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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is mixed, but mostly moderate entering the weekend. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are firm for dark meat items, and the balance of items range steady to firm. Offerings of dark meat cuts are moving well with thighs, drums, and thigh meat in the better position. Boneless skinless breasts, bone-in breast, and tenders are light to moderate, and the remainder of parts are moderate. 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:	86.95	↑ 2.95	9,879
Last Week:	83.99		9,977
Last Year:	83.68	↑ 3.27	9,679

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
Feb	82.97	38,765

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 20-Mar-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	166,471	736	1,281	2,017	395
Avg Wt	6.30	3.50	8.41	6.62	7.06
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	169,325	724	1,531	2,255	448
Same wk yr ago	171,690	773	1,730	2,503	555
Avg Wt	6.29	3.46	8.28	6.79	7.08
To-date/2021*	1,921,003	9,140	17,355	26,495	4,636
To-date/2020*	2,027,656	9,577	18,689	28,266	5,676
% Change YTD	-5%	-5%	-7%	-6%	-18%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	797,063	1,430	7,380	8,810	1,980
Last week	813,302	1,298	8,809	10,107	2,220
Same wk yr ago	820,747	1,484	9,812	11,296	2,790
To-date/2021*	9,278,828	17,506	98,656	116,162	22,423
To-date/2020*	9,637,387	18,697	105,286	123,983	28,439
% Change YTD	-4%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-21%

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 168.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 0.0 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

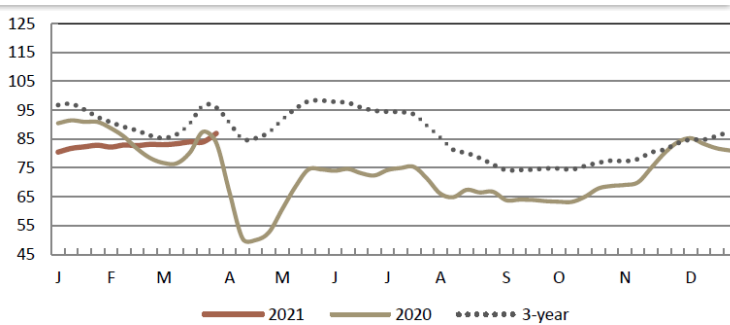
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	3/27/2021 (1)	3/20/2021
Broiler/fryer	163,942 (2)	168,591
Light hens	744	772
Heavy hens	1,490	1,259
Total	166,176	170,622

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Mar-21 is 167.5 million head compared to 171.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.3 million head or -3.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Apr-21 the estimated available is 166.5 million head.



Eastern Region

This Week Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	84.75	↑ 2.01	4,376	82.74	4,474
WOGS:	86.06	↑ 2.00	1,616	84.06	1,549

New York

Whole Body:	83.03	↑ 1.83	1,260	81.20	1,400
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Central Region

This Week Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.66	↑ 3.24	2,343	85.42	2,579
WOGS:	88.48	↑ 3.40	2,168	85.08	2,284

Chicago

Whole Body:	87.73	↑ 1.38	1,430	86.35	1,331
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Western Region

This Week Last Week

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	88.71	↑ 1.21	3,160	87.50	2,982
WOGS:	87.98	↑ 1.22	2,960	86.76	2,782

Los Angeles

Whole Body:	88.65	↑ 0.51	1,696	88.14	1,558
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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	1,237	136.60
TENDERLOINS	654	188.94
BREAST - LINE RUN	587	62.93
FRONT HALVES	605	58.12
LEGS	1,045	39.72
LEG QUARTERS	1,063	35.64
LEG QUARTERS	1,027	39.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	585	273.83
WINGS (CUT)	590	286.36
DRUMSTICKS	1,014	35.29
THIGHS	610	30.20
B/S THIGHS	622	94.73

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
43.50 - 52.50	7:40 AM	46.88	

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	141.60	2,599,240
TENDERLOINS	188.08	839,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	112.33	176,199
BREAST - LINE RUN	97.15	271,339
LEGS	50.48	370,716
LEG QUARTERS	39.09	1,312,851
DRUMSTICKS	46.29	1,211,085
THIGHS	55.68	194,300
B/S THIGHS	90.25	685,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	283.89	1,218,000
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00	741,103
LIVERS (5 POUND)	65.96	77,910
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.36	79,520

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 higher for both fresh and frozen. The undertone remains firm. Domestic and export demand is moderate to good as Easter is next weekend and industry faces the challenges that comes with it. Supplies are closely balance to tight. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials are tight for current needs. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading at 11-12.5 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 22-MAR-2021 TO 26-MAR-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 178.00	135.00 - 145.00	
TENDERLOINS	180.00 - 198.00	180.00 - 190.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 85.00	65.00 - 85.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 45.00	33.00 - 40.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	33.00 - 48.00	33.00 - 40.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 50.00	35.00 - 40.00	
B/S THIGHS	78.00 - 100.00	83.00 - 91.00	
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 March 19, 2021

Market	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	124.70	175.92	104.66	51.22	20.04	102.43
High	125.81	184.82	113.57	57.90	22.27	102.43
Mostly	125.37	180.37	109.11	53.44	20.04	102.43
SAN JUAN						
Low	124.48	173.69	102.43	48.99	20.04	102.43
High	125.37	182.60	111.34	55.67	22.27	102.43
Mostly	124.70	178.14	106.89	51.22	20.04	102.43
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	125.37	178.14	106.89	53.44	20.04	102.43
High	126.71	187.05	115.79	60.12	22.27	102.43
Mostly	125.81	182.60	111.34	55.67	20.04	102.43
BECERRA						
Low	125.81	180.37	109.11	55.67	20.04	102.43
High	126.93	189.28	118.02	62.35	22.27	102.43
Mostly	126.26	184.82	113.57	57.90	20.04	102.43

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	26-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year	26-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			27.00			-
Wtd Avg Price			27.00			-
Volume Traded	-	-	52	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	52	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	45.00 - 50.00	34.00 - 48.00	26.00-28.00	40.00 - 42.00	26.00 - 35.00	21.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	47.39	40.00	26.52	40.80	29.30	22.37
Volume Traded	806	567	1,710	306	938	2,407
Volume Exported	644	567	1,215	41	-	612
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 20-Mar-21

(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	36,717	40,828	51,380	37,546	166,471
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.13	7.01	9.18	6.30
% of total /1	22%	25%	31%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	34,943	42,323	58,151	33,908	169,325
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.19	6.96	9.26	6.32
% of total /1	21%	25%	34%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	32,857	48,719	49,692	40,422	171,690
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.24	6.74	9.00	6.29
% of total /1	19%	28%	29%	24%	100%
To date/2021*	383,004	529,797	535,286	472,916	1,921,003
To date/2020*	464,667	551,361	508,198	503,430	2,027,656
% Change YTD	-18%	-4%	5%	-6%	-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	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
2/13	165.9	169.9	98%	6.35
2/20	97.1	167.3	58%	6.29
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
Year to date	1944.4	1980.5	98%	
3/27		167.5		
4/3		166.5		

*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.	17,435	10.47%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	10,479	6.29%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,983	5.40%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	8,262	4.96%
Totals:		45,159	27.13%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,212	4,338	5.44	4,243	5.51
AR	4,967	4,931	6.19	4,608	6.25
Delmarva	1,971	2,048	7.62	1,720	7.23
KY-LA-TN	2,346	2,329	5.97	2,124	5.89
MS	2,524	2,624	6.21	2,572	6.35
NC	3,597	3,584	8.08	3,331	8.02
TX	3,072	2,835	6.87	2,952	6.89
Total	22,689	22,689	6.53	21,550	6.53
Mon-Fri	113,189 (A)			110,609 (A)	
Saturday	1,436	(included in total for date shown)		974	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Mar-21 and 27-Mar-21 is estimated to be 34,531,000 head up 4.97 percent from a week ago and up 7.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,896,000, last year 32,022,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Mar-21 is estimated to be 170,089,000 head up 2.17 percent from a week ago, and up 0.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 166,471,000, last year 169,683,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 22, 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)	92.00-102.00	97.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	94.00-109.00	98.00-101.00

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

This week, prices are steady. Demand is in a range of moderate to fairly good. Supplies are mostly 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 1.26
 (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
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box) 85.0 - 90.0

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

Live Fowl Auctions - 23-Mar-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:	8.00 22.00	11.70	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.65 0.90
per pound:	1.35 1.35	1.35		4-5 lbs: 0.40 0.55
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 1.20 1.50

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/19	1,720	7.16
3/18	1,886	7.23
3/17	2,041	7.23
3/16	2,066	7.34
3/15	2,090	7.21
Weekly	8,083	7.25

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	03/27/21	03/20/21	% chg	03/28/20	% chg
Cattle	646	627	1.03	685 ¹	0.94
Hogs	2,551	2,524	1.01	2,778 ¹	0.92

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

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.9 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 March 20, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 20, 2021 for the United States were 2.05 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 13, 2021 (1,000 eggs)	Mar 20, 2021 (1,000 eggs)	Mar 13, 2021 (1,000 chicks)	Mar 20, 2021 (1,000 chicks)
AL.....	33,438	33,161	23,622	24,628
AR.....	24,092	24,265	20,973	20,503
DE.....	4,948	4,947	4,848	5,028
FL.....	1,209	1,210	1,362	1,351
GA.....	34,592	34,737	26,335	27,487
KY.....	7,852	7,962	6,806	5,690
LA.....	3,441	3,265	1,883	2,800
MD.....	7,944	7,914	5,791	5,648
MS.....	16,877	16,920	14,273	13,980
MO.....	9,450	9,232	6,461	5,942
NC.....	25,103	25,037	20,279	20,892
OK.....	7,168	6,693	3,354	4,585
PA.....	6,364	6,353	4,553	4,701
SC.....	5,795	5,818	5,432	4,598
TX.....	17,545	17,639	11,552	14,749
VA.....	6,530	6,470	5,199	5,100
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,312	13,045	10,561	11,123
Other States.....	12,362	12,279	9,003	9,464
United States.....	238,022	236,947	182,287	188,269
Percent of Prev Year..	100	98	97	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1321.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-May-21 is estimated at 162.1 million head. This compares to 161.7 million head the previous week and to 171.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.8 million head and the national weighted average price was 87.51 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	20-Mar-21		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	736	1,281	2,017
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	724	1,531	2,255
Same week yr ago	773	1,730	2,503
To-date/2021*	8,499	16,257	24,756
To-date/2020*	9,150	17,525	26,675

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	28	0	28
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	180	0	180
Same week yr ago	99	0	99
To-date/2021*	1,213	8	1,221
To-date/2020*	2,011	0	2,011

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	764	1,281	2,045
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	904	1,531	2,435
Same week yr ago	872	1,730	2,602
To-date/2021*	9,712	16,265	25,977
To-date/2020*	11,161	17,525	28,686

*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

3/22/2021	3/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
64,253	64,379	-126	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/22/2021	03/15/21	03/23/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	12,793	12,835	9,163
Los Angeles:	542	541	567

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	39,579	895.00 - 950.00	904.75
168 3 Round, top inside round	7	12,097	249.00 - 256.00	253.94
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	26	86,804	785.00 - 819.00	791.60
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	12	71,949	164.00 - 205.00	173.59

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,032	91.25 - 136.76	113.60
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,528	102.63 - 156.50	119.91
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	180	103.98 - 136.44	131.52
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,614	150.00 - 205.00	180.63