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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally steady. Offerings are sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are generally balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts are steady to instances firm, tenderloins are generally steady, bone-in breasts are steady with mixed undertones and wings are steady to weak. The market on dark items is mostly steady. Supplies of wings are moderate to heavy and bone in breast are slow to clear. Leg quarters and whole legs maintain the strongest seller undertone. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are generally desirable.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

*Correction to the 11/30/18 report for Last Year Composite Price

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	87.20	↑ 0.13	11,517
Last Week:	87.07		11,031
Last Year:	85.90	↑ 1.30	13,026

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

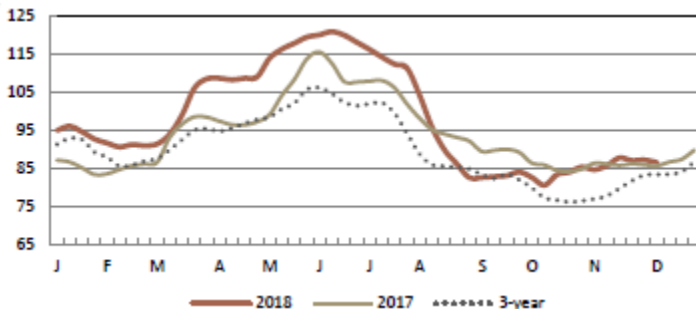
Nov	86.91		45,713
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12/07/2018

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	86.57	↓ -0.63	12,171
Last Week:	87.20		11,517
Last Year:	85.88	↑ 0.89	13,028

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Nov	86.91		45,713
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Eastern	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	87.97	4,700	89.60	4,409
WOGS:	87.29	1,652	89.51	1,561
New York				
Whole Body:	88.39	1,230	87.46	1,183
Central				
Whole Body:	78.91	3,918	77.92	3,438
WOGS:	78.63	3,758	77.85	3,318
Chicago				
Whole Body:	79.35	2,332	78.09	2,282
Western				
Whole Body:	93.17	3,553	93.02	3,670
WOGS:	92.51	3,453	92.44	3,570
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	91.39	1,831	91.45	1,870

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 1-Dec-2018

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	165,509	1,042	1,620	2,662	449
Avg Wt	6.30	3.69	8.12	6.39	6.58
Last week	124,072	568	965	1,533	276
Same wk yr ago	167,925	1,419	1,780	3,199	454
Avg Wt	6.21	3.39	7.74	5.81	6.74
To-date/2018*	7,730,374	50,362	76,306	126,668	20,606
To-date/2017*	7,745,965	59,671	72,016	131,687	19,692
% Change YTD	0%	-16%	6%	-4%	5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	792,457	2,134	9,011	11,145	2,098
Last week	586,513	1,103	5,487	6,590	1,403
Same wk yr ago	792,539	2,670	9,437	12,107	2,173

To-date/2018*	36,401,407	95,916	428,151	524,067	98,431
To-date/2017*	36,150,122	110,900	399,137	510,037	94,430
% Change YTD	1%	-14%	7%	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 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.5 million head, or 14.0 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 12/8/2018 (1)	Previous Week 12/1/2018
Broiler/fryer	162,799 (2)	164,883
Light hens	1,133	1,052
Heavy hens	1,495	1,627
Total	165,427	167,562

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Dec-18 is 156.8 million head compared to 165.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.1 million head or 6.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 16-Dec-18 the estimated available is 157.8 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	875	86.81
Tenderloins	488	149.83
Breast - Line Run	393	85.31
Front Halves	416	68.82
Legs	969	27.42
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	841	22.79
Leg Quarters (4/10)	832	25.19
Wings (Whole)	466	138.69
Wings (Cut)	460	156.00
Drumsticks	871	25.30
Thighs	478	30.33
B/S Thighs	562	110.22

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
41.50 - 54.50	45.68	45.81

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	84.52	2,752,950
Tenderloins	119.94	1,084,680
Breast - With Ribs	108.43	105,817
Breast - Line Run	87.86	511,215
Legs	37.84	499,180
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.95	1,759,082
Drumsticks	36.77	1,176,065
Thighs	35.00	237,100
B/S Thighs	116.04	977,600
Wings (Whole)	145.77	1,264,180
Backs and Necks	11.11	873,408
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.73	68,490
Gizzards (Hearts)	76.42	84,960

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 03-Dec-18 to 07-Dec-2018

	Price per lb.		Mostly	
Breast - B/S	74.00 -	78.00	74.00 -	78.00
Tenderloins	117.00 -	122.00	118.00 -	122.00
Breast - Line Run	72.00 -	90.00	72.00 -	77.00
Legs	29.00 -	35.00	34.00 -	35.00
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	22.00 -	27.00	25.00 -	26.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	25.00 -	30.00	27.00 -	30.00
Drumsticks	31.00 -	33.00	31.00 -	32.00
Thighs	35.00 -	53.00	35.00 -	45.00
B/S Thighs	107.00 -	116.00	109.00 -	113.00
Wings (Whole)	98.00 -	113.00	102.00 -	107.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 -	33.00	-	-
Livers	25.00 -	51.00	-	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 -	65.00	-	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 30, 2018

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	89.25	142.81	78.10	40.16	17.85	93.72
High	90.37	151.73	87.02	46.86	20.08	93.72
Mostly	89.92	147.27	82.56	42.40	17.85	93.72
San Juan						
Low	88.81	140.58	75.87	40.16	17.85	93.72
High	89.70	149.50	82.56	46.86	20.08	93.72
Mostly	89.25	145.04	78.10	42.40	17.85	93.72
New San Juan						
Low	89.25	145.04	80.33	42.40	17.85	93.72
High	91.04	153.96	89.25	49.09	20.08	93.72
Mostly	89.92	149.50	84.79	44.63	17.85	93.72
Becerra						
Low	89.92	147.27	82.56	44.63	17.85	93.72
High	91.49	156.19	91.49	51.32	20.08	93.72
Mostly	90.59	151.73	87.02	46.86	17.85	93.72

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 instances weak. Demand into domestic and export channels remain light. Supplies are moderate to available. The 2019 contract season is progressing slowly as buyers and sellers continue with negotiations with not much to report. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials range moderate to heavy, with increased movement noted. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels unchanged at 7-13.5 cents FOB, mostly 7-9 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Dec-18	Last Week	Last Year	7-Dec-18	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	21.00 - 26.00	21.00 - 26.00	28.00-33.50	19.00 - 23.00	18.00 - 23.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.78	24.77	30.93	20.65	20.37	22.31
Volume Traded	495	480	685	1,285	1,530	1,234
Volume Exported	495	480	685	-	62	122
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 1-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	32,834	50,711	44,651	37,313	165,509
Avg Live Wgt	3.54	5.29	7.02	9.22	6.30
% of total /1	20%	31%	27%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	26,939	38,060	30,150	28,923	124,072
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.32	6.85	9.07	6.22
% of total /1	22%	31%	24%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,179	49,482	44,393	34,871	167,925
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	5.44	7.00	9.26	6.21
% of total /1	23%	29%	26%	21%	100%
To date/2018*	1,755,436	2,318,055	1,981,748	1,675,135	7,730,374
To date/2017*	1,916,541	2,368,041	1,817,370	1,644,013	7,745,965
% Change YTD	-8%	-2%	9%	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
10/27	166.2	166.5	100%	6.25
11/3	166.5	165.5	101%	6.26
11/10	165.8	163.6	101%	6.28
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
Year to date	7824.3	7913.0	99%	
12/8		160.1		
12/15		155.4		

*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.	8,120	4.91%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,161	6.74%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	4,492	2.71%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,062	5.48%
Totals:		32,835	19.84%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,951	3,981	4,059	4,090	5.63
AR	5,405	4,997	4,855	4,749	5.84
Delmarva	2,586	2,234	2,241	2,245	6.85
KY-LA-TN	2,347	2,357	2,199	2,367	5.27
MS	2,678	2,834	2,864	2,895	6.29
NC	2,414	2,945	3,030	3,129	8.02
TX	2,771	2,555	2,457	2,537	6.70
Total	22,152	21,903	21,705	22,012	6.31
Mon-Fri	110,094	(A)			110,080
Saturday	2,111	(included in total for date shown)		2,274	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Dec-18 and 08-Dec-18 is estimated to be 33,714,000 head down 4.29 percent from a week ago and up 4.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 35,224,000, last year 32,173,000)

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

08-Dec-18 is estimated to be 166,917,000 head up 0.85

percent from a week ago, and up 2.17 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 165,509,000, last year 163,366,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of December 3, 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.

Ice Packed (12/Box)	Range	Mostly
	90.00-98.75	97.00-98.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	92.00-104.75	103.00-104.00

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 3, 2018

All prices continue steady. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. 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
	4.0-9.5	9.29

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)

Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	Price Range
		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 - 12-04-18						
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry						
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA			
Heavy Fowl						
Price Range - cents per lb.			Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl	
per lb.:	Low	High	Avg	5-6 lbs:	6.00 - .75	5-9 lbs: .65 - .90
each:	3.00	7.00	5.52	4-5 lbs:	.40 - .65	

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
11/30	2,650	6.85
11/29	2,213	6.81
11/28	2,197	7.04
11/27	2,232	6.95
11/26	2,128	7.19
Weekly	11,420	6.97

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	12/08/18	12/01/18	% chg	12/02/17	% chg
Cattle	667	640	+04	639 ¹	+04
Hogs	2,558	2,531	+01	2,541 ¹	+01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 231 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 1, 2018, down 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.3 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 Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 1, 2018, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through December 1, 2018 for the United States were 8.73 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Nov 24, 2018	Dec 01, 2018	Nov 24, 2018	Dec 01, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	30,622	31,136	21,661	22,485
AR.....	24,815	24,683	21,483	21,805
DE.....	4,696	4,701	4,469	4,570
FL.....	1,194	1,194	1,328	1,358
GA.....	34,648	34,371	25,180	26,332
KY.....	7,873	8,027	5,389	6,114
LA.....	3,653	3,834	3,006	3,143
MD.....	7,986	7,993	6,929	5,412
MS.....	18,569	18,584	14,228	14,662
MO.....	8,375	8,460	4,731	5,421
NC.....	22,405	23,146	17,048	18,171
OK.....	7,500	7,645	4,349	4,399
PA.....	5,306	5,262	3,938	3,945
SC.....	5,562	5,881	4,804	4,325
TX.....	16,343	16,710	11,904	13,031
VA.....	6,406	6,771	4,892	5,299
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,303	12,178	10,608	10,443
Other States.....	9,677	10,112	7,112	7,218
United States.....	227,933	230,688	173,059	178,133
Percent of Prev Year...	101	99	99	100

Source: USDA, NASS

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/BroiHatc/BroiHatc-12-07-2018.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Jan-19 is estimated at 155.1 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 156.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 85.68 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Dec 01, 2018 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,042	1,620	2,662
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	568	965	1,533
Same week yr ago	1,419	1,780	3,199
To-date/2018*	50,362	76,326	126,688
To-date/2017*	59,671	72,016	131,687

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	345	0	345
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	108	0	108
Same week yr ago	344	0	344
To-date/2018*	12,746	8	12,754
To-date/2017*	13,848	8	13,856

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	1,387	1,620	3,007
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	676	965	1,641
Same week yr ago	1,763	1,780	3,543
To-date/2018*	63,108	76,334	139,442
To-date/2017*	73,519	72,024	145,543

*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		
			12/03/18	11/26/18	12/04/17
AM	12/03/18	80,694			
AM	11/01/18	82,086			
CHG		-1392			
PCT CHG		-2%			
Pacific Coast:			11232	10471	8389
Los Angeles:			624	618	1449

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	866.00 910.00	886.78
168 3 Round, top inside round	195.00 216.50	202.39
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	475.00 517.25	496.75
Ground Beef 81%	155.00 180.00	164.64

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	76.38
Bnls CC Strap-on	115.01
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	110.12
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	125.89