	162.30	84.58	54.86	18.29	98.29
High	92.58	171.44	93.72	61.72	20.57	98.29
Mostly	91.89	166.87	89.15	57.15	18.29	98.29
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	92.12	166.87	89.15	57.15	18.29	98.29
High	93.49	176.01	98.29	64.00	20.57	98.29
Mostly	92.58	171.44	93.72	59.43	18.29	98.29
BECERRA						
Low	92.58	169.16	91.44	59.43	18.29	98.29
High	93.72	178.30	100.58	66.29	20.57	98.29
Mostly	93.04	173.73	96.01	61.72	18.29	98.29

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	30-Aug-19	Last Week	Last Year	30-Aug-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.50 - 28.00	26.50 - 28.00	24.00-31.00	21.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 25.00	20.50-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.94	27.11	27.66	23.16	22.43	22.61
Volume Traded	495	590	925	1,428	1,550	1,254
Volume Exported	495	590	605	-	41	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 24-Aug-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	31,301	52,288	48,536	41,969	174,094
Avg Live Wgt	3.49	5.14	6.81	8.82	6.20
% of total /1	18%	30%	28%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	39,739	39,399	52,152	42,708	173,998
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.25	6.74	8.88	6.24
% of total /1	23%	23%	30%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,082	38,885	52,547	36,025	166,539
Avg Live Wgt	3.52	5.37	6.99	9.09	6.25
% of total /1	23%	23%	32%	22%	100%
To date/2019*	1,227,721	1,687,101	1,397,447	1,272,349	5,584,618
To date/2018*	1,285,023	1,667,558	1,341,186	1,181,604	5,475,371
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	4%	8%	2%

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 Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
7/21	169.9	170.40	100%	6.22
7/28	171.7	170.50	101%	6.25
8/4	174.4	171.60	102%	6.18
8/11	174.4	171.80	102%	6.30
8/18	176.1	171.80	103%	6.24
8/25	176.2	171.90	103%	6.20
Year to date	5652.6	5658.30	100%	
9/1		170.50		
9/8		169.70		

\*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.	7,952	4.57%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	10,252	5.89%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,717	4.43%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,380	3.09%
	Totals:	31,301	17.98%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,326	4,142	4,154	4,246	5.59
AR	4,805	5,009	4,914	5,002	5.96
Delmarva	3,362	2,250	2,085	2,209	6.87
KY-LA-TN	2,870	2,496	2,515	2,493	5.68
MS	2,893	2,831	2,915	2,883	6.41
NC	4,998	3,529	3,499	3,446	8.16
TX	2,957	2,815	2,745	2,832	6.56
Total	26,211	23,072	22,827	23,111	6.41
Mon-Fri	118,515	(A)			
Saturday	3,441	(included in total for date shown)		2,855	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Aug-19 and 31-Aug-19

is estimated to be 39,891,000 head up 5.65 percent from a week ago

and up 7.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,756,000, last year 37,009,000)

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

31-Aug-19 is estimated to be 180,348,000 head up 3.59

percent from a week ago, and up 5.48 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 174,094,000, last year 170,977,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of August 26, 2019

**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)	90.00- 99.00	96.00- 98.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	93.00-106.00	102.00-106.00

**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

Week of August 26, 2019

All prices are steady. Demand is moderate and reported as following seasonal patterns. Supplies are moderate to at times tightly balanced.

Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is 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.

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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0- 8.5	7.95

(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 - 8-27-19						
***All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***						
Hackettstown, NJ				Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Low	High	Avg		Price Range		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	.70	.70	Red Fowl 5-6	.90 - 1.20 lbs.	
HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.00	10.00	6.00	Red Fowl 4-5	.60 - .70 lbs.	
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9	1.20 - 1.40 lbs.	

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
8/23	2,457	6.68
8/22	2,224	6.71
8/21	2,194	6.75
8/20	2,155	6.80
8/19	2,127	6.95
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>11,158</b>	<b>6.78</b>

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	08/31/19	08/24/19	% chg	09/01/18	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	644	654	0.98	645 <sup>1</sup>	1.00
<b>Hogs</b>	2,461	2,528	0.97	2,464 <sup>1</sup>	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

## Broiler Hatchery

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 232 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 24, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 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 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 24, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through August 24, 2019 for the United States were 6.35 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 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		Week Ending	
	Aug 17, 2019 (1,000 eggs)	Aug 24, 2019	Aug 17, 2019 (1,000 chicks)	Aug 24, 2019
AL.....	32,385	32,650	22,549	23,205
AR.....	24,279	24,347	23,280	22,732
DE.....	5,338	5,367	4,839	5,604
FL.....	1,178	1,131	1,239	1,339
GA.....	35,110	35,252	28,410	27,798
KY.....	7,749	7,606	6,011	5,864
LA.....	3,713	3,788	3,138	3,208
MD.....	7,748	7,810	5,303	5,364
MS.....	18,348	18,152	15,557	15,480
MO.....	8,663	8,616	6,590	6,450
NC.....	23,723	23,755	19,250	19,481
OK.....	7,335	7,687	3,519	4,559
PA.....	5,448	5,544	4,192	4,095
SC.....	5,890	5,822	5,466	4,924
TX.....	17,422	17,117	14,301	14,588
VA.....	6,349	6,047	6,306	5,507
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,261	11,532	11,202	10,802
Other States.....	10,151	10,002	7,766	8,268
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>233,090</b>	<b>232,225</b>	<b>188,918</b>	<b>189,268</b>
Percent of Prev Year...	103	103	102	101

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls3519.pdf>

## Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-Oct-19 is estimated at 166.7 million head. This compares to 166.6 million head the previous week and to 168.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 82.57 cents per pound.

## US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 24-Aug-19

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	723	1,837	2,560
Head Slaughter Comparisons			
Last Week	742	1,734	2,476
Same week yr ago	1,065	1,979	3,044
To-date/2019*	27,323	54,563	81,886
To-date/2018*	36,250	53,857	90,107

## U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	296	0	296
Head Slaughter Comparisons			
Last Week	237	0	237
Same week yr ago	313	0	313
To-date/2019*	7,808	17	7,825
To-date/2018*	10,058	8	10,066

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
Head	1,019	1,837	2,856
Head Slaughter Comparisons			
Last Week	979	1,734	2,713
Same week yr ago	1,378	1,979	3,357
To-date/2019*	35,131	54,580	89,711
To-date/2018*	46,308	53,865	100,173

\*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

8/26/2019	8/1/2019	Change From First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change From First of the Month
77,412	78,510	-1,098	-1%

## Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	8/26/2019	08/19/19	08/27/18
<b>Pacific w/out Denver:</b>	10086	10223	8983
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	546	552	594

## Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	10,588	865.00 935.75	873.23
168 3 Round, top inside round	6	23,594	241.75 260.55	242.81
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	12	36,415	764.00 811.50	782.20
Ground Beef 81%	8	14,845	231.44 263.00	238.95

## Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,714	80.75- 120.23	94.54
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,006	99.16- 149.76	115.68
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	431	117.00- 126.43	120.43
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,163	103.60- 150.00	125.92