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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

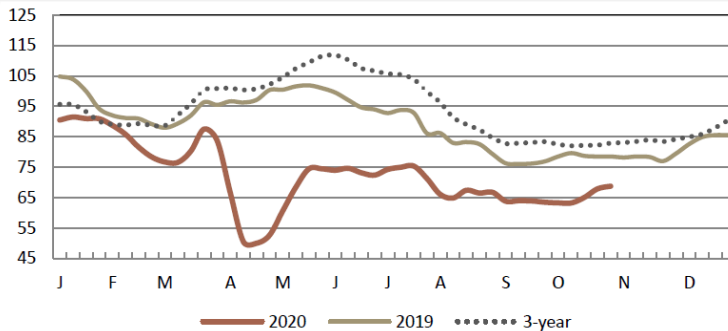
Whole broiler/fryer prices are mostly steady for all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate to satisfy current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal to reduced. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices are trending steady to firm for wings with jumbo sizes in the strongest position. Breast items are steady to firm as well, but dark meat cuts are steady at best. Supplies of wings are short of an active call and breast items are in good balance to available. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with thighs and thigh meat in the longest positions. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	68.75	↑ 0.88	8,877
Last Week:	67.87		8,442
Last Year:	78.31	↓ -9.56	10,515

Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Sep	63.58		45,370



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 17-Oct-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
Head	168,430	719	1,646	2,365	339
Avg Wt	6.45	3.40	8.14	6.70	7.04
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	168,293	796	1,755	2,551	351
Same wk yr ago	174,327	722	1,660	2,382	481
Avg Wt	6.44	3.42	8.25	6.79	7.17
To-date/2020*	6,916,386	31,240	69,081	100,321	15,772
To-date/2019*	6,959,621	33,113	68,105	101,218	18,360
% Change YTD	-1%	-6%	1%	-1%	-14%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	825,644	1,357	9,178	10,535	1,694
Last week	828,809	1,502	9,665	11,167	1,759
Same wk yr ago	853,226	1,370	9,381	10,751	2,449
To-date/2020*	33,167,843	60,328	391,071	451,399	77,487
To-date/2019*	32,820,715	63,519	383,831	447,350	90,987
% Change YTD	1%	-5%	2%	1%	-15%

Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%	71.0%
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(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 170.5 million head, or 4.4 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:	66.94	↑ 1.76	4,385	65.18	4,038
WOGS:	70.40	↑ 2.91	1,652	67.50	1,652
New York					
Whole Body:	65.28	↑ 0.12	1,295	65.17	1,260

Central Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	67.35	↓ -0.15	2,182	67.50	2,082
WOGS:	67.32	↓ -0.01	1,846	67.33	1,841
Chicago					
Whole Body:	66.44	↓ -0.18	1,244	66.62	1,145

Western Region

	This Week			Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Whole Body:	73.50	↑ 0.64	2,310	72.86	2,322
WOGS:	72.90	↑ 0.70	2,200	72.20	2,202
Los Angeles					
Whole Body:	72.19	↑ 0.01	1,563	72.18	1,536

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

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/24/2020	(1) 10/17/2020
Class	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	166,011 (2)	167,910
Light hens	680	693
Heavy hens	2,030	1,643
Total	168,721	170,246

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Oct-20 is 167.1 million head compared to 174.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.3 million head or -0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Oct-20 the estimated available is 167.5 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	1,211	94.77
TENDERLOINS	606	161.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	515	57.08
FRONT HALVES	521	48.30
LEGS	1,072	24.68
LEG QUARTERS	1,036	16.68
LEG QUARTERS	1,024	19.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	650	211.40
WINGS (CUT)	698	226.62
DRUMSTICKS	1,014	28.77
THIGHS	549	21.56
B/S THIGHS	540	55.31

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
30.50 - 41.00	32.83	32.49	

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	91.76	1,973,940
TENDERLOINS	146.19	866,508
BREAST - WITH RIBS	103.15	172,945
BREAST - LINE RUN	89.93	285,854
LEGS	41.80	351,324
LEG QUARTERS	24.65	1,334,529
DRUMSTICKS	39.59	1,516,828
THIGHS	42.40	211,470
B/S THIGHS	63.32	534,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	218.56	1,123,540
BACKS AND NECKS	9.75	773,412
LIVERS (5 POUND)	65.78	56,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	78.78	67,240

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 instances weak for fresh MSC; at least steady for frozen. Domestic and export demand are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. The 2021 contract season is underway with not much progress noted. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are about steady with trading levels at 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

WEEK OF 19-OCT-2020 TO 23-OCT-2020, CENTS PER POUND	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	Low	High	Low	High
BREAST - B/S	70.00	87.00	70.00	75.00
TENDERLOINS	139.00	161.00	139.00	143.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	52.00	70.00	52.00	54.00
LEGS	20.00	40.00	-	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20.00	30.00	20.00	25.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	20.00	30.00	21.00	23.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00	43.00	-	-
THIGHS	25.00	39.00	29.00	34.00
B/S THIGHS	45.00	70.00	55.00	60.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	202.00	220.00	211.00	215.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00	54.00	-	-
LIVERS	32.00	51.00	-	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	54.00	61.00	-	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 16, 2020

RAYON	Whole Chickens		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
Low	105.53	154.44	92.24	47.19	17.16	90.09
High	106.61	163.02	100.82	53.63	19.31	90.09
Mostly	106.18	158.73	96.53	49.34	17.16	90.09
SAN JUAN						
Low	105.11	152.30	90.09	45.05	17.16	90.09
High	106.18	160.88	98.67	51.48	19.31	90.09
Mostly	105.75	156.59	94.38	47.19	17.16	90.09
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	105.75	156.59	94.38	49.34	17.16	90.09
High	107.04	165.17	102.96	55.77	19.31	90.09
Mostly	106.18	160.88	98.67	51.48	17.16	90.09
BECERRA						
Low	106.18	158.73	96.53	51.48	17.16	90.09
High	107.25	167.31	105.11	57.92	19.31	90.09
Mostly	106.61	163.02	100.82	53.63	17.16	90.09

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	23-Oct-20	Last Week	Last Year	23-Oct-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	29.00 - 32.00	28.00 - 31.00	26.00-27.00	22.00 - 27.00	24.50 - 30.00	20.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.41	29.39	26.55	25.48	26.24	21.97
Volume Traded	2,372	1,890	550	1,913	2,458	1,816
Volume Exported	2,172	1,890	550	-	-	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 17-Oct-20

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	30,859	47,558	49,784	40,229	168,430
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.19	6.94	9.34	6.45
% of total /1	18%	28%	30%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	32,600	46,487	49,080	40,126	168,293
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.16	7.01	9.50	6.48
% of total /1	19%	28%	29%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	32,331	40,759	52,351	48,886	174,327
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.13	6.81	8.95	6.44
% of total /1	19%	23%	30%	28%	100%
To date/2020*	1,437,945	1,898,700	1,910,405	1,669,336	6,916,386
To date/2019*	1,513,731	2,050,876	1,796,643	1,598,371	6,959,621
% Change YTD	-5%	-7%	6%	4%	-1%

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
9/12	150.9	169.0	89%	6.48
9/19	172.3	167.2	103%	6.37
9/26	172.6	166.7	104%	6.44
10/3	171.8	165.4	104%	6.44
10/10	170.3	164.2	104%	6.48
10/17	170.5	166.1	103%	6.45
Year to date	7000.4	7002.2	100%	
10/24		167.1		
10/31		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.	4,194	2.49%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	1,867	1.11%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	13,851	8.22%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	10,947	6.50%
	Totals:	30,859	18.32%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,287	4,298	4,307	4,308	5.52
AR	4,410	4,861	4,865	4,945	6.30
Delmarva	2,122	2,115	2,013	2,089	7.39
KY-LA-TN	2,533	2,291	2,381	2,348	5.88
MS	2,455	2,455	2,724	2,738	6.48
NC	3,767	3,657	3,481	3,456	8.42
TX	2,984	2,754	2,464	2,744	7.08
Total	22,558	22,431	22,235	22,628	6.64
Mon-Fri	112,275	(A)			112,023
Saturday	996	(included in total for date shown)			1,984

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Oct-20 and 24-Oct-20 is estimated to be 34,331,000 head down 0.72 percent from a week ago and down 4.5 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,581,000, last year 35,965,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Oct-20 is estimated to be 171,156,000 head up 1.62 percent from a week ago, and down 0.92 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 168,430,000, last year 172,753,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of October 19, 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	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)	80.00-101.00	81.00-86.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	83.00-108.00	85.00-90.00

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 remain to be too few to report. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are in a full range, heavy to at times short of full needs. Processing schedules are varied. Market activity is moderate to slow. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts, bone-in legs, gizzards, wings, livers, and feet are all too few to report.

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	TFEWR	TFEWR

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
 Prices in cents per pound. 0.0 - 3.0 2.75

(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 - 20-Oct-2020

AI 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 .75 - .90 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.	2.50	12.50	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS .65 - .85 lbs.
			Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS 1.10 - 1.40 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
10/16	2,312	7.88
10/15	2,079	7.19
10/14	2,159	7.22
10/13	2,041	7.32
10/12	2,132	7.68
Weekly	8,411	7.35

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	10/24/20	10/17/20	% chg	10/26/19	% chg
Cattle	643	654	0.98	640 ¹	1.00
Hogs	2,679	2,688	1.00	2,690 ¹	1.00

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 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 17, 2020, down 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 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 182 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 17, 2020, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through October 17, 2020 for the United States were 7.79 billion. Cumulative placements were down 1 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			
	Oct 10, 2020	Oct 17, 2020	Oct 10, 2020	Oct 17, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
AL.....	31,870	31,230	22,722	23,839
AR.....	21,708	21,959	21,643	20,978
DE.....	4,264	4,264	5,120	4,933
FL.....	1,209	1,209	1,219	1,305
GA.....	32,973	32,839	25,324	26,195
KY.....	7,025	7,021	6,040	5,825
LA.....	3,288	3,133	3,081	2,950
MD.....	7,635	7,640	4,197	4,920
MS.....	16,319	15,815	13,587	14,271
MO.....	8,938	8,072	5,404	5,371
NC.....	22,514	22,056	18,517	19,132
OK.....	6,451	6,215	3,111	4,242
PA.....	6,305	6,311	4,775	4,681
SC.....	5,389	5,605	5,139	5,113
TX.....	16,601	16,711	13,389	13,590
VA.....	6,320	6,205	5,422	6,019
CA, TN, & WV.....	13,117	12,204	9,963	10,008
Other States.....	11,637	11,435	8,574	8,190
United States.....	223,563	219,924	177,227	181,562
Percent of Prev Year..	102	98	97	99

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls4320.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Nov-20 is estimated at 157.4 million head. This compares to 157.3 million head the previous week and to 169.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 176.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 78.49 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 17-Oct-20

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	719	1,646	2,365
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	796	1,755	2,551
Same week yr ago	722	1,660	2,382
To-date/2020*	31,240	69,081	100,321
To-date/2019*	33,464	68,234	101,698

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	192	0	192
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	176	0	176
Same week yr ago	244	0	244
To-date/2020*	5,487	7	5,494
To-date/2019*	9,843	17	9,860

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

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

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	911	1,646	2,557
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	972	1,755	2,727
Same week yr ago	966	1,660	2,626
To-date/2020*	36,727	69,088	105,815
To-date/2019*	43,307	68,251	111,558

*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

10/19/2020	10/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
87,272	82,166	5,106	6%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	10/19/2020	10/12/20	10/21/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	12,382	12,670	8,035
Los Angeles:	545	548	560

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	81,752	862.00 - 937.50	880.24
168 3 Round, top inside round	14	130,265	210.41 - 235.00	212.48
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	12	15,231	544.00 - 586.50	566.23
GB - Steer/Heifer Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind				
Ground Beef 81%	8	17,573	154.00 - 192.10	160.59

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,342	91.82 - 139.50	114.71
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,065	117.50 - 163.50	133.63
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	40	114.00 - 126.75	120.70
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,018	129.00 - 182.00	165.18