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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are mostly steady. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail demand is in a full range, mostly light to moderate. Food service is moderate with some improvement expected for the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed with some orders expected to increase to fulfill Valentine's Day needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, breast items are steady to firm and dark meat cuts are generally steady. Offerings of bone-in breasts and tenderloins are light at best, balance of items are light to moderate, with some finding thigh meat more available. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

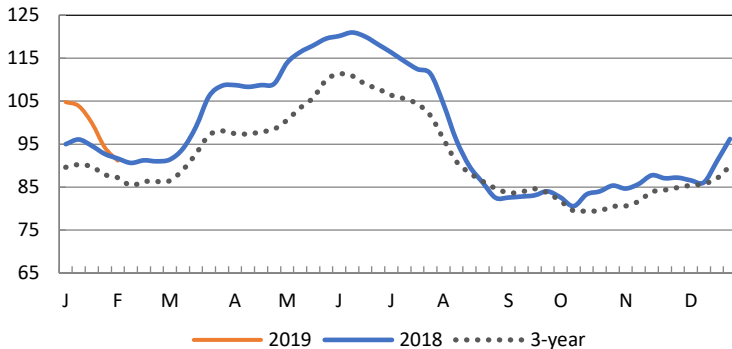
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	91.16	↓ -3.06	12,233
Last Week:	94.22		11,789
Last Year:	90.63	↑ 0.53	11,982

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Dec	89.75	47,974
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	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	93.38	4,723	96.25	4,691
WOGS:	89.89	1,719	93.00	1,396
New York				
Whole Body:	93.05	1,295	94.80	1,255
Central				
Whole Body:	82.81	3,622	83.11	3,388
WOGS:	82.03	3,282	82.86	3,268
Chicago				
Whole Body:	85.49	1,912	84.39	2,162
Western				
Whole Body:	96.25	3,888	95.08	3,437
WOGS:	95.77	3,788	94.84	3,377
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	94.56	2,086	95.40	1,777

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 2-Feb-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	163,174	912	1,544	2,456	420
Avg Wt	6.11	3.61	8.06	6.41	6.73
Last week	158,086	1,018	1,448	2,466	450
Same wk yr ago	165,335	796	1,548	2,344	427
Avg Wt	6.17	3.53	7.91	6.42	6.52
To-date/2019*	792,876	4,631	7,304	11,935	2,099
To-date/2018*	773,341	4,770	7,352	12,122	2,414
% Change YTD	3%	-3%	-1%	-2%	-13%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	757,715	1,827	8,525	10,352	2,007
Last week	736,491	1,966	8,064	10,030	2,320
Same wk yr ago	775,289	1,559	8,388	9,947	1,977
To-date/2019*	3,704,796	9,032	40,650	49,682	10,320
To-date/2018*	3,645,515	9,302	40,006	49,308	11,824
% Change YTD	2%	-3%	2%	1%	-13%

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 ** million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.2 million head.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this data is not available

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

	Current Week 2/9/2019 (1)	Previous Week 2/2/2019
----- Thousand head -----		
Class		
Broiler/fryer	164,693 (2)	165,646
Light hens	763	961
Heavy hens	1,279	1,535
Total	166,735	168,142

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Feb-19 is ** million head compared to 164.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.0 million head. For the week of 16-Feb-19 the estimated available is ** million head.

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.

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	1,110	117.46
Tenderloins	620	185.60
Breast - Line Run	553	92.55
Front Halves	543	66.68
Legs	1,076	34.04
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,034	25.71
Leg Quarters (4/10)	992	27.47
Wings (Whole)	578	169.42
Wings (Cut)	618	188.03
Drumsticks	1,010	25.09
Thighs	539	35.83
B/S Thighs	684	116.83

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.00 - 55.50	46.23	46.20

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.

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 04-Feb-19 to 08-Feb-2019

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	Low	High	Low	High
Breast - B/S	92.00	110.00	102.00	110.00
Tenderloins	166.00	180.00	166.00	169.00
Breast - Line Run	83.00	100.00	83.00	88.00
Legs	43.00	57.00	-	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	24.00	29.00	27.00	29.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	27.00	35.00	29.00	32.00
Drumsticks	31.00	33.00	31.00	32.00
Thighs	44.00	50.00	44.00	48.00
B/S Thighs	109.00	116.00	111.00	116.00
Wings (Whole)	155.00	200.00	160.00	165.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00	33.00	-	-
Livers	32.00	55.00	-	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00	55.00	-	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 01, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	87.94	137.85	61.80	30.90	19.01	95.07
High	89.13	147.36	71.30	38.03	21.39	95.07
Mostly	88.42	142.61	66.55	33.27	19.01	95.07
San Juan						
Low	87.47	135.48	61.80	28.52	19.01	95.07
High	88.42	144.98	71.30	35.65	21.39	95.07
Mostly	87.94	137.85	66.55	30.90	19.01	95.07
New San Juan						
Low	87.94	137.85	64.17	33.27	19.01	97.45
High	89.84	147.36	73.68	40.41	21.39	97.45
Mostly	88.65	142.61	68.93	35.65	19.01	97.45
Becerra						
Low	88.65	140.23	66.55	35.65	19.01	97.45
High	90.32	149.74	76.06	42.78	21.39	97.45
Mostly	89.13	144.98	71.30	38.03	19.01	97.45

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	108.09	2,567,980
Tenderloins	169.37	1,014,840
Breast - With Ribs	121.80	178,389
Breast - Line Run	98.98	527,128
Legs	48.86	415,537
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.99	1,634,330
Drumsticks	32.97	2,373,461
Thighs	64.95	169,040
B/S Thighs	115.14	890,200
Wings (Whole)	194.93	1,319,240
Backs and Necks	10.00	765,292
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	66.56	58,720
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.67	76,120

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 mostly steady for frozen and steady to slightly higher for fresh. The undertone is steady. Spot market domestic and export demand is in a range of light to moderate. There was raw material interest noted into pet food and export channels. Supplies are moderate to instances light. Processing schedules return to normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are mixed, varying by area. Frame prices are trading at 8-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	8-Feb-19	Last Week	Last Year	8-Feb-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	-	24.00 - 26.00	30.00-33.00	-	19.00 - 24.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price		25.00	31.29		21.72	23.16
Volume Traded	-	440	699	-	1,854	1,734
Volume Exported	-	440	699	-	-	41
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 2-Feb-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	35,792	52,169	36,621	38,592	163,174
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.21	6.80	8.91	6.11
% of total /1	22%	32%	22%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	30,383	55,273	38,426	34,004	158,086
Avg Live Wgt	3.57	5.33	6.78	8.97	6.13
% of total /1	19%	35%	24%	22%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,295	57,529	37,441	36,070	165,335
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.29	6.94	9.29	6.17
% of total /1	21%	35%	23%	22%	100%
To date/2019*	182,124	244,679	187,050	179,023	792,876
To date/2018*	176,609	246,661	181,490	168,581	773,341
% Change YTD	3%	-1%	3%	6%	3%

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
12/29	119.1	156.70	76%	6.27
1/5	139.6	155.30	90%	6.21
1/12	167.9	**	**	6.17
1/19	169.9	**	**	6.13
1/26	160	**	**	6.13
2/2	165.2	**	**	6.11
Year to date	802.6	**	**	
2/9		**	**	
2/16		**	**	

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this data is not available

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.	7,979	4.89%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,843	7.26%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	6,933	4.25%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,037	5.54%
	Totals:	35,792	21.93%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,831	3,972	5.56	3,847	5.47
AR	4,816	4,949	5.88	4,552	5.89
Delmarva	2,222	2,247	6.65	2,706	6.63
KY-LA-TN	2,310	2,508	5.45	2,615	5.37
MS	2,736	2,753	6.39	2,733	6.24
NC	3,324	3,377	7.96	3,995	8.14
TX	2,534	2,430	6.73	2,466	6.66
Total	21,773	22,236	6.31	22,914	6.31
Mon-Fri	110,765	(A)		108,527	(A)
Saturday	691	(included in total for date shown)		1,953	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Feb-19 and 09-Feb-19 is estimated to be 33,137,000 head down 5.26 percent from a week ago and up 0.3 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,978,000, last year 33,033,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Feb-19 is estimated to be 165,331,000 head up 1.32 percent from a week ago, and up 1.54 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,174,000, last year 162,822,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of February 4, 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	205-220	215-230

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)	92.00-109.50	102.00-105.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-111.00	106.00-109.00

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 February 4, 2019

Prices remain steady. Demand is usually moderate as the Chinese New Year celebrations are underway. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to at times extended in those areas affected last week by the extreme cold weather. 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

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0- 9.0	7.99

(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 - 02-05-19					
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry					
Hackettstown, NJ Heavy Fowl			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA Price Range - cents per lb.		
Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl
per lb.:	-	-	5-6 lbs:	.80 - .90	5-9 lbs: .85 - 1.00
each:	2.00	7.00	3.64	4-5 lbs: .70 - .75	

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/1	2,706	6.40
1/31	2,131	6.51
1/30	2,239	6.63
1/29	2,171	6.82
1/28	2,228	6.77
Weekly	11,474	6.63

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	02/09/19	02/02/19	% chg	02/10/18	% chg
Cattle	614	593	1.04	589 ¹	1.04
Hogs	2,516	2,387	1.05	2,389 ¹	1.05

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 229 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 2, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.1 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 Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 2, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through February 2, 2019 for the United States were 913 million. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Jan 26, 2018	Feb 02, 2018	Jan 26, 2018	Feb 02, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	30,997	31,788	23,239	23,240
AR.....	24,626	23,759	22,979	22,669
DE.....	5,034	5,185	3,944	4,743
FL.....	1,194	1,209	1,480	1,323
GA.....	35,102	34,879	27,002	27,649
KY.....	7,784	7,758	5,929	5,789
LA.....	3,652	3,774	3,204	3,195
MD.....	7,864	7,807	5,287	6,210
MS.....	18,240	18,317	15,428	15,477
MO.....	8,272	8,217	5,763	6,157
NC.....	23,258	23,206	18,859	18,891
OK.....	7,499	7,750	4,176	3,682
PA.....	5,297	5,297	4,070	3,957
SC.....	5,707	5,651	4,729	4,579
TX.....	16,330	16,280	12,018	13,049
VA.....	6,330	6,454	5,297	4,528
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,021	11,868	10,529	10,027
Other States.....	9,700	9,743	7,367	7,770
United States.....	228,907	228,942	181,300	182,935
Percent of Prev Year...	102	101	100	102

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0619.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Mar-19 is estimated at ** ** million head. This compares to ** ** million head the previous week and to 164.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.24 cents per pound.

The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Feb 02, 2019 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	912	1,544	2,456
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,018	1,448	2,466
Same week yr ago	796	1,548	2,344
To-date/2019*	4,631	7,304	11,935
To-date/2018*	4,770	7,352	12,122

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	152	0	152
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	348	0	348
Same week yr ago	268	0	268
To-date/2019*	1,346	7	1,353
To-date/2018*	1,196	8	1,204

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	1,064	1,544	2,608
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,366	1,448	2,814
Same week yr ago	1,064	1,548	2,612
To-date/2019*	5,977	7,311	13,288
To-date/2018*	5,966	7,360	13,326

*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		
			02/04/19	01/28/19	02/05/18
AM	02/04/19	70,494			
AM	01/01/19	74,212			
CHG		-3718			
PCT CHG		-5%			
Pacific Coast:			8259	8676	8675
Los Angeles:			600	614	1652

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	749.50 777.25	755.52
168 3 Round, top inside round	223.89 231.25	225.77
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	535.00 567.25	544.23
Ground Beef 81%	174.00 206.88	181.50

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	86.91
Bnls CC Strap-on	115.24
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	98.99
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	135.62