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### National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to mostly firm for all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good in the Eastern region, light to moderate in all other regions. Floor stocks are sufficient. Market activity is light to moderate, instances active in the Eastern region. In the parts structure, the market on dark meat items continues to be slightly better than white meat items with white meat items trending about steady. Supplies range light to moderate with wings and boneless skinless breast being mostly moderate. Dark meat items are in solid shape and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are mostly desirable weights.

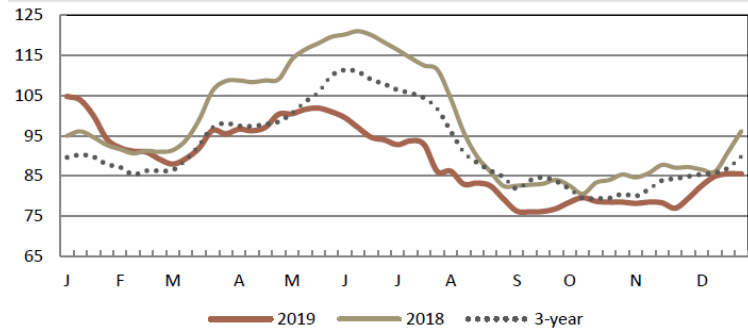
### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	85.50	↓ -0.04	8,929
<b>Last Week:</b>	85.54		9,733
<b>Last Year:</b>	96.21	↓ -10.71	10,930

#### Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Nov</b>	78.30	39,512



### Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 21-Dec-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	171,899	804	1,639	2,443	605
Avg Wt	6.17	3.52	8.30	6.73	6.98
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	167,279	844	1,574	2,418	558
Same wk yr ago	162,440	1,056	1,388	2,444	495
Avg Wt	6.07	3.31	8.19	6.08	7.04
To-date/2019*	8,452,251	39,802	81,956	121,758	23,205
To-date/2018*	8,213,635	53,719	80,854	134,573	22,047
% Change YTD	3%	-26%	1%	-10%	5%

#### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	806,069	1,571	9,319	10,890	2,998
Last week	808,560	1,532	9,024	10,556	2,825
Same wk yr ago	749,368	1,940	7,787	9,727	2,474
To-date/2019*	39,994,362	76,321	461,608	537,929	115,417
To-date/2018*	38,646,608	102,046	453,420	555,466	105,646
% Change YTD	3.00%	-25.00%	2.00%	-3%	9.00%
Dressing %	76.00%	55.50%	68.50%		71.00%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 174.0 million head, or 12.0 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.	
	86.47	↑ 0.70	3,832	85.78	4,533	
	88.11	↑ 0.04	1,311	88.06	1,542	
	85.85	↑ 0.97	1,083	84.88	1,363	

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
	81.81	↑ 0.51	2,743	81.30	2,743	
	81.47	↑ 0.37	2,512	81.10	2,512	
	83.38	↑ 0.20	1,624	83.18	1,624	

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	
	88.22	↓ -1.61	2,354	89.83	2,457	
	86.79	↓ -1.80	2,239	88.59	2,342	
	85.62	↑ 0.30	1,895	85.33	1,796	

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

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/29/2019 (1)	12/22/2019
Broiler/fryer	130,997 (2)	170,443
Light hens	438	731
Heavy hens	913	1,642
Total	132,348	172,816

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-19 is 159.7 million head compared to 119.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.3 million head or -28.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jan-20 the estimated available is 161.5 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	707	111.76
TENDERLOINS	349	152.52
BREAST - LINE RUN	321	76.26
FRONT HALVES	312	65.81
LEGS	626	44.59
LEG QUARTERS	652	32.15
LEG QUARTERS	612	34.55
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	161.27
WINGS (CUT)	339	173.07
DRUMSTICKS	617	29.72
THIGHS	350	29.49
B/S THIGHS	369	98.84

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 56.50	49.09	48.98	

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	95.18	1,682,440
Tenderloins	126.40	651,400
Breast - With Ribs	108.36	89,230
Breast - Line Run	89.94	175,909
Legs	66.58	239,480
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.94	1,031,331
Drumsticks	37.16	1,290,089
Thighs	63.42	101,710
B/S Thighs	111.27	570,600
Wings (Whole)	174.18	798,000
Backs and Necks	10.00	318,799
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	64.93	50,140
Gizzards (Hearts)	76.60	77,560

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.)

MSC prices are trending mostly steady for all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to instances moderate. Supplies are at least moderate for current needs. Seasonal activity is mixed as buyers prepare for the holidays. Negotiations for 2020 contract slowed this week but more confirmations are in the works for both export and domestic channels at steady to slightly higher prices than a year ago. Processing schedules are reduced due the holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak and trading at unchanged 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 23-DEC-2019 TO 27-DEC-2019, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	80.00 - 98.00	79.00 - 83.00		
TENDERLOINS	115.00 - 122.00	120.00 - 122.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 76.00		
LEGS	45.00 - 50.00	-		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 37.00	30.00 - 32.00		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	30.00 - 37.00	30.00 - 33.00		
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 36.00	-		
THIGHS	32.00 - 44.00	33.00 - 39.00		
B/S THIGHS	103.00 - 112.00	107.00 - 112.00		
WINGS (WHOLE)	125.00 - 143.00	125.00 - 129.00		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00	-		
LIVERS	32.00 - 44.00	-		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00	-		

**Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 20, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	115.18	155.97	100.78	64.79	19.20	105.58
High	116.38	165.57	110.38	71.98	21.60	105.58
Mostly	115.90	160.77	105.58	67.19	19.20	105.58
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	114.94	153.57	98.38	62.39	19.20	105.58
High	115.90	163.17	107.98	69.59	21.60	105.58
Mostly	115.18	158.37	103.18	64.79	19.20	105.58
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	115.66	158.37	103.18	67.19	19.20	105.58
High	117.34	167.96	112.78	74.38	21.60	105.58
Mostly	116.38	163.17	107.98	69.59	19.20	105.58
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	116.14	160.77	105.58	69.59	19.20	105.58
High	117.58	170.36	115.18	76.78	21.60	105.58
Mostly	116.86	165.57	110.38	71.98	19.20	105.58

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Dec-19	Last Week	Last Year	27-Dec-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 26.50	25.00 - 26.50	21.00-25.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00 - 24.00	19.00-23.50
Wtd Avg Price	26.33	25.96	24.43	21.00	21.08	21.05
Volume Traded	330	645	385	1,306	1,792	1,199
Volume Exported	330	645	385	-	-	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 21-Dec-19

(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	37,926	50,698	39,826	43,449	171,899
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.18	6.84	8.91	6.17
% of total /1	22%	29%	23%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	35,308	40,382	48,854	42,735	167,279
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.25	6.89	8.96	6.36
% of total /1	21%	24%	29%	26%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,163	55,161	31,344	37,772	162,440
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.33	6.89	8.87	6.07
% of total /1	23%	34%	19%	23%	100%
To date/2019*	1,840,825	2,431,038	2,204,903	1,975,485	8,452,251
To date/2018*	1,859,277	2,480,231	2,090,787	1,783,340	8,213,635
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	5%	11%	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	Million Head		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
11/16	170.8	168.5	101%	6.30
11/23	166.8	166.7	100%	6.31
11/30	131.5	163.2	81%	6.23
12/7	174.0	162.3	107%	6.40
12/14	169.3	163.9	103%	6.36
12/21	174.0	162.0	107%	6.17
Year to date	8555.1	8512.5	101%	
12/28		159.7		
1/4		161.5		

\*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.	12,846	7.47%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	6,770	3.94%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	10,886	6.33%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	7,424	4.32%
	Totals:	37,926	22.06%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	12/27	12/26	12/25	12/24	12/25	12/24	12/20	12/18	12/20	12/18
AL	5,410	3,486	0	2,074	0.00	4.71	4,226	5.53		
AR	6,285	4,592	0	1,645	0.00	5.39	5,542	6.26		
Delmarva	3,597	2,272	0	1,112	0.00	6.94	2,560	6.79		
KY-LA-TN	3,562	1,878	0	1,685	0.00	4.87	3,056	5.56		
MS	3,631	2,280	0	2,055	0	5.97	2,485	6.31		
NC	6,036	3,196	0	1,497	0.00	8.05	3,659	8.00		
TX	3,094	2,787	0	1,428	0.00	6.69	2,963	6.51		
Total	31,615	20,491	0	11,496	0.00	5.95	24,491	6.38		
Mon-Fri	88,419	(A)					114,330	(A)		
Saturday	7,967	(included in total for date shown)					3,319			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Dec-19 and 28-Dec-19 is estimated to be 48,115,000 head up 28.70 percent from a week ago and up 10.5 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,385,000, last year 43,533,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Dec-19 is estimated to be 131,499,000 head down 23.50 percent from a week ago, and up 11.76 percent from a year ago. (Last week 171,899,000, last year 117,657,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of December 23, 2019

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)	89.00-102.00	90.00-99.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	92.00-109.00	100.00-106.00

**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, WV

Central Region Ducklings

Prices remain steady. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are varied to reduced in observance of the Christmas holiday. 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 3.0- 8.5 Wtd Avg 7.86  
Prices in cents per pound.

(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 - 12-24-19				
***All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***				
Hackettstown, NJ		Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Note: Due to the Christmas holiday, these reports will not be released Dec. 26th.				
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS
HEAVY FOWL EA.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS

**Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A**

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/20	2,560	6.77
12/19	2,208	6.51
12/18	2,198	6.79
12/17	2,226	6.96
12/16	2,248	6.99
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>11,440</b>	<b>6.80</b>

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	12/28/19	12/21/19	% chg	12/29/18	% chg
Cattle	468	668	0.70	442 <sup>1</sup>	1.06
Hogs	2,034	2,810	0.72	1,902 <sup>1</sup>	1.07

<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 Up 4 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 21, 2019, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.3 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 21, 2019, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 21, 2019 for the United States were 9.47 billion. Cumulative placements were up 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			
	Dec 14, 2019	Dec 21, 2019	Dec 14, 2019	Dec 21, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	33,602	33,696	24,507	25,379
AR	24,064	23,818	21,580	21,755
DE	5,469	5,469	4,601	5,350
FL	1,178	1,178	1,319	1,310
GA	32,629	35,038	26,466	26,712
KY	8,014	7,933	6,238	6,231
LA	3,774	3,774	3,271	3,164
MD	7,671	7,759	6,194	6,018
MS	18,243	18,538	15,398	15,426
MO	8,983	8,934	6,622	5,753
NC	25,187	25,017	19,649	20,070
OK	7,879	7,860	4,281	4,312
PA	5,707	5,803	4,168	4,399
SC	5,827	5,886	5,503	4,311
TX	18,398	18,192	14,179	14,239
VA	6,484	6,257	5,492	6,041
CA, TN, & WV	12,810	12,870	11,075	10,831
Other States	11,026	9,601	8,307	7,240
<b>United States</b>	<b>236,945</b>	<b>237,623</b>	<b>188,850</b>	<b>188,541</b>
Percent of Prev Year	105	104	103	99

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls5219.pdf>

**Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 03-Feb-20 is estimated at 166.5 million head. This compares to 162.9 million head the previous week and to 156.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 119.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.21 cents per pound.

**US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

Week ending 21-Dec-19

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	804	1,639	2,443
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	844	1,574	2,418
Same week yr ago	1,056	1,388	2,444
To-date/2019*	39,080	80,540	119,620
To-date/2018*	52,679	79,219	131,898

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	210	0	210
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	357	0	357
Same week yr ago	333	0	333
To-date/2019*	11,267	24	11,291
To-date/2018*	13,434	8	13,442

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	1,014	1,639	2,653
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,201	1,574	2,775
Same week yr ago	1,389	1,388	2,777
To-date/2019*	50,347	80,564	130,911
To-date/2018*	66,113	79,227	145,340

\*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**

12/23/2019	12/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
89,854	77,781	12,073	16%

**Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast**

Processed other Poultry	12/23/2019	12/16/19	12/24/18
<b>Pacific w/out Denver:</b>	8,650	7,954	10,718
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	569	569	627

**Fresh Beef Cuts**

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	16,729	750.49 835.00	800.12
168 3 Round, top inside round	10	41,903	226.00 245.00	231.71
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	18	43,348	495.00 540.00	509.27
Ground Beef 81%	18	114,596	160.00 220.00	175.05

**Fresh Pork Cuts**

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,210	77.60- 120.00	90.71
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,594	100.36- 149.50	120.43
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	500	117.00- 127.94	122.96
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,149	120.00- 176.00	144.44