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## National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes are moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal to reduced with many plants working Saturday and/or Sunday to make up for weekday closures and reductions due to weather conditions. Inclement weather slowly moves out of production areas, but continues to cause disruptions in processing and transportation schedules as the storm gradually moves into the Northeast region. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are steady to firm for all items. Offerings are light to moderate with wings and jumbo size boneless skinless breasts in the tighter balance. Market activity for parts is mostly moderate. 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.
<b>This Week:</b>	83.16	↑ 0.42	9,853
<b>Last Week:</b>	82.74		9,461
<b>Last Year:</b>	78.39	↑ 4.77	9,488

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
<b>Jan</b>	82.29	38,247

## Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 13-Feb-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	163,944	731	1,580	2,311	338
Avg Wt	6.35	3.78	8.00	6.67	6.54
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	167,930	775	1,558	2,333	363
Same wk yr ago	170,974	899	1,517	2,416	487
Avg Wt	6.20	3.61	8.31	6.56	7.18
To-date/2021*	1,139,308	5,330	10,320	15,650	2,528
To-date/2020*	1,174,482	5,482	10,740	16,222	3,423
% Change YTD	-3%	-3%	-4%	-4%	-26%

## Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	791,194	1,534	8,658	10,192	1,569
Last week	810,430	1,437	8,805	10,242	1,722
Same wk yr ago	805,629	1,801	8,635	10,436	2,483
To-date/2021*	5,506,096	10,292	58,155	68,447	11,890
To-date/2020*	5,601,617	10,687	60,225	70,912	17,282
% Change YTD	-2%	-4%	-3%	-3%	-31%

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 169.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.9 million head, or 4.0 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

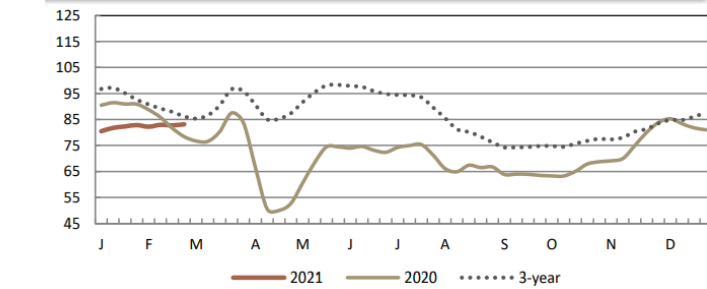
\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	2/20/2021 (1)	2/13/2021
----- Thousand Head -----		
Broiler/fryer	122,804 (2)	169,346
Light hens	656	698
Heavy hens	1,077	1,602
Total	124,537	171,646

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Feb-21 is 167.3 million head compared to 172.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 123.1 million head or -44.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 27-Feb-21 the estimated available is 166.1 million head.



## Eastern Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	81.28	↑ 0.94	4,633	80.35	4,283
WOGS:	80.99	↑ 3.10	1,838	77.89	1,937
<b>New York</b>					
Whole Body:	79.08	↑ 0.28	1,295	78.80	1,225

## Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	83.75	↓ -0.05	2,845	83.80	2,835
WOGS:	83.67	↓ -0.08	2,540	83.75	2,520
<b>Chicago</b>					
Whole Body:	83.61	↓ -0.11	1,355	83.71	1,365

## Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	86.12	↑ 0.29	2,375	85.83	2,343
WOGS:	85.56	↑ 0.37	2,250	85.20	2,138
<b>Los Angeles</b>					
Whole Body:	87.31	↑ 0.32	1,337	87.00	1,300

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	912	124.72
TENDERLOINS	498	182.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	431	58.87
FRONT HALVES	448	50.85
LEGS	846	31.79
LEG QUARTERS	811	28.72
LEG QUARTERS	812	30.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	474	258.95
WINGS (CUT)	508	273.84
DRUMSTICKS	813	30.73
THIGHS	422	25.42
B/S THIGHS	485	79.46

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
36.50 - 47.00	11:45 PM	39.78	

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	133.53	1,995,050
TENDERLOINS	183.02	709,710
BREAST - WITH RIBS	107.01	184,642
BREAST - LINE RUN	93.78	282,115
LEGS	49.69	270,697
LEG QUARTERS	33.81	1,272,805
DRUMSTICKS	43.19	1,171,984
THIGHS	50.10	190,290
B/S THIGHS	86.41	607,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	278.81	748,538
BACKS AND NECKS	9.16	666,680
LIVERS (5 POUND)	64.28	81,420
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	79.03	24,960

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.

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 trading within the same range as the previous week for both fresh and frozen. Spot market domestic and export demand range light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules varied as severe weather and extremely cold temperatures affected some areas of the country causing production and transportation disruptions. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are also light to moderate. Frame prices are trading at 9-12 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 15-FEB-2021 TO 19-FEB-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 178.00	120.00 - 134.00	
TENDERLOINS	160.00 - 195.00	180.00 - 185.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 90.00	62.00 - 70.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 44.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 34.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 35.00	29.00 - 35.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	29.00 - 50.00	29.00 - 35.00	
B/S THIGHS	55.00 - 88.00	78.00 - 85.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	253.00 - 300.00	260.00 - 269.00	
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 January 30, 2021

Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
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\*\*\*This report will be released as soon as information becomes available. We apologize for any inconvenience.\*\*\*

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year	19-Feb-21	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	30.00 - 36.00	30.00 - 36.00	26.00-27.00	23.50 - 30.00	23.50 - 31.00	20.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.06	33.23	26.29	25.62	25.92	21.66
Volume Traded	864	1,704	1,025	1,999	1,775	2,468
Volume Exported	864	1,704	1,025	-	-	306
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 13-Feb-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	32,278	43,904	48,852	38,910	163,944
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.20	6.90	9.12	6.35
% of total /1	20%	27%	30%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	26,500	46,745	52,622	42,063	167,930
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	4.98	6.76	9.04	6.35
% of total /1	16%	28%	31%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,231	51,378	33,277	45,088	170,974
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.28	6.82	9.11	6.20
% of total /1	24%	30%	19%	26%	100%
To date/2021*	220,913	325,004	307,814	285,577	1,139,308
To date/2020*	272,100	322,992	285,671	293,719	1,174,482
% Change YTD	-19%	1%	8%	-3%	-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
1/9	171.8	159.3	108%	6.36
1/16	171.0	160.6	106%	6.35
1/23	166.3	160.3	104%	6.35
1/30	168.7	164.8	102%	6.36
2/6	170.0	168.3	101%	6.35
2/13	165.9	169.9	98%	6.35
Year to date	1153.2	1141.1	101%	
2/20		167.3		
2/27		166.1		

\*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.	7,400	4.51%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	6,196	3.78%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	10,304	6.29%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	8,377	5.11%
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>32,277</b>	<b>19.69%</b>

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,217	4,064	5.01	5.37	5.18
AR	5,064	4,077 (A)	5.03	7.24	6.37
Delmarva	1,847	2,046	6.23	7.02	6.85
KY-LA-TN	2,320	2,179	5.40	5.54	5.76
MS	1,383	*N/A (A)	6.28	9.24	6.85
NC	4,048	3,393	8.23	8.24	8.28
TX	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	*N/A	6.59
Total	18,879	15,759	6.32	6.91	6.54
Mon-Fri	79,564 (B)			109,039 (B)	
Saturday	1,554	(included in total for date shown)		2,907	

\*N/A due to inclement weather in the area.

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Feb-21 and 20-Feb-21 is estimated to be 28,732,000 head down 18.11 percent from a week ago and down 13.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,086,000, last year 33,355,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Feb-21 is estimated to be 102,873,000 head down 37.25 percent from a week ago, and down 39.47 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,944,000, last year 169,956,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of February 15, 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)	90.00-102.00	97.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-109.00	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

Prices are steady to higher. Demand is moderate to at times light. Supplies are mostly moderate. Reports of movement being affected into those areas of the country experiencing severe winter weather. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to 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 - 2.0 1.67  
 (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 - 16-Feb-2021					
***AI 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:	4.25	6.00	4.91	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 1.00 1.05
per pound:					4-5 lbs: 1.00 1.05
				Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 2.00 2.20

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/12	1,539	7.40
2/11	1,870	6.83
2/10	2,097	6.85
2/9	1,926	7.06
2/8	2,103	7.08
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>7,996</b>	<b>6.96</b>

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	02/20/21	02/13/21	% chg	02/22/20	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	552	608	0.91	626 <sup>1</sup>	0.88
<b>Hogs</b>	2438	2654	0.92	2611 <sup>1</sup>	0.93

<sup>1</sup> 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 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 1 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 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 13, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 13, 2021 for the United States were 1.12 billion. Cumulative placements were down 2 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			
	Feb 06,	Feb 13,	Feb 06,	Feb 13,
	2021	2021	2021	2021
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	33,721	33,614	24,698	23,542
AR.....	24,475	24,620	21,698	22,101
DE.....	4,669	4,669	4,138	5,113
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,382	1,305
GA.....	34,778	34,100	24,942	25,120
KY.....	8,158	8,155	5,497	6,165
LA.....	3,562	3,562	2,979	3,018
MD.....	7,807	7,773	6,497	5,139
MS.....	18,111	18,096	14,094	14,412
MO.....	9,210	9,227	5,350	5,171
NC.....	23,943	24,515	19,787	19,816
OK.....	7,319	7,166	4,321	4,705
PA.....	6,296	6,354	4,771	4,813
SC.....	5,899	5,660	5,272	5,851
TX.....	17,517	17,349	14,669	14,017
VA.....	6,300	6,504	5,783	5,367
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,259	13,230	11,622	11,708
Other States.....	10,744	11,844	9,597	8,894
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>236,977</b>	<b>237,647</b>	<b>187,097</b>	<b>186,257</b>
Percent of Prev Year..	99	99	98	98

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0821.pdf>

## Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-Mar-21 is estimated at 163.4 million head. This compares to 163.2 million head the previous week and to 170.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 81.62 cents per pound.

## US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 13-Feb-21

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	731	1,580	2,311
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	775	1,558	2,333
Same week yr ago	899	1,517	2,416
To-date/2021*	4,689	9,222	13,911
To-date/2020*	5,055	9,576	14,631

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	222	0	222
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	156	8	164
Same week yr ago	229	0	229
To-date/2021*	823	8	831
To-date/2020*	1,172	0	1,172

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	953	1,580	2,533
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	931	1,566	2,497
Same week yr ago	1,128	1,517	2,645
To-date/2021*	5,512	9,230	14,742
To-date/2020*	6,227	9,576	15,803

\*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

2/15/2021	2/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
69,433	69,094	339	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	2/15/2021	02/08/21	02/17/20
<b>Pacific w/out Denver:</b>	10,827	10,194	10,297
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	548	537	564

## Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	11	15,305	899.55 - 945.00	909.31
168 3 Round, top inside round	20	120,233	245.74 - 274.89	256.60
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	22	75,656	755.00 - 819.89	766.01

**GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind**  
Ground Beef 81%

## Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,996	88.25 - 125.00	94.92
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,750	99.53 - 151.50	116.45
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	251	70.00 - 105.05	80.98
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,576	135.00 - 190.94	161.41