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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending generally steady to weak for most sizes. Offerings are mostly moderate to heavy with three pound and heavier sizes being more available. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate as demand increases due to the approaching Super Bowl weekend. Floor stocks are sufficient. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market tone is steady to firm for tenders and wings, steady on boneless skinless breast, and steady to weak on dark meat items. Offerings of tenders and wings are balanced and clearing seasonally well as the industry prepares for the Super Bowl events. The remaining breast cuts and dark meat items range at least moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

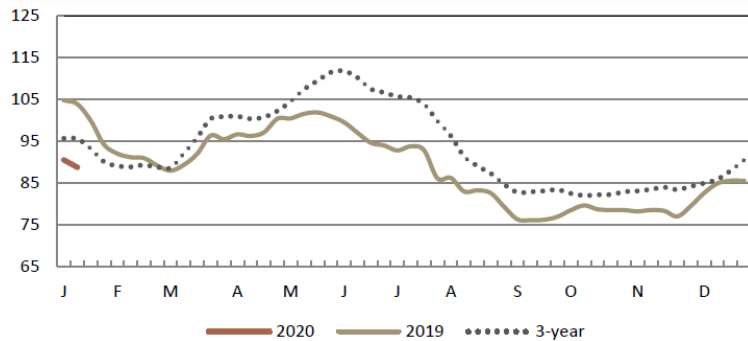
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	88.75	↓ -2.15	8,652
Last Week:	90.90		9,601
Last Year:	92.04	↓ -3.29	11,516

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Jan	90.56	47,052



Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
90.68	↓ -0.40	4,489	91.08	4,436		
89.57	↓ -1.34	1,469	90.91	1,514		
90.47	↓ -1.60	1,363	92.07	1,351		

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
83.60	↓ -1.88	2,143	85.48	2,692		
82.73	↓ -1.61	1,912	84.34	2,296		
82.22	↓ -1.07	1,021	83.29	1,030		

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
89.93	↓ -6.57	2,020	96.49	2,473		
88.76	↓ -7.15	1,900	95.92	2,340		
89.45	↓ -7.42	1,167	96.86	1,660		

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 25-Jan-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	166,070	839	1,490	2,329	496
Avg Wt	6.27	3.42	8.11	6.42	7.16
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	174,538	778	1,677	2,455	538
Same wk yr ago	158,086	1,018	1,448	2,466	450
Avg Wt	6.13	3.48	8.13	6.21	7.26
To-date/2020*	660,250	2,900	6,029	8,929	1,990
To-date/2019*	629,702	3,719	5,760	9,479	1,679
% Change YTD	5%	-22%	5%	-6%	19%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	791,357	1,593	8,277	9,870	2,521
Last week	839,667	1,567	9,213	10,780	2,681
Same wk yr ago	736,491	1,966	8,064	10,030	2,320
To-date/2020*	3,162,887	5,620	33,973	39,593	9,994
To-date/2019*	2,947,081	7,205	32,125	39,330	8,313
% Change YTD	7.00%	-22.00%	6.00%	1%	20.00%

Dressing %	76.00%	55.50%	68.50%	71.00%
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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 163.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.1 million head, or 4.5 million more 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
	2/1/2020	(1)	1/25/2020
Broiler/fryer	169,748	(2)	167,213
Light hens	809		764
Heavy hens	1,490		1,501
Total	172,047		169,478

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Feb-20 is 163.7 million head compared to 165.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.1 million head or 6.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Feb-20 the estimated available is 163.6 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	1,148	97.05
TENDERLOINS	594	159.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	565	75.59
FRONT HALVES	544	64.38
LEGS	1,020	45.23
LEG QUARTERS	1,079	31.91
LEG QUARTERS	1,051	33.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	588	171.96
WINGS (CUT)	613	182.06
DRUMSTICKS	982	29.67
THIGHS	572	30.39
B/S THIGHS	590	92.52

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
43.00 - 54.00	47.7	48.15	

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	90.28	2,471,390
Tenderloins	130.72	992,800
Breast - With Ribs	106.32	141,279
Breast - Line Run	89.60	289,091
Legs	65.00	295,800
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.48	1,497,860
Drumsticks	45.51	1,359,313
Thighs	66.36	216,170
B/S Thighs	106.24	801,320
Wings (Whole)	186.44	1,190,850
Backs and Necks	10.00	736,977
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	64.85	51,930
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.19	86,240

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 all fat contents of MSC continue to trend mostly steady. Demand is following typical seasonal patterns with both export and domestic channels noted as light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate with many dealers attending the IPPE trade show in Atlanta this week. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are at least moderate. Frame prices are trending mostly steady with trading levels at 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

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	WEEK OF 27-JAN-2020 TO 31-JAN-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	74.00 - 89.00		79.00 - 81.00	
TENDERLOINS	124.00 - 138.00		120.00 - 122.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 90.00		69.00 - 76.00	
LEGS	40.00 - 50.00		-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 34.00		30.00 - 32.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	35.00 - 41.00		30.00 - 33.00	
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 36.00		-	
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.00		33.00 - 39.00	
B/S THIGHS	105.00 - 110.00		107.00 - 112.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	138.00 - 158.00		125.00 - 129.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00		-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00		-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00		-	

[Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City](#)

Cents per pound for the week ending January 24, 2020

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	96.71	135.39	72.53	48.35	19.34	101.54
High	97.92	145.06	82.20	55.61	21.76	101.54
Mostly	97.19	140.23	77.37	50.77	19.34	101.54
SAN JUAN						
Low	96.22	132.97	70.11	45.94	19.34	101.54
High	97.19	142.64	79.78	53.19	21.76	101.54
Mostly	96.71	137.81	74.95	48.35	19.34	101.54
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	96.71	137.81	74.95	48.35	19.34	101.54
High	98.88	147.48	84.62	55.61	21.76	101.54
Mostly	98.16	142.64	79.78	50.77	19.34	101.54
BECERRA						
Low	97.67	140.23	77.37	50.77	19.34	101.54
High	99.12	149.90	87.04	58.02	21.76	101.54
Mostly	98.16	145.06	82.20	53.19	19.34	101.54

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	31-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year	31-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 27.50	26.00 - 27.50	24.00-26.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.54	26.57	25.16	21.30	21.80	20.76
Volume Traded	715	1,110	480	1,918	1,550	1,242
Volume Exported	715	1,110	480	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 18-Jan-20

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	36,260	53,937	38,262	37,612	166,071
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.31	7.02	9.30	6.27
% of total /1	22%	32%	23%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,916	44,333	47,650	43,639	174,538
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	5.22	6.83	9.25	6.33
% of total /1	22%	25%	27%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	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%
To date/2020*	159,273	170,049	171,424	159,505	660,251
To date/2019*	146,332	192,510	150,429	140,431	629,702
% Change YTD	9%	-12%	14%	14%	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		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
12/21	174.0	162.0	107%	6.17
12/28	129.0	159.7	81%	6.26
1/4	148.3	161.5	92%	6.36
1/11	175.2	164.0	107%	6.26
1/18	176.7	163.7	108%	6.33
1/25	168.1	163.6	103%	6.27
Year to date	668.3	652.8	102%	
2/1		167.3		
2/8		170.0		

*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.	9,169	5.52%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,917	5.37%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,971	4.80%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	10,203	6.14%
	Totals:	36,260	21.83%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,295	4,324	5.50	4,294	5.49
AR	4,513	4,948	6.18	4,262	6.20
Delmarva	2,218	2,209	6.81	2,174	6.63
KY-LA-TN	2,577	2,453	5.64	2,642	5.53
MS	2,758	2,792	6.33	2,719	6.39
NC	3,687	3,663	8.08	4,152	8.15
TX	2,617	2,718	6.56	2,826	6.61
Total	22,665	23,107	6.41	23,069	6.42
Mon-Fri	114,810	(A)		109,020	(A)
Saturday	633	(included in total for date shown)		1,355	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jan-20 and 01-Feb-20 is estimated to be 34,494,000 head down 2.04 percent from a week ago and up 0.1 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,214,000, last year 34,452,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Feb-20 is estimated to be 173,914,000 head up 4.72 percent from a week ago, and up 6.58 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,070,000, last year 163,174,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of January 27, 2020

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	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)	94.00-111.50	103.00-107.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	96.00-113.00	104.00-109.00

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,VV

Central Region Ducklings

All prices are unchanged. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies remain moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0-8.5	7.86

(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 - 01-28-20				
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry				
Hackettstown, NJ		Gravestone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .65 - 1.00 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	1.50	17.00	3.41	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .65 - 1.00 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .70 - .90 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/24	2,174	6.58
1/23	2,118	6.72
1/22	2,236	6.63
1/21	2,207	6.83
1/20	1,313	7.17
Weekly	10,048	6.79

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	02/01/20	01/25/20	% chg	02/02/19	% chg
Cattle	637	647	0.98	5931	1.07
Hogs	2,703	2,720	0.99	2,3721	1.14

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 January 25, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.5 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 25, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 25, 2020 for the United States were 760 million. Cumulative placements were up 4 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			
	Jan 18, 2019	Jan 25, 2019	Jan 18, 2019	Jan 25, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	34,032	34,255	24,636	24,933
AR	24,038	23,225	22,429	21,419
DE	5,499	5,506	5,592	5,441
FL	1,178	1,178	1,334	1,295
GA	34,648	35,425	26,940	27,057
KY	7,944	7,990	5,923	5,886
LA	3,819	3,864	3,238	3,192
MD	8,131	8,200	5,945	5,890
MS	17,550	18,305	15,115	15,507
MO	8,646	8,914	5,870	5,556
NC	25,165	25,119	19,949	18,764
OK	7,572	7,837	4,212	5,396
PA	5,994	5,870	4,318	4,377
SC	5,621	5,753	4,939	4,974
TX	17,296	17,992	14,729	14,414
VA	6,454	6,453	5,165	5,103
CA, TN, & WV	12,916	12,838	12,128	10,719
Other States	10,833	10,913	8,508	8,807
United States	237,336	239,637	190,970	188,730
Percent of Prev Year	104	104	104	103

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0520.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Mar-20 is estimated at 166.8 million head. This compares to 168.1 million head the previous week and to 164.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 94.22 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	25-Jan-20		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	839	1,490	2,329
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	778	1,677	2,455
Same week yr ago	1,018	1,448	2,466
To-date/2020*	2,900	6,029	8,929
To-date/2019*	3,719	5,760	9,479

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	204	0	204
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	133	0	133
Same week yr ago	348	0	348
To-date/2020*	615	0	615
To-date/2019*	1,194	7	1,201

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	1,043	1,490	2,533
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	911	1,677	2,588
Same week yr ago	1,366	1,448	2,814
To-date/2020*	3,515	6,029	9,544
To-date/2019*	4,913	5,767	10,680

*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

1/27/2020	1/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
97,322	91,685	5,637	6%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	1/27/2020	01/20/20	01/28/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	9,923	10,551	8,676
Los Angeles:	580	587	614

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	10,429	740.00 768.00	742.96
168 3 Round, top inside round	10	44,732	220.00 240.75	229.00
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	7	24,745	519.73 558.00	534.21
Ground Beef 81%	11	38,593	191.00 210.00	197.02

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,331	77.00- 114.00	90.44
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,214	90.22- 133.50	108.23
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	327	104.68- 130.33	121.44
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,115	121.00- 178.26	157.85