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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 light to moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, the market on all items are at least steady with legs in the weakest position. Offerings of wings are balanced, while tenders are light to moderate. Breast cuts and dark meat items are moderate to heavy with thigh meat available and slow to clear. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

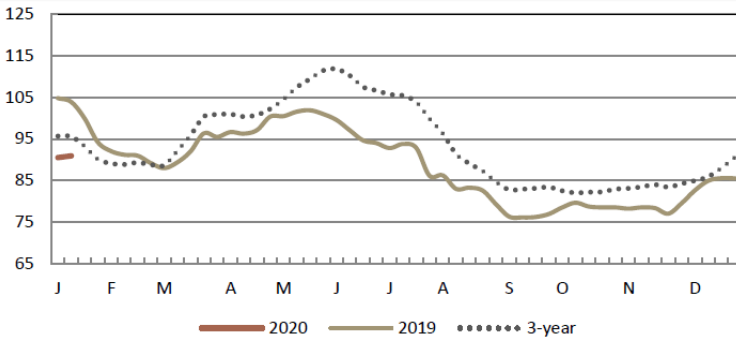
[National Whole Broiler/Fryer](#)

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	90.90	↓ -0.06	9,601
Last Week:	90.96		9,701
Last Year:	94.22	↓ -3.32	11,789

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	84.63	37,205



Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
91.08	↓ -1.07	4,436	92.15	4,468		
90.91	↓ -1.26	1,514	92.17	1,522		
92.07	↑ 0.71	1,351	91.36	1,396		

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
85.48	↓ -0.99	2,692	86.46	2,722		
84.34	↓ -0.91	2,296	85.24	2,236		
83.29	↓ -2.55	1,030	85.83	1,120		

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
96.49	↑ 2.77	2,473	93.72	2,511		
95.92	↑ 3.06	2,340	92.86	2,431		
96.86	↑ 3.93	1,660	92.94	1,698		

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 18-Jan-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	174,538	778	1,677	2,455	538
Avg Wt	6.33	3.63	8.02	6.63	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	173,135	776	1,585	2,361	421
Same wk yr ago	167,857	899	1,615	2,514	423
Avg Wt	6.13	3.51	8.11	6.47	7.17
To-date/2020*	494,180	2,061	4,539	6,600	1,494
To-date/2019*	471,616	2,701	4,312	7,013	1,229
% Change YTD	5%	-24%	5%	-6%	22%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	839,667	1,567	9,213	10,780	2,681
Last week	823,707	1,503	9,109	10,612	2,125
Same wk yr ago	782,012	1,751	8,972	10,723	2,153
To-date/2020*	2,371,530	4,027	25,696	29,723	7,473
To-date/2019*	2,210,590	5,239	24,061	29,300	5,993
% Change YTD	7.00%	-23.00%	7.00%	1%	25.00%
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 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.7 million head, or 13.0 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
	1/25/2020	(1)	1/18/2020
Broiler/fryer	167,213	(2)	173,367
Light hens	764		747
Heavy hens	1,501		1,666
Total	169,478		175,780

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Jan-20 is 163.6 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.5 million head or 3.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Feb-20 the estimated available is 167.3 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	929	100.27
TENDERLOINS	441	157.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	436	75.76
FRONT HALVES	426	65.15
LEGS	837	45.59
LEG QUARTERS	896	32.22
LEG QUARTERS	865	34.10
WINGS (WHOLE)	454	171.21
WINGS (CUT)	506	180.97
DRUMSTICKS	826	30.15
THIGHS	444	30.45
B/S THIGHS	498	93.74

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
44.00 - 54.00	48.61	48.69	

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	87.83	2,073,600
Tenderloins	128.60	761,000
Breast - With Ribs	106.45	142,987
Breast - Line Run	89.33	216,000
Legs	65.70	226,460
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	37.55	1,550,345
Drumsticks	39.41	780,637
Thighs	60.05	91,070
B/S Thighs	109.56	680,050
Wings (Whole)	184.54	912,900
Backs and Necks	10.00	574,126
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.25	51,090
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.07	72,800

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 all fat contents of MSC continue to trend steady. Demand remains light to moderate into both export and domestic channels. Supplies are mostly moderate as dealers continue to monitor spot market conditions. Processing schedules are normal to reduced in observance of Martin Luther King Jr day. 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, mostly 6-8 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 20-JAN-2020 TO 24-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 - 160.00	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 17, 2020

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	109.20	148.03	75.23	46.11	19.41	106.78
High	110.42	157.74	84.94	53.39	21.84	106.78
Mostly	109.69	152.89	80.08	48.54	19.41	106.78
SAN JUAN						
Low	108.72	148.03	77.66	46.11	19.41	106.78
High	109.69	157.74	87.36	53.39	21.84	106.78
Mostly	109.20	152.89	82.51	48.54	19.41	106.78
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	109.20	150.46	77.66	48.54	19.41	106.78
High	110.90	160.17	87.36	55.82	21.84	106.78
Mostly	109.93	155.31	82.51	50.96	19.41	106.78
BECERRA						
Low	109.69	152.89	80.08	50.96	19.41	106.78
High	111.63	162.59	89.79	58.24	21.84	106.78
Mostly	110.42	157.74	84.94	53.39	19.41	106.78

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Jan-20	Last Week	Last Year	24-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	21.00-26.00	20.00 - 23.00	20.00 - 23.00	19.00-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.57	26.53	24.48	21.80	21.75	20.69
Volume Traded	1,110	1,168	695	1,550	2,244	2,060
Volume Exported	1,110	1,168	495	-	82	530
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 18-Jan-20

(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	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%
Comparisons					
Last week	46,690	37,924	44,775	43,746	173,135
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.27	6.90	9.14	6.26
% of total /1	27%	22%	26%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,431	45,712	39,173	38,541	167,857
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.32	6.84	9.02	6.13
% of total /1	26%	27%	23%	23%	100%
To date/2020*	123,013	116,112	133,162	121,893	494,180
To date/2019*	115,949	137,237	112,003	106,427	471,616
% Change YTD	6%	-15%	19%	15%	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*		
12/14	169.3	163.9	103%	6.36
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
Year to date	500.2	489.2	102%	
1/25		163.6		
2/1		167.3		

*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.	9,182	5.26%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	8,289	4.75%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	11,666	6.68%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,779	5.60%
	Totals:	38,916	22.30%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	1/24	1/23	1/22	1/21	1/22	1/21		
AL	4,259	4,416	4,218	4,381	5.49	5.46	4,205	5.52
AR	5,103	4,936	4,793	5,029	6.20	6.28	4,911	6.25
Delmarva	2,408	2,192	2,236	2,207	6.63	6.83	2,637	6.81
KY-LA-TN	2,648	2,451	2,436	2,445	5.53	5.70	2,821	5.64
MS	2,556	2,795	2,912	2,863	6.39	6.37	2,471	6.28
NC	3,734	3,605	3,572	3,534	8.15	8.28	4,353	8.30
TX	2,891	2,822	2,692	2,806	6.61	6.56	3,328	6.85
Total	23,599	23,217	22,859	23,265	6.42	6.47	24,726	6.48
Mon-Fri	111,454	(A)					116,601	(A)
Saturday	1,101		(included in total for date shown)				3,784	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jan-20 and 25-Jan-20 is estimated to be 35,916,000 head down 4.84 percent from a week ago and up 0.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 37,744,000, last year 35,626,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Jan-20 is estimated to be 167,313,000 head down 4.14 percent from a week ago, and up 5.84 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 174,538,000, last year 158,086,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of January 20, 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

Prices are steady. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are 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	7.78

(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 - 01-21-20					
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	.50 - .60 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	3.75	12.50	7.21	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .45 lbs.
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .90 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/17	2,637	6.68
1/16	2,197	6.74
1/15	2,141	6.81
1/14	2,192	6.91
1/13	2,229	6.93
Weekly	11,396	6.81

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	01/25/20	01/18/20	% chg	01/26/19	% chg
Cattle	647	631	1.03	6081	1.06
Hogs	2,720	2,500	1.09	2,4871	1.09

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 237 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 18, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.9 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 Up 4 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 18, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through January 18, 2020 for the United States were 571 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 11, 2019	Jan 18, 2019	Jan 11, 2019	Jan 18, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	34,108	34,063	25,818	24,472
AR	23,992	23,956	21,865	21,672
DE	5,483	5,499	5,091	5,664
FL	1,178	1,178	1,333	1,334
GA	34,751	34,649	26,669	27,322
KY	7,910	7,897	6,294	6,499
LA	3,740	3,819	3,192	3,238
MD	8,280	8,131	6,794	5,936
MS	18,199	17,550	15,811	15,171
MO	8,905	8,647	6,243	6,341
NC	25,070	25,174	20,201	19,969
OK	7,521	7,572	4,313	4,300
PA	5,903	5,933	4,504	4,267
SC	5,412	5,621	4,711	4,939
TX	17,976	17,326	14,628	14,698
VA	6,453	6,454	4,830	5,107
CA, TN, & WV	12,821	12,395	10,178	11,828
Other States	10,974	10,833	8,172	8,371
United States	238,676	236,697	190,647	191,128
Percent of Prev Year ..	104	104	104	104

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls0420.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Feb-20 is estimated at 168.1 million head. This compares to 167.5 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 99.96 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	18-Jan-20		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	778	1,677	2,455
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	776	1,585	2,361
Same week yr ago	899	1,615	2,514
To-date/2020*	2,061	4,539	6,600
To-date/2019*	2,701	4,312	7,013

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
----- Thousands -----			
Head	133	0	133
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	219	0	219
Same week yr ago	184	7	191
To-date/2020*	411	0	411
To-date/2019*	846	7	853

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	911	1,677	2,588
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	995	1,585	2,580
Same week yr ago	1,083	1,622	2,705
To-date/2020*	2,472	4,539	7,011
To-date/2019*	3,547	4,319	7,866

*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

1/20/2020	1/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
95,028	91,685	3,343	4%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	1/20/2020	01/13/20	01/21/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,551	10,761	8,859
Los Angeles:	587	571	618

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	30,738	727.00 775.25	741.0
168 3 Round, top inside round	14	133,149	221.49 243.00	226.5
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	7	23,540	519.73 600.00	546.3
Ground Beef 81%	4	2,528	202.00 215.00	207.2

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,254	75.79- 111.50	90.02
Bnls CC Strap-on	4,457	90.00- 141.50	105.47
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	319	97.98- 132.12	122.46
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,558	120.00- 172.70	153.53