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## National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally steady to weak. Supplies are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are generally balanced for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. The industry keeps a close eye on the effects of the polar vortex moving across certain areas. In the parts structure, wings and tenderloins are firm, breast items are at times better than steady. The market on dark items is mostly steady with mixed undertones, leg quarters continue firm. Offerings of boneless skinless breast, wings and tenders are tight. Dark meat cuts are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are mostly desirable.

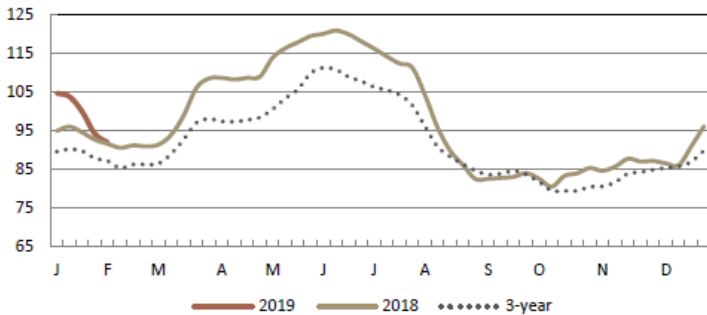
### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average\*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	92.04	↓ -2.18	11,516
<b>Last Week:</b>	94.22		11,789
<b>Last Year:</b>	91.66	↑ 0.38	11,761

#### Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Dec</b>	89.75	47,974



### Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 26-Jan-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	158,086	1,018	1,448	2,466	450
Avg Wt	6.13	3.48	8.13	6.21	7.26
Last week	167,857	899	1,615	2,514	423
Same wk yr ago	166,031	953	1,456	2,409	502
Avg Wt	6.23	3.56	7.74	6.09	6.76
To-date/2019*	629,702	3,719	5,760	9,479	1,679
To-date/2018*	608,006	3,974	5,804	9,778	1,987
% Change YTD	4%	-6%	-1%	-3%	-16%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	736,491	1,966	8,064	10,030	2,320
Last week	782,012	1,751	8,972	10,723	2,153
Same wk yr ago	786,124	1,883	7,720	9,603	2,409
To-date/2019*	2,947,081	7,205	32,125	39,330	8,313
To-date/2018*	2,870,226	7,743	31,618	39,361	9,847
% Change YTD	3%	-7%	2%	0%	-16%

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 \*\* million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

\*\*The USDA-NASS data used to populate this data is not available\*\*

### Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

Class	Current Week 2/2/2019 (1)	Previous Week 1/26/2019
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	165,646 (2)	158,669
Light hens	961	1,018
Heavy hens	1,535	1,465
Total	168,142	161,152

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Feb-19 is \*\* million head compared to 167.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.0 million head. For the week of 09-Feb-19 the estimated available is \*\* million head.

\*\*The USDA-NASS data used to populate this number is not available.\*\*

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Eastern</b>				
Whole Body:	96.25	4,691	96.90	4,359
WOGS:	93.00	1,396	94.80	1,353
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	94.80	1,255	93.19	1,216
<b>Central</b>				
Whole Body:	83.11	3,388	87.12	3,582
WOGS:	82.86	3,268	86.41	3,362
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	84.39	2,162	91.12	1,716
<b>Western</b>				
Whole Body:	95.08	3,437	97.80	3,848
WOGS:	94.84	3,377	97.35	3,748
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	95.40	1,777	96.32	2,086

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	1,086	115.63
Tenderloins	612	184.49
Breast - Line Run	648	92.42
Front Halves	547	66.73
Legs	1,074	33.77
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,071	25.50
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,002	27.43
Wings (Whole)	615	167.66
Wings (Cut)	630	186.82
Drumsticks	1,090	25.26
Thighs	549	35.78
B/S Thighs	715	115.06

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.00 - 55.50	46.09	46.12

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	104.46	2,972,910
Tenderloins	165.72	1,028,000
Breast - With Ribs	119.13	250,074
Breast - Line Run	100.50	477,878
Legs	48.55	367,403
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	30.56	1,334,430
Drumsticks	33.39	2,411,564
Thighs	65.03	122,120
B/S Thighs	115.93	822,880
Wings (Whole)	191.23	1,287,620
Backs and Necks	10.00	799,663
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.20	56,580
Gizzards (Hearts)	77.87	79,640

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.

**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 28-Jan-19 to 01-Feb-2019

	Price per lb.		Mostly	
Breast - B/S	85.00 - 108.00		93.00 - 98.00	
Tenderloins	160.00 - 172.00		160.00 - 166.00	
Breast - Line Run	81.00 - 104.00		81.00 - 86.00	
Legs	43.00 - 50.00		-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	24.00 - 30.00		24.00 - 28.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	27.00 - 35.00		29.00 - 32.00	
Drumsticks	30.00 - 33.00		30.00 - 31.00	
Thighs	44.00 - 50.00		-	
B/S Thighs	95.00 - 116.00		109.00 - 116.00	
Wings (Whole)	151.00 - 210.00		151.00 - 161.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 33.00		-	
Livers	32.00 - 55.00		-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00		-	

**Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 25, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>Rayon</b>						
Low	90.66	143.15	66.80	38.17	19.09	100.21
High	92.09	152.70	76.35	45.33	21.47	100.21
Mostly	91.38	147.92	71.58	40.56	19.09	100.21
<b>San Juan</b>						
Low	90.19	140.77	64.42	35.79	19.09	100.21
High	91.38	150.31	73.96	42.95	21.47	100.21
Mostly	90.66	145.54	69.19	38.17	19.09	100.21
<b>New San Juan</b>						
Low	90.66	145.54	69.19	40.56	19.09	100.21
High	92.57	155.08	78.73	47.72	21.47	100.21
Mostly	91.38	150.31	73.96	42.95	19.09	100.21
<b>Becerra</b>						
Low	90.66	145.54	71.58	42.95	19.09	100.21
High	93.05	155.08	81.12	50.10	21.47	100.21
Mostly	92.09	150.31	76.35	45.33	19.09	100.21

**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 trading within the same range as the previous week for fresh, while steady to higher for frozen. Spot market domestic and export demand ranges light to moderate. Supplies are generally moderate. Processing schedules were varied as severe winter weather and extremely cold temperatures affected some areas of the country causing production and delivery disruptions. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are trading at 8-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	1-Feb-19	Last Week	Last Year	1-Feb-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	24.00 - 26.00	21.00 - 26.00	29.00-33.00	19.00 - 23.00	19.00 - 23.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.16	24.48	31.18	20.76	20.69	22.66
Volume Traded	480	695	535	1,242	2,060	1,877
Volume Exported	480	495	495	-	530	245
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 26-Jan-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	30,383	55,273	38,426	34,004	158,086
Avg Live Wgt	3.57	5.33	6.78	8.97	6.13
% of total /1	19%	35%	24%	22%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	30,249	59,540	37,236	39,006	166,031
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.25	6.88	8.98	6.23
% of total /1	18%	36%	22%	23%	100%
To date/2019*	146,332	192,510	150,429	140,431	629,702
To date/2018*	142,314	189,132	144,049	132,511	608,006
% Change YTD	3%	2%	4%	6%	4%

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
12/22	164.4	156.1	105%	6.07
12/29	119.1	156.7	76%	6.27
1/5	139.6	155.3	90%	6.21
1/12	167.9	**	**	6.17
1/19	169.9	**	**	6.13
1/26	160.0	**	**	
Year to date	637.4	**		
2/2		**		
2/9		**		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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**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.	9,114	5.77%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	5,489	3.47%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	11,195	7.08%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	4,586	2.90%
	Totals:	9,114	5.77%

**Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers**

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	2/1	1/31 1/30 1/29 1/30 1/29	1/25 1/23		
AL	3,874	3,911 3,861 3,283	5.47 5.29	3,883	5.47
AR	4,571	5,008 4,625 4,820	5.89 5.91	4,335	6.03
Delmarva	2,240	2,254 2,239 2,171	6.63 6.82	2,746	6.68
KY-LA-TN	2,570	2,412 2,385 2,419	5.37 5.45	2,852	5.57
MS	2,735	2,807 2,836 2,027	6.24 6.54	3,064	6.27
NC	4,004	3,343 3,243 3,146	8.14 8.15	3,838	8.01
TX	2,554	2,471 2,493 2,510	6.66 6.63	2,977	6.65
Total	22,548	22,206 21,682 20,376	6.31 6.35	23,695	6.34
Mon-Fri	111,846	(A)		105,143	(A)
Saturday	1,244	(included in total for date shown)		2,424	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-Feb-19 and 02-Feb-19

is estimated to be 34,316,000 head down 5.13 percent from a week ago and up 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,170,000, last year 34,003,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending

02-Feb-19 is estimated to be 165,427,000 head up 4.64

percent from a week ago, and up 0.06 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 158,086,000, last year 165,335,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry**

Week of January 28, 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		242
Midwest	205-220	215-230

**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)	92.00-112.50	102.00-105.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-113.00	106.00-109.00

**Squabs:** NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 92.16- 103.68 13 oz. 113.40- 147.09 15 oz. 123.20- 154.71  
Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**Central Region Ducklings**

Week of January 28, 2019

Prices are unchanged. Demand is fairly good to good with the beginning of the Chinese New Year next week. Supplies are moderate to short of needs due to slaughter disruptions caused by extreme winter weather conditions. Processing schedules are reduced and varied. 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 8.05

(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 - 01-29-19					
***All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry***					
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Heavy Fowl			Price Range - cents per lb.		
Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl
per lb.:	-	-	5-6 lbs:	NA	5-9 lbs: NA
each:	NA		4-5 lbs:	NA	

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

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/25	2,746	6.21
1/24	2,223	6.77
1/23	2,156	6.68
1/22	2,208	6.79
1/21	1,284	7.14
Weekly	10,618	6.72

**Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter**

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	02/02/19	01/26/19	% chg	02/03/18	% chg
Cattle	593	610	0.97	613 <sup>1</sup>	0.97
Hogs	2,387	2,501	0.95	2,433 <sup>1</sup>	0.98

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Jan 26, 2019 (Preliminary)

**\*\*The USDA-NASS data used to populate this report is not available. \*\***

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,018	1,448	2,466
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	899	1,615	2,514
Same week yr ago	953	1,456	2,409
To-date/2019*	3,719	5,760	9,479
To-date/2018*	3,974	5,804	9,778

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	348	0	348
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	184	7	191
Same week yr ago	185	8	193
To-date/2019*	1,194	7	1,201
To-date/2018*	928	8	936

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,366	1,448	2,814
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,083	1,622	2,705
Same week yr ago	1,138	1,464	2,602
To-date/2019*	4,913	5,767	10,680
To-date/2018*	4,902	5,812	10,714

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

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs Selected Centers, incl Gov't Stocks			Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
			01/28/19	01/21/19	01/29/18
AM	01/28/19	72,399	<b>Pacific Coast:</b>		
AM	01/01/19	74,212	8676	8859	8189
CHG		-1813	<b>Los Angeles:</b>		
PCT CHG		-2%	614	618	1704

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	747.00 785.00	758.06
168 3 Round, top inside round	223.00 232.99	225.41
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	533.90 555.00	535.79
Ground Beef 81%	183.00 200.00	188.49

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b> - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	84.21
Bnls CC Strap-on	110.50
<b>Butt</b> - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	100.45
<b>Sparerib</b> -Trimd Sparerib - MED	135.98

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Mar-19 is estimated at \*\*\* million head. This compares to \*\* \*\* million head the previous week and to 164.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.8 million head and the national weighted average price was 90.63 cents per pound.

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