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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to firm for most sizes. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances good, best where first of the month business is active. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices range steady to firm for wings, bone-in breast, and dark meat items. Boneless skinless breasts and tenders are at least steady, and the remainder of parts are steady. Offerings are light to moderate for all items, with wings and leg quarters in the best position. Market activity for parts is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

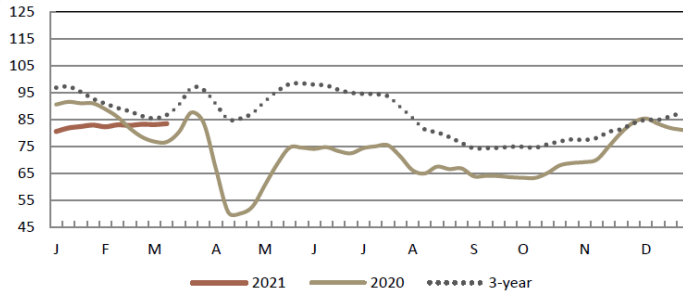
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	83.37	↑ 0.32	9,772
Last Week:	83.05		9,749
Last Year:	76.58	↑ 6.79	9,729

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Feb	82.97	38,765



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 27-Feb-2021

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	----- Thousands -----				
Head	177,430	831	1,690	2,521	471
Avg Wt	6.46	3.45	8.18	6.62	7.05
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	95,927	682	982	1,664	372
Same wk yr ago	170,749	832	1,530	2,362	470
Avg Wt	6.21	3.60	8.23	6.60	6.89
To-date/2021*	1,412,665	6,843	12,992	19,835	3,371
To-date/2020*	1,515,187	7,136	13,791	20,927	4,273
% Change YTD	-7%	-4%	-6%	-5%	-21%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	871,110	1,591	9,470	11,061	2,358
Last week	458,569	1,306	6,162	7,468	1,854
Same wk yr ago	805,867	1,662	8,625	10,287	2,299
To-date/2021*	6,835,775	13,189	73,787	86,976	16,102
To-date/2020*	7,216,067	14,005	77,289	91,294	21,507
% Change YTD	-5%	-6%	-5%	-5%	-25%
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 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 179.6 million head, or 13.5 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Eastern Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	81.46	↑ 0.63	4,343	80.83	4,465
WOGS:	81.44	↑ 0.05	1,607	81.39	1,662
New York					
Whole Body:	80.84	↓ -0.16	1,296	81.00	1,260

Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	82.72	↓ -0.92	2,633	83.65	2,843
WOGS:	82.69	↓ -0.90	2,358	83.59	2,540
Chicago					
Whole Body:	83.53	↓ -0.01	1,348	83.54	1,353

Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	86.97	↑ 0.54	2,796	86.43	2,441
WOGS:	86.13	↑ 0.29	2,596	85.85	2,316
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	87.63	↓ -0.07	1,498	87.70	1,403

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	3/6/2021 (1)	2/27/2021
	----- Thousand Head -----	
Broiler/fryer	173,624 (2)	177,168
Light hens	800	805
Heavy hens	1,600	1,665
Total	176,024	179,638

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Mar-21 is 168.7 million head compared to 172.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 174.0 million head or 5.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Mar-21 the estimated available is 168.8 million head.

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	1,214	131.47
TENDERLOINS	655	183.08
BREAST - LINE RUN	548	60.05
FRONT HALVES	552	53.11
LEGS	1,071	37.17
LEG QUARTERS	1,002	33.53
LEG QUARTERS	1,017	36.84
WINGS (WHOLE)	555	264.55
WINGS (CUT)	602	276.98
DRUMSTICKS	1,003	32.48
THIGHS	545	26.10
B/S THIGHS	626	84.53

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
40.00 - 50.50	8:52 PM	43.33	

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	138.34	2,255,280
TENDERLOINS	187.46	852,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	115.54	330,475
BREAST - LINE RUN	93.88	279,434
LEGS	44.11	687,279
LEG QUARTERS	36.52	1,402,553
DRUMSTICKS	45.55	829,243
THIGHS	49.73	287,160
B/S THIGHS	90.02	544,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	282.22	1,171,200
BACKS AND NECKS	9.21	896,346
LIVERS (5 POUND)	67.00	32,980
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.52	50,400

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 slightly higher for both fresh and frozen. The undertone is firm. Spot market demand into domestic and export is moderate. Supplies are moderate. Bird weights, labor and transportation continue to be some of the challenges affecting the industry this week. Processing schedules returned to normal. Market activity is moderate. Supplies of raw materials are tight for current needs. Frame prices are steady to slightly higher with trading at 10-12 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 01-MAR-2021 TO 05-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 - 90.00	62.00 - 71.00	
LEGS	32.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 34.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	24.00 - 48.00	29.00 - 35.00	
DRUMSTICKS	35.00 - 50.00	-	
THIGHS	28.00 - 50.00	29.00 - 38.00	
B/S THIGHS	75.00 - 96.00	78.00 - 96.00	
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 February 26, 2021

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	121.90	171.97	108.84	71.83	19.59	100.13
High	122.99	180.68	117.55	78.37	21.77	100.13
Mostly	122.55	176.32	113.19	74.01	19.59	100.13
SAN JUAN						
Low	121.68	169.79	106.66	69.66	19.59	100.13
High	122.55	178.50	115.37	76.19	21.77	100.13
Mostly	121.90	174.15	111.02	71.83	19.59	100.13
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	122.55	171.97	111.02	74.01	19.59	100.13
High	123.86	180.68	119.72	80.54	21.77	100.13
Mostly	122.99	176.32	115.37	76.19	19.59	100.13
BECERRA						
Low	122.99	174.15	113.19	76.19	19.59	100.13
High	124.08	182.85	121.90	82.72	21.77	100.13
Mostly	123.43	178.50	117.55	78.37	19.59	100.13

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	5-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year	5-Mar-21	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 42.00	30.00 - 39.00	26.00-28.00	26.00 - 37.00	24.50 - 32.00	20.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.39	34.41	26.82	29.57	27.29	21.59
Volume Traded	1,242	1,458	1,241	938	1,714	2,693
Volume Exported	1,242	1,458	1,241	41	-	245
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 27-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	29,708	46,550	45,887	55,285	177,430
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.10	6.73	8.85	6.46
% of total /1	17%	26%	26%	31%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	22,651	33,924	17,595	21,757	95,927
Avg Live Wgt	4.01	5.50	7.02	9.31	6.29
% of total /1	24%	35%	18%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,498	43,105	45,644	41,502	170,749
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.30	6.72	9.01	6.21
% of total /1	24%	25%	27%	24%	100%
To date/2021*	273,272	405,478	371,296	362,619	1,412,665
To date/2020*	351,386	417,109	369,941	376,751	1,515,187
% Change YTD	-22%	-3%	0%	-4%	-7%

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*		
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
2/20	97.1	167.3	58%	6.29
2/27	179.6	166.1	108%	6.46
Year to date	1429.9	1474.5	97%	
3/6		168.7		
3/13		168.8		

*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.	5,115	2.88%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,635	4.30%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,502	4.79%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	8,456	4.77%
Totals:		29,708	16.74%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	3/5	3/4	3/3	3/2	3/3	3/2	2/26	2/24		
AL	4,071	4,327	4,276	4,239	5.56	5.60	4,188	5.51		
AR	6,370	4,899	4,563	4,806	6.31	6.30	8,316	6.55		
Delmarva	2,069	2,057	1,799	2,113	7.41	7.24	1,914	7.05		
KY-LA-TN	3,398	2,383	2,331	2,340	5.72	5.90	3,291	5.91		
MS	2,676	2,715	2,772	2,693	6.49	6.50	2,749	6.53		
NC	4,076	3,518	3,410	3,423	8.22	8.29	4,069	8.15		
TX	3,803	2,977	2,892	2,871	6.56	6.44	4,648	6.55		
Total	26,463	22,876	22,043	22,485	6.54	6.56	29,175	6.59		
Mon-Fri	117,252	(A)					118,009	(A)		
Saturday	5,126		(included in total for date shown)				8,745			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-Mar-21 and 06-Mar-21 is estimated to be 40,275,000 head down 9.57 percent from a week ago and up 17.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 44,535,000, last year 34,403,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Mar-21 is estimated to be 177,332,000 head down 0.06 percent from a week ago, and up 4.15 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 177,430,000, last year 170,274,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 1, 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

Prices are steady this week. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies remain moderate. 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	1.52
(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 -- 2-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:	3.75	20.00	6.88	
per pound:				
			Red Fowl	5-6 lbs: 0.65 1.00
				4-5 lbs: 0.60 0.95
			Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs: 1.40 1.80

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/26	1,914	7.42
2/25	2,006	7.04
2/24	2,003	7.05
2/23	2,092	7.14
2/22	1,845	7.35
Weekly	7,946	7.15

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	03/06/21	02/27/21	% chg	03/07/20	% chg
Cattle	665	666	1.00	649 ¹	1.02
Hogs	2,563	2,642	0.97	2,680 ¹	0.96

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 236 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 80.6 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 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 27, 2021, down 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 9, 2021 through February 27, 2021 for the United States were 1.49 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 20, 2021	Feb 27, 2021	Feb 20, 2021	Feb 27, 2021
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)		
AL.....	33,272	33,327	23,604	23,879
AR.....	23,906	24,257	21,239	21,285
DE.....	4,669	4,669	4,136	3,819
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,371	1,355
GA.....	34,124	34,663	26,528	26,878
KY.....	7,877	8,063	5,596	5,365
LA.....	2,284	3,485	1,632	2,358
MD.....	7,777	7,830	5,955	6,408
MS.....	16,946	16,936	13,777	14,430
MO.....	9,037	8,951	6,030	6,287
NC.....	24,802	24,248	19,567	19,667
OK.....	6,595	7,499	4,383	4,341
PA.....	5,887	6,050	4,524	4,578
SC.....	5,718	5,742	5,117	5,203
TX.....	15,261	17,723	14,125	14,905
VA.....	6,303	6,423	5,307	5,118
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,131	13,032	11,080	11,208
Other States.....	11,594	11,702	8,433	8,249
United States.....	230,392	235,809	182,404	185,333
Percent of Prev Year..	97	98	95	97

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1021.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Apr-21 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 171.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.8 million head and the national weighted average price was 76.71 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 27-Feb-21

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	831	1,690	2,521
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	682	982	1,664
Same week yr ago	832	1,530	2,362
To-date/2021*	6,202	11,894	18,096
To-date/2020*	6,709	12,627	19,336

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	170	0	170
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	12	0	12
Same week yr ago	289	0	289
To-date/2021*	1,005	8	1,013
To-date/2020*	1,701	0	1,701

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	1,001	1,690	2,691
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	694	982	1,676
Same week yr ago	1,121	1,530	2,651
To-date/2021*	7,207	11,902	19,109
To-date/2020*	8,410	12,627	21,037

*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

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

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/1/2021	02/22/21	03/02/20
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,953	10,941	9,821
Los Angeles:	540	548	580

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	3	5,779	880.87 - 934.71	894.20
168 3 Round, top inside round	24	262,103	228.00 - 265.00	240.23
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	21	80,780	785.90 - 834.70	800.79
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	13	155,205	170.00 - 196.00	179.03

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,598	87.50 - 116.50	96.40
Bnls CC Strap-on	3,061	90.79 - 147.50	115.59
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	185	93.00 - 111.70	101.03
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,587	145.00 - 185.13	163.19