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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally trending firm for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes are tight with premiums noted. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good for the approaching weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, prices are firm for bone-in breasts, boneless skinless breasts, and tenders. Dark meat items, wings, and all other parts range steady to firm. Offerings of dark meat cuts and wings are light to moderate, with thighs and thigh meat in the best position, and all other parts are balanced to tight. Market activity for parts is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

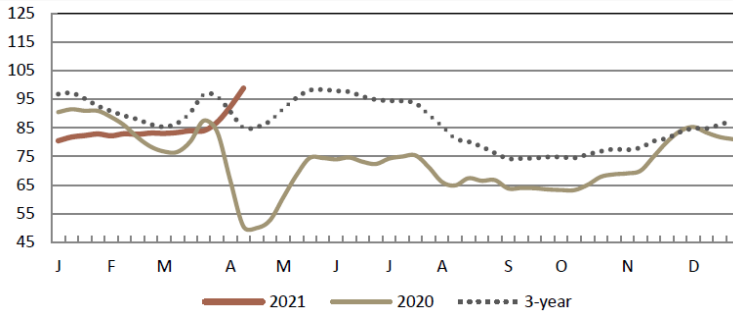
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	98.84	↑ 6.49	10,068
Last Week:	92.36		9,959
Last Year:	50.51	↑ 48.33	8,077

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Mar	86.68		39,587
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Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending *03-Apr-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	161,931	762	1,405	2,167	419
Avg Wt	6.23	3.45	8.35	6.62	7.10
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	166,037	766	1,482	2,248	457
Same wk yr ago	164,732	844	1,562	2,406	444
Avg Wt	6.17	3.41	8.33	6.60	6.62
To-date/2021*	2,248,971	10,668	20,242	30,910	5,512
To-date/2020*	2,362,071	11,201	21,962	33,163	6,655
% Change YTD	-5%	-5%	-8%	-7%	-17%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	766,711	1,459	8,036	9,495	2,112
Last week	791,200	1,522	8,345	9,867	2,304
Same wk yr ago	772,461	1,597	8,913	10,510	2,087
To-date/2021*	10,836,739	20,487	115,037	135,524	26,839
To-date/2020*	11,201,657	21,740	123,821	145,561	33,215
% Change YTD	-3%	-6%	-7%	-7%	-19%

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 166.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 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.

Eastern Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	99.18	↑ 7.28	4,187	91.90	4,244
WOGS:	99.02	↑ 7.13	1,553	91.89	1,887
New York					
Whole Body:	97.97	↑ 6.28	1,190	91.69	1,120

Central Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	95.24	↑ 4.15	2,816	91.08	2,668
WOGS:	95.06	↑ 4.03	2,545	91.03	2,493
Chicago					
Whole Body:	98.73	↑ 8.35	1,768	90.39	1,755

Western Region

This Week

Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	101.70	↑ 7.59	3,065	94.11	3,047
WOGS:	101.18	↑ 7.60	2,865	93.57	2,847
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	100.55	↑ 5.37	1,601	95.19	1,583

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

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	4/10/2021	(1)	4/3/2021	
----- Thousand Head -----				
Broiler/fryer	157,868	(2)	158,226	
Light hens	847		730	
Heavy hens	1,546		1,405	
Total	160,261		160,361	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Apr-21 is 166.4 million head compared to 157.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.2 million head or -8.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Apr-21 the estimated available is 165.3 million head.

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

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	1,209	153.03
TENDERLOINS	624	193.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	594	67.21
FRONT HALVES	583	63.51
LEGS	1,051	41.67
LEG QUARTERS	1,052	36.72
LEG QUARTERS	1,014	40.48
WINGS (WHOLE)	625	276.30
WINGS (CUT)	645	289.41
DRUMSTICKS	1,007	37.35
THIGHS	631	34.21
B/S THIGHS	676	104.46

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
47.50 - 56.00	3:36 PM	50.08	

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	159.56	2,192,750
TENDERLOINS	187.67	830,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	117.97	198,309
BREAST - LINE RUN	100.07	310,635
LEGS	56.60	316,511
LEG QUARTERS	42.59	1,370,260
DRUMSTICKS	46.79	1,501,875
THIGHS	51.88	97,460
B/S THIGHS	102.87	669,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	285.24	1,288,320
BACKS AND NECKS	10.15	755,623
LIVERS (5 POUND)	67.29	71,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.19	76,760

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 trending steady to firm for both fresh and frozen. The undertone remains firm. Domestic and export demand is moderate. Movement begins to return to normal following the Holy week. Supplies are balanced to tight. Processing schedules varied due to Easter. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials remained tight for current needs. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading at 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 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 05-APR-2021 TO 09-APR-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 178.00	150.00 - 170.00	
TENDERLOINS	180.00 - 200.00	180.00 - 190.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 105.00	75.00 - 95.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 45.00	36.00 - 40.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 48.00	33.00 - 40.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 60.00	35.00 - 40.00	
B/S THIGHS	78.00 - 110.00	102.00 - 120.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	263.00 - 300.00	272.00 - 290.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 55.00	-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 50.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 02, 2021

Market	Price per lb.					
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	114.70	174.40	102.85	38.01	20.12	98.38
High	115.60	183.34	111.79	44.72	22.36	98.38
Mostly	115.15	178.87	107.32	40.25	20.12	98.38
SAN JUAN						
Low	114.03	172.16	100.62	35.77	20.12	98.38
High	115.15	181.11	109.56	42.48	22.36	98.38
Mostly	114.70	178.87	105.09	38.01	20.12	98.38
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	114.70	174.40	105.09	40.25	20.12	98.38
High	116.04	185.58	114.03	46.95	22.36	98.38
Mostly	115.15	181.11	109.56	42.48	20.12	98.38
BECERRA						
Low	115.15	178.87	107.32	42.48	20.12	98.38
High	116.27	187.82	116.27	49.19	22.36	98.38
Mostly	115.60	183.34	111.79	44.72	20.12	98.38

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	9-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year	9-Apr-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	40.00 - 55.00	40.00 - 50.00	26.00-28.00	30.00 - 45.00	28.00 - 46.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	46.11	44.14	26.74	35.36	38.16	23.77
Volume Traded	486	378	1,380	1,142	583	1,877
Volume Exported	486	378	1,380	-	-	408
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 3-Apr-21

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	37,712	38,996	48,153	37,070	161,931
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.12	6.98	9.06	6.23
% of total /1	23%	24%	30%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,579	41,237	54,639	35,582	166,037
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.11	6.92	9.10	6.27
% of total /1	21%	25%	33%	21%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,701	47,899	47,669	35,463	164,732
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.19	6.77	8.97	6.17
% of total /1	20%	29%	29%	22%	100%
To date/2021*	455,295	610,030	638,078	545,568	2,248,971
To date/2020*	540,431	644,033	602,106	575,501	2,362,071
% Change YTD	-16%	-5%	6%	-5%	-5%

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
2/27	179.6	166.1	108%	6.46
3/6	174.6	168.7	103%	6.35
3/13	171.4	168.8	102%	6.32
3/20	168.5	168.5	100%	6.30
3/27	168.1	167.5	100%	6.27
4/3	163.9	166.5	98%	6.23
Year to date	2276.4	2314.5	98%	
4/10		166.4		
4/17		165.3		

*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.	6,791	4.19%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,280	6.97%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	5,255	3.25%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	14,386	8.88%
Totals:		37,712	23.29%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,035	4,243	5.56	3,970	5.60
AR	4,411	4,739	6.33	4,844	6.29
Delmarva	1,950	2,082	7.28	1,826	7.16
KY-LA-TN	2,081	2,387	5.83	2,348	6.06
MS	2,414	2,529	6.30	2,610	6.23
NC	3,627	3,584	8.16	3,499	8.16
TX	2,734	2,750	6.76	2,682	6.91
Total	21,252	22,314	6.56	21,617	6.58
Mon-Fri	108,987	(A)			
Saturday	859	(included in total for date shown)			1,547

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Apr-21 and 10-Apr-21 is estimated to be 32,344,000 head up 0.52 percent from a week ago

and up 15.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,178,000, last year 27,943,000)

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

10-Apr-21 is estimated to be 163,750,000 head up 1.12

percent from a week ago, and up 5.57 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,931,000, last year 155,111,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of April 5, 2021

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	215-235	230-245

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)	92.00-104.50	98.00-102.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	94.00-111.00	99.00-104.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes
11 oz 95.04- 103.68 **13 oz** 120.69- 152.92 **15 oz** 132.03- 160.94
 Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Prices remain steady. Demand is usually moderate. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts 750-900, bone-in legs 500-510, gizzards 230-305, wings 125-170, livers 215-245, and feet 150-170 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 and Others	201-221	225-233
Mostly		

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl		
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	0.0 - 1.5	1.15
(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	80.0 - 86.0
Ice Packed (12 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

Live Fowl Auctions - 6-Apr-2021				
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
	Hackettstown, NJ		Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	
	Price Range	Avg	(per pound)	Price Range
Heavy Fowl each:	4.00	21.00	9.40	5-6 lbs: 0.50 0.70
per pound:				4-5 lbs: 0.45 0.60
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: 0.80 1.00

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/2	2,290	7.42
4/1	1,852	7.21
3/31	1,909	7.17
3/30	2,007	7.12
3/29	2,012	7.19
Weekly	7,780	7.17

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	04/03/21	03/27/21	% chg	04/04/20	% chg
Cattle	641	609	1.05	529 ¹	1.21
Hogs	2487	2463	1.01	2393 ¹	1.04

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 240 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 3, 2021, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.1 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 3, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through April 3, 2021 for the United States were 2.43 billion. Cumulative placements were down 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	
	Mar 27, 2021	Apr 03, 2021	Mar 27, 2021	Apr 03, 2021
AL.....	33,091	33,587	24,322	24,153
AR.....	24,354	24,360	21,419	20,079
DE.....	4,948	4,948	5,245	4,758
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,325	1,288
GA.....	34,602	34,878	27,430	25,854
KY.....	8,027	8,120	6,900	5,973
LA.....	3,215	3,320	2,779	2,921
MD.....	7,912	7,912	5,019	5,385
MS.....	16,275	16,384	14,332	13,966
MO.....	9,385	9,318	6,267	6,213
NC.....	25,754	25,628	20,510	20,772
OK.....	7,291	7,327	3,613	4,557
PA.....	6,491	6,488	4,699	4,637
SC.....	5,729	5,733	4,136	5,716
TX.....	18,202	18,215	13,689	14,034
VA.....	6,560	6,469	5,855	6,511
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,389	13,330	11,172	11,487
Other States.....	11,890	13,120	8,962	9,224
United States.....	238,324	240,346	187,674	187,528
Percent of Prev Year..	102	104	98	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1521.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-May-21 is estimated at 164.4 million head. This compares to 164.5 million head the previous week and to 172.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 66.61 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	3-Apr-21		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	762	1,405	2,167
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	766	1,482	2,248
Same week yr ago	844	1,562	2,406
To-date/2021*	10,027	19,144	29,171
To-date/2020*	10,774	20,798	31,572

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	102	0	102
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	187	10	197
Same week yr ago	132	0	132
To-date/2021*	1,502	18	1,520
To-date/2020*	2,193	0	2,193

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	864	1,405	2,269
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	953	1,492	2,445
Same week yr ago	976	1,562	2,538
To-date/2021*	11,529	19,162	30,691
To-date/2020*	12,967	20,798	33,765

*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

3/29/2021	3/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
65,527	64,379	1,148	2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	4/5/2021	03/29/21	03/30/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	13,590	13,359	8,446
Los Angeles:	532	538	570

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	8	18,853	1,019.77 - 1,104.00	1,043.03
168 3 Round, top inside round	4	47,256	270.31 - 281.00	273.83
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	24	75,919	860.00 - 900.00	870.21
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	9	59,040	184.00 - 205.00	187.87

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,508	96.79 - 133.99	114.20
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,804	100.00 - 164.50	123.63
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	102	116.00 - 136.00	123.62
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,452	143.03 - 226.00	199.86