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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

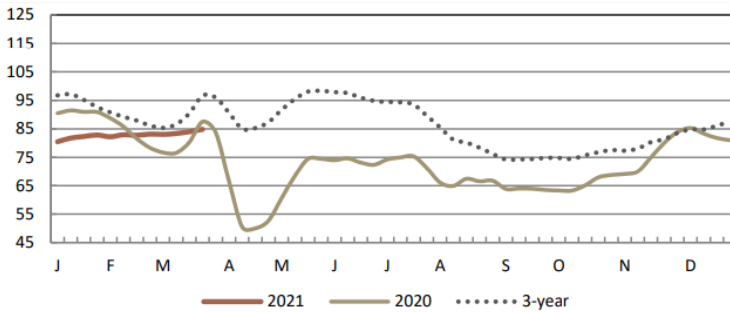
Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for most sizes. Offerings of all sizes are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are firm for bone-in breasts, steady to firm for dark meat items, wings, and boneless skinless breasts. Tenders and the remainder of parts are steady. Offerings of dark meat cuts and wings are moving well, with thighs, leg quarters, and thigh meat in the best position. Bone-in breasts and boneless skinless breasts are light to moderate, and the balance of parts are moderate. Market activity for parts is 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.
This Week:	84.84	↑ 0.85	10,035
Last Week:	83.99		9,977
Last Year:	87.51	↓ -2.67	9,919

Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Feb	82.97		38,765



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 13-Mar-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	169,325	724	1,531	2,255	448
Avg Wt	6.32	3.23	8.40	6.74	6.98
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	172,542	837	1,551	2,388	422
Same wk yr ago	170,505	810	1,587	2,397	394
Avg Wt	6.19	3.44	8.30	6.66	6.81
To-date/2021*	1,754,532	8,404	16,074	24,478	4,241
To-date/2020*	1,855,966	8,804	16,959	25,763	5,121
% Change YTD	-5%	-5%	-5%	-5%	-17%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	813,302	1,298	8,809	10,107	2,220
Last week	832,688	1,589	8,680	10,269	2,121
Same wk yr ago	802,124	1,546	9,023	10,569	1,905
To-date/2021*	8,481,765	16,076	91,276	107,352	20,443
To-date/2020*	8,816,640	17,213	95,474	112,687	25,649
% Change YTD	-4%	-7%	-4%	-5%	-20%

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 168.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.4 million head, or 2.6 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
	3/20/2021	(1) 3/13/2021
----- Thousand Head -----		
Broiler/fryer	168,591 (2)	169,257
Light hens	772	681
Heavy hens	1,259	1,502
Total	170,622	171,440

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Mar-21 is 168.5 million head compared to 173.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.9 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Mar-21 the estimated available is 167.5 million head.

Eastern Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	82.74	↑ 0.96	4,474	81.77	4,561
WOGS:	84.06	↑ 3.52	1,549	80.54	1,629
New York					
Whole Body:	81.20	↑ 0.31	1,400	80.89	1,330

Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	85.42	↑ 1.22	2,579	84.20	2,521
WOGS:	85.08	↑ 1.07	2,284	84.01	2,306
Chicago					
Whole Body:	86.35	↑ 1.28	1,331	85.07	1,205

Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	87.50	↑ 0.19	2,982	87.31	2,895
WOGS:	86.76	↑ 0.25	2,782	86.51	2,695
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	88.14	↑ 0.36	1,558	87.78	1,531

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	1,193	133.88
TENDERLOINS	675	187.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	589	61.86
FRONT HALVES	597	56.01
LEGS	1,070	39.04
LEG QUARTERS	1,097	35.01
LEG QUARTERS	1,039	38.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	611	269.58
WINGS (CUT)	600	282.09
DRUMSTICKS	1,012	34.24
THIGHS	586	28.06
B/S THIGHS	663	89.16

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
43.00 - 51.50	11:16 AM	45.48	

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	138.29	2,257,390
TENDERLOINS	186.96	842,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	112.08	159,467
BREAST - LINE RUN	94.43	290,829
LEGS	52.76	390,300
LEG QUARTERS	37.92	1,728,269
DRUMSTICKS	45.84	1,863,717
THIGHS	56.46	187,740
B/S THIGHS	89.76	649,460
WINGS (WHOLE)	283.82	1,170,790
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00	760,141
LIVERS (5 POUND)	66.24	63,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	77.80	73,800

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 higher for both fresh and frozen. The undertone remains firm. Domestic and export demand is moderate to instances good. Supplies are light to closely balanced. Processing schedules are 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 15-MAR-2021 TO 19-MAR-2021, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 178.00	132.00 - 135.00	
TENDERLOINS	160.00 - 195.00	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	33.00 - 50.00	35.00 - 40.00	
B/S THIGHS	75.00 - 100.00	78.00 - 91.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	253.00 - 300.00	260.00 - 272.00	
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 12, 2021

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
							RAYON
	High	123.50	183.62	118.04	61.21	21.86	100.55
	Mostly	123.07	179.24	113.67	56.83	19.67	100.55
SAN JUAN	Low	122.19	172.69	107.11	52.46	19.67	100.55
	High	123.07	181.43	115.85	61.21	21.86	100.55
	Mostly	122.41	177.06	111.48	54.65	19.67	100.55
NEW SAN JUAN	Low	123.07	177.06	111.48	56.83	19.67	100.55
	High	124.38	185.80	120.22	63.39	21.86	100.55
	Mostly	123.50	181.43	115.85	59.02	19.67	100.55
BECERRA	Low	123.50	179.24	113.67	59.02	19.67	100.55
	High	124.60	187.99	122.41	65.58	21.86	100.55
	Mostly	123.94	183.62	118.04	61.21	19.67	100.55

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year	19-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price	40.00	37.69	26.75	29.30	31.04	22.07
Volume Traded	567	864	1,271	938	1,142	3,101
Volume Exported	567	864	1,271	-	449	816
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 48.00	34.00 - 48.00	26.00-28.00	26.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 36.00	20.25-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	40.00	37.69	26.75	29.30	31.04	22.07
Volume Traded	567	864	1,271	938	1,142	3,101
Volume Exported	567	864	1,271	-	449	816
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 13-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	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%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,072	41,168	54,459	38,843	172,542
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.18	6.96	9.16	6.35
% of total /1	22%	24%	32%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,934	39,847	46,866	41,858	170,505
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.24	6.72	8.96	6.19
% of total /1	25%	23%	27%	25%	100%
To date/2021*	346,287	488,969	483,906	435,370	1,754,532
To date/2020*	431,810	502,642	458,506	463,008	1,855,966
% Change YTD	-20%	-3%	6%	-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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
2/6	170.0	168.3	101%	6.35
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
Year to date	1775.9	1812.0	98%	
3/20		168.5		
3/27		167.5		

*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.	6,679	3.94%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,030	4.15%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	10,522	6.21%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	10,712	6.33%
Totals:		34,943	20.64%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,495	4,314	4,101	4,182	5.51
AR	5,305	4,914	4,908	4,919	6.25
Delmarva	1,814	2,020	2,041	2,066	7.23
KY-LA-TN	2,414	2,206	2,360	2,283	5.89
MS	2,486	2,663	2,695	2,630	6.35
NC	3,560	3,578	3,492	3,429	8.02
TX	3,719	2,853	2,799	2,751	6.89
Total	23,793	22,548	22,396	22,260	6.53
Mon-Fri	114,408 (A)				112,618 (A)
Saturday	2,574	(included in total for date shown)			2,631

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Mar-21 and 20-Mar-21

is estimated to be 36,211,000 head up 4.67 percent from a week ago

and up 0.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,595,000, last year 36,062,000)

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

20-Mar-21 is estimated to be 173,119,000 head up 2.24

percent from a week ago, and up 0.83 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 169,325,000, last year 171,690,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 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)	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

All prices are unchanged. Demand ranges moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to occasionally light. Processing schedules are normal. 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 1.39
 (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-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:	4.25 12.50	7.90	Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.95 1.30
per pound:	1.30 1.50	1.40		4-5 lbs: 0.85 1.20
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 1.30 2.00

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/12	1,565	7.43
3/11	1,906	6.95
3/10	2,018	7.09
3/9	2,028	7.19
3/8	2,086	7.35
Weekly	8,038	7.15

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	03/20/21	03/13/21	% chg	03/21/20	% chg
Cattle	624	647	0.96	660 ¹	0.95
Hogs	2,524	2,578	0.98	2,799 ¹	0.90

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 13, 2021, down slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.4 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 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 13, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through March 13, 2021 for the United States were 1.86 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 06, 2021	Mar 13, 2021	Mar 06, 2021	Mar 13, 2021
AL	33,607	33,438	23,981	23,607
AR	24,084	24,092	22,947	20,973
DE	5,042	4,948	5,301	4,894
FL	1,209	1,209	1,275	1,360
GA	34,812	34,557	25,529	26,204
KY	8,050	7,852	5,963	6,805
LA	3,562	3,441	3,041	1,882
MD	7,867	7,920	4,875	5,732
MS	17,160	16,877	14,401	14,273
MO	9,316	9,450	6,209	6,461
NC	25,660	25,600	20,688	20,241
OK	7,156	7,168	2,422	3,354
PA	6,322	6,364	4,714	4,553
SC	5,837	5,774	5,901	5,501
TX	17,176	17,545	13,988	11,546
VA	6,500	6,530	5,289	5,197
CA, TN, & WV	13,033	13,158	11,448	10,645
Other States	12,441	12,556	9,326	9,066
United States	238,834	238,479	187,298	182,294
Percent of Prev Year..	99	100	98	97

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1221.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Apr-21 is estimated at 161.7 million head. This compares to 163.8 million head the previous week and to 170.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 80.33 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	13-Mar-21		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	724	1,531	2,255
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	837	1,551	2,388
Same week yr ago	810	1,587	2,397
To-date/2021*	7,763	14,976	22,739
To-date/2020*	8,377	15,795	24,172

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	180	0	180
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	105	0	105
To-date/2021*	1,185	8	1,193
To-date/2020*	1,912	0	1,912

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	904	1,531	2,435
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	837	1,551	2,388
Same week yr ago	915	1,587	2,502
To-date/2021*	8,948	14,984	23,932
To-date/2020*	10,289	15,795	26,084

*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

3/15/2021	3/1/2021	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
65,775	64,379	1,396	2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/15/2021	03/08/21	03/16/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	12,835	11,794	10,432
Los Angeles:	541	543	575

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	7	35,130	864.50 - 934.11	877.00
168 3 Round, top inside round	4	15,026	238.00 - 250.00	242.63
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	37	200,573	740.41 - 802.11	759.27
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	13	164,689	170.00 - 200.00	170.89

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,894	91.25 - 128.50	104.56
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,319	99.50 - 145.50	117.14
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	202	92.24 - 140.05	112.57
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,816	155.00 - 189.06	170.79