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## National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady to weak for all sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy in the Eastern regions and light to moderate in all other regions. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate for current needs. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, white meat and dark items are steady to weak. Offerings ranged moderate to heavy with dark items, wings, and tenders having some discounting noted. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

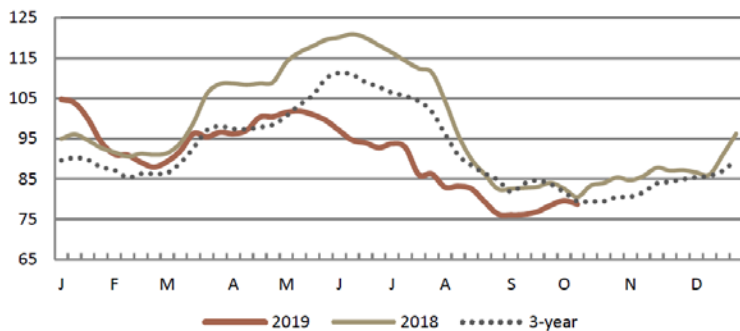
### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average\*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	78.71	↓ -0.90	11,265
<b>Last Week:</b>	79.61		11,731
<b>Last Year:</b>	83.32	↓ -4.61	11,759

#### Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Sep	76.92	44,069
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	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Eastern Region</b>				
Whole Body:	76.48	4,478	78.41	4,806
WOGS:	76.48	1,657	77.76	1,622
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	77.24	1,295	77.86	1,295
<b>Central Region</b>				
Whole Body:	71.54	3,018	72.89	3,126
WOGS:	69.15	2,548	71.36	2,819
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	73.13	1,396	73.52	1,316
<b>Western Region</b>				
Whole Body:	87.10	3,769	86.67	3,799
WOGS:	86.31	3,669	85.87	3,699
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	84.02	1,939	83.29	1,969

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 5-Oct-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	175,426	687	1,520	2,207	394
Avg Wt	6.29	3.50	8.40	6.87	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	175,151	771	1,770	2,541	403
Same wk yr ago	167,488	981	1,678	2,659	444
Avg Wt	6.37	3.43	8.25	6.47	7.08
To-date/2019*	6,610,720	31,721	64,677	96,398	17,411
To-date/2018*	6,456,689	42,405	63,831	106,236	17,410
% Change YTD	2%	-25%	1%	-9%	0%

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

Current week	838,606	1,334	8,746	10,080	1,964
Last week	849,272	1,476	9,954	11,430	2,029
Same wk yr ago	810,843	1,867	9,483	11,350	2,232
To-date/2019*	31,123,668	60,885	364,192	425,077	86,205
To-date/2018*	30,341,284	80,698	357,859	438,557	82,741
% Change YTD	3.00%	-25.00%	2.00%	-3%	4.00%
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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 169.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 177.6 million head, or 7.8 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

### Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

Class	Current Week 10/12/2019	(1)	Previous Week 10/5/2019
	----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	171,360	(2)	172,654
Light hens	630		651
Heavy hens	1,766		1,517
Total	173,756		174,822

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Oct-19 is 170.3 million head compared to 165.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.7 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Oct-19 the estimated available is 170.5 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	1,178	90.65
TENDERLOINS	644	160.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	600	80.58
FRONT HALVES	524	63.85
LEGS	1,071	40.59
LEG QUARTERS	1,080	31.23
LEG QUARTERS	1,089	34.59
WINGS (WHOLE)	584	173.99
WINGS (CUT)	575	187.68
DRUMSTICKS	1,078	27.15
THIGHS	468	32.00
B/S THIGHS	613	107.32

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.50 - 53.50	47.22	47.52

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	87.23	3,122,650
Tenderloins	147.79	1,034,480
Breast - With Ribs	98.99	277,828
Breast - Line Run	91.98	329,586
Legs	63.11	356,940
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	35.62	1,817,490
Drumsticks	39.40	1,385,461
Thighs	54.52	278,900
B/S Thighs	113.29	921,880
Wings (Whole)	189.25	1,343,600
Backs and Necks	10.00	693,380
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.58	60,630
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.28	101,360

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 mostly steady. Domestic and export demand remained light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy with all available options continuing to be used for product movement. Frame prices are unchanged at 5-8 cents FOB, mostly 5-7 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 07-OCT-2019 TO 11-OCT-2019, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	66.00 - 88.00	70.00 - 76.00	
TENDERLOINS	143.00 - 151.00	143.00 - 145.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	71.00 - 85.00	71.00 - 73.00	
LEGS	45.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 39.00	30.00 - 33.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	29.00 - 37.00	32.00 - 35.00	
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 32.00	-	
THIGHS	33.00 - 39.00	33.00 - 37.00	
B/S THIGHS	100.00 - 117.00	100.00 - 110.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	134.00 - 154.00	146.00 - 154.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 25.00	-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 45.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 60.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 04, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	90.57	132.37	92.89	51.09	18.58	92.89
High	91.73	141.66	102.18	58.06	20.90	92.89
Mostly	91.26	137.01	97.53	53.41	18.58	92.89
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	90.10	130.05	90.57	51.09	18.58	92.89
High	91.26	139.33	99.86	58.06	20.90	92.89
Mostly	90.57	134.69	95.21	53.41	18.58	92.89
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	91.03	132.37	95.21	53.41	18.58	92.89
High	92.43	141.66	104.50	60.38	20.90	92.89
Mostly	91.50	137.01	99.86	55.73	18.58	92.89
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	91.50	134.69	97.53	53.41	18.58	92.89
High	92.89	143.98	106.82	60.38	20.90	92.89
Mostly	91.96	139.33	102.18	55.73	18.58	92.89

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	11-Oct-19	Last Week	Last Year	11-Oct-19	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	26.00 - 27.00	26.00 - 27.00	25.00-27.00	20.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 25.00	18.50-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.59	26.37	25.92	22.75	22.59	21.64
Volume Traded	605	520	660	1,795	2,122	1,346
Volume Exported	506	520	660	-	122	41
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 5-Oct-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	36,719	46,833	53,290	38,584	175,426
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.15	6.97	9.13	6.29
% of total /1	21%	27%	30%	22%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	30,851	49,991	52,193	42,116	175,151
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.10	6.97	9.10	6.38
% of total /1	18%	29%	30%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	33,684	41,726	50,479	41,599	167,488
Avg Live Wgt	3.60	5.08	6.95	9.19	6.37
% of total /1	20%	25%	30%	25%	100%
To date/2019*	1,449,471	1,962,792	1,692,554	1,505,903	6,610,720
To date/2018*	1,492,389	1,944,142	1,627,204	1,392,954	6,456,689
% Change YTD	-3%	1%	4%	8%	2%

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
8/31	180.1	170.5	106%	6.26
9/7	150.7	169.7	89%	6.29
9/14	175.8	168.9	104%	6.30
9/21	177.1	169.1	105%	6.29
9/28	177.3	170.0	104%	6.38
10/5	177.6	169.8	105%	6.29
Year to date	6691.2	6676.3	100%	
10/12		170.3		
10/19		170.5		

\*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.	5,716	3.26%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	6,650	3.79%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	18,719	10.67%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,635	3.21%
	Totals:	36,720	20.93%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,208	4,269	4,290	4,359	5.57
AR	4,545	5,056	4,879	4,925	6.19
Delmarva	2,237	2,253	2,198	2,245	6.87
KY-LA-TN	2,453	2,478	2,149	2,528	5.71
MS	2,713	2,824	2,948	2,876	6.36
NC	3,783	3,574	3,574	3,539	8.22
TX	3,295	2,793	2,790	2,782	6.82
Total	23,234	23,247	22,828	23,254	6.51
Mon-Fri	115,812	(A)			116,676
Saturday	1,461	(included in total for date shown)			2,004

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of October 7, 2019

**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 Midwest	205-225	242
		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)	84.00-99.00	91.00-94.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	90.00-106.00	102.00-104.00

**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

Week of October 7, 2019

All prices are steady. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies remain moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate to at times 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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	3.0- 8.5	7.86

(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 - 10-08-19					
***All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***					
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Low	High	Avg	Price Range		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 -	.85 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	13.00	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 -	.70 lbs.
		3.43	Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.95 -	1.10 lbs.

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

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
10/4	2,200	6.77
10/3	2,242	6.74
10/2	2,276	6.85
10/1	2,261	6.92
9/30	2,184	7.11
<b>Weekly</b>	<b>11,163</b>	<b>6.88</b>

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	10/12/19	10/05/19	% chg	10/13/18	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	645	639	1.01	647 <sup>1</sup>	1.00
<b>Hogs</b>	2,725	2,669	1.02	2,497 <sup>1</sup>	1.09

<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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 219 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 5, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.6 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 Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 5, 2019, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through October 5, 2019 for the United States were 7.46 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			
	Sep 28, 2019	Oct 05, 2019	Sep 28, 2019	Oct 05, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	32,091	30,098	23,683	22,679
AR.....	24,267	22,557	21,939	18,236
DE.....	4,657	4,754	4,281	4,267
FL.....	1,178	1,163	1,254	1,264
GA.....	34,778	33,359	28,229	28,059
KY.....	7,359	7,199	5,685	5,729
LA.....	3,879	3,295	3,240	3,207
MD.....	7,869	7,870	5,848	5,890
MS.....	17,289	15,748	14,912	14,537
MO.....	7,654	8,387	5,839	5,684
NC.....	22,954	23,127	18,156	18,794
OK.....	7,610	7,760	4,561	4,406
PA.....	5,254	5,453	3,937	4,094
SC.....	5,740	5,516	4,573	4,949
TX.....	16,573	16,049	13,432	13,902
VA.....	6,160	5,635	5,818	5,634
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,407	11,591	9,816	10,037
Other States.....	9,416	9,533	7,776	7,449
<b>United States.....</b>	<b>227,135</b>	<b>219,094</b>	<b>182,979</b>	<b>178,817</b>
Percent of Prev Year..	106	101	105	105

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls4119.pdf>

## Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Nov-19 is estimated at 159.5 million head. This compares to 162.9 million head the previous week and to 167.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 83.32 cents per pound.

## US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 5-Oct-19

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	687	1,520	2,207
Last Week	771	1,770	2,541
Same week yr ago	981	1,678	2,659
To-date/2019*	31,739	64,777	96,516
To-date/2018*	42,405	63,851	106,256

Head sltr Comparisons

## U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	185	0	185
Last Week	255	0	255
Same week yr ago	319	0	319
To-date/2019*	9,226	17	9,243
To-date/2018*	11,416	8	11,424

Head sltr Comparisons

Data Source: CFIA, as compiled by AAFC, Poultry Section

## Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousands		
Head	872	1,520	2,392
Last Week	1,026	1,770	2,796
Same week yr ago	1,300	1,678	2,978
To-date/2019*	40,965	64,794	105,759
To-date/2018*	53,821	63,859	117,680

\*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

10/7/2019	10/1/2019	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
79,092	78,233	859	1%

## Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	10/7/2019	09/30/19	10/08/18
<b>Pacific w/out Denver:</b>	7806	8042	9344
<b>Los Angeles:</b>	560	553	615

## Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	4	1,228	550.00 577.00	559.02
168 3 Round, top inside round	4	19,261	213.28 226.00	217.63
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	4	4,700	368.00 379.00	374.49
Ground Beef 81%	17	149,869	164.52 196.75	171.26

## Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,668	77.00- 108.05	86.97
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,671	100.98- 146.26	120.25
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	97	104.54- 118.66	110.64
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,196	105.00- 144.00	121.16