



BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance - Domestic Market Highlights

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady on whole birds and WOGS. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, prices remain firm for boneless breasts and tenders, wings are mostly steady to firm and the remaining white and dark meat parts are steady. Supplies of bone-in breasts and fronts are moderate; tenders and MSC are well cleared. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are sufficient with some issues mentioned on weights being slightly under what is desired.

Weekly National Chicken Report

National Chicken, Whole - Cents Per lb

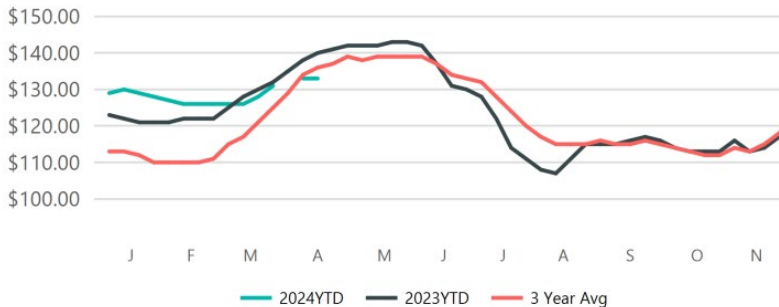
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered

	Price Range	Current Week's Trading		1,000 lbs	Previous Week's Trading	
		Wtd Avg	Change		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
Nat'l Composite Whole Bird:	92.00 - 155.00	132.08	-0.63	10,632	132.71	11,074
WOG						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite WOGS:	92.00 - 155.00	132.30	-0.71	8,426	133.01	8,605
2.50 lb & lighter	127.00 - 150.00	141.10	-0.52	2,086	141.62	2,137
2.51 - 3.50 lb	92.00 - 155.00	130.00	-0.95	6,131	130.95	6,129
3.51 lb & heavier	105.00 - 116.00	111.87	-4.11	208	115.98	339
Whole Body						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite:	122.00 - 155.00	131.26	-0.39	2,205	131.65	2,469
3.00 lb & lighter	130.00 - 135.00	132.41	0.30	595	132.11	630
3.01 lb & heavier	122.00 - 155.00	130.83	-0.67	1,610	131.50	1,839

Regional and Specific Destination Pricing:

	Price Range	Current Week's Trading		1,000 lbs	Previous Week's Trading	
		Wtd Avg	Change		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
Eastern						
Whole Body:	105.00 - 147.00	130.56	-0.11	4,811	130.67	5,116
Eastern WOGS:	105.00 - 146.00	131.71	-0.19	2,860	131.90	2,957
New York						
Whole Body	115.00 - 146.00	132.76	-0.04	2,240	132.80	2,310
Central						
Whole Body	92.00 - 149.00	124.13	-1.22	2,861	125.35	2,913
Central WOGS:	92.00 - 130.00	123.83	-1.28	2,826	125.11	2,883
Chicago						
Whole Body	92.00 - 130.00	123.82	-0.91	1,705	124.73	1,734
Western						
Whole Body	119.00 - 155.00	142.24	-0.92	2,960	143.16	3,045
Western WOGS:	119.00 - 155.00	141.66	-0.78	2,740	142.44	2,765
Los Angeles						
Whole Body:	119.00 - 155.00	141.63	-0.64	2,210	142.27	2,175

Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 13-Apr-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	----- Thousands -----				
Head	162,156	517	1,555	2,072	446
Avg Wt	6.44	3.66	8.62	7.38	7.17
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	160,773	598	1,656	2,254	502
Same wk yr ago	167,566	848	1,635	2,483	489
Avg Wt	6.33	3.51	8.22	6.61	7.13
To-date/2024*	2,420,460	10,239	24,008	34,247	6,633
To-date/2023*	2,486,930	11,248	24,272	35,520	6,651
% Change YTD	-3%	-9%	-1%	-4%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	793,656	1,050	9,182	10,232	2,270
Last week	788,109	1,215	9,585	10,800	2,409
Same wk yr ago	806,127	1,652	9,206	10,858	2,475
To-date/2024*	11,882,918	20,070	138,065	158,135	33,612
To-date/2023*	12,010,704	21,993	138,754	160,747	33,801
% Change YTD	-1%	-9%	0%	-2%	-1%
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 165.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 1.7 million less 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
	4/20/2024 (1)	4/13/2024
	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	154,063 (2)	153,658
Light hens	693	509
Heavy hens	1,646	1,632
Total	156,402	155,799

(1) ESTIMATED

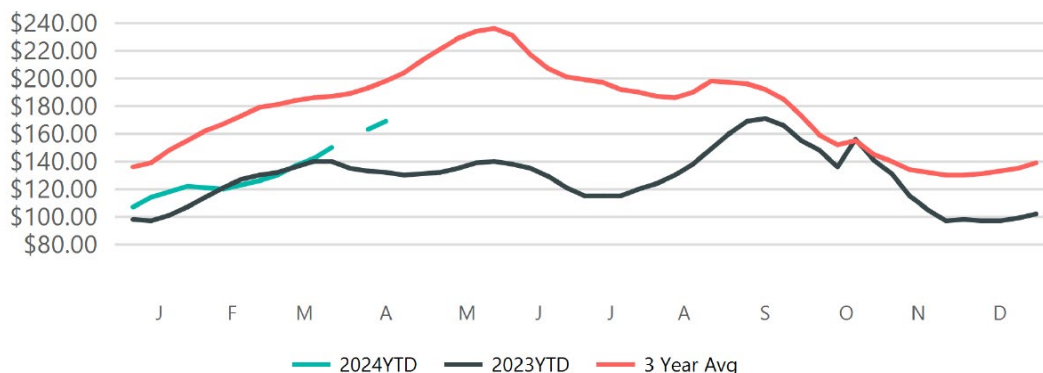
(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Apr-24 is 167.0 million head compared to 167.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.4 million head or -12.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 27-Apr-24 the estimated available is 168.0 million head.

National Chicken, Parts - Cents per lb.

Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - FOB

			Current Week's Trading		Previous Week's Trading	
Backs and Necks Stripped:	9.00 - 13.00	11.59	0.27	1,754	11.32	1,599
Breast - B/S:	116.00 - 197.00	174.32	5.11	2,228	169.21	2,256
Breast - Line Run:	104.00 - 107.00	105.82	-0.10	156	105.92	153
Breast With Ribs:	105.00 - 148.00	125.29	-0.31	140	125.60	139
Drumsticks:	39.00 - 55.00	42.98	-0.19	413	43.17	423
Frames:	7.00 - 13.00	10.55	-0.10	2,240	10.65	2,080
Gizzards and Hearts:	73.00 - 81.00	77.25	1.30	119	75.95	120
Leg quarters - Bulk:	47.00 - 58.00	49.80	0.13	1,459	49.67	1,411
Legs - Bone-in:	70.00 - 79.00	72.10	-0.29	481	72.39	507
Livers:	62.00 - 63.00	62.84	0.94	112	61.90	116
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	26.00 - 28.00	26.92	0.57	489	26.35	469
Tenderloins:	193.00 - 251.00	205.75	0.44	1,201	205.31	1,202
Thighs - B/S:	120.00 - 182.00	158.71	2.46	757	156.25	689
Thighs - Bone-in:	90.00 - 95.00	90.66	1.69	31	88.97	20
Wings - Whole:	214.00 - 253.00	230.29	1.16	837	229.13	827

Fresh National Boneless Skinless Breast, Jumbo Price - Conventional - FOB



Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City							
Cents per pound for the week ending April 12, 2024							
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON							
Low	188.72	320.51	138.15	80.13	27.63	151.97	
High	189.82	331.57	149.21	88.42	30.39	151.97	
Mostly	189.27	328.80	146.44	85.65	27.63	151.97	
SAN JUAN							
Low	187.89	320.51	138.15	80.13	27.63	151.97	
High	189.27	331.57	149.21	88.42	30.39	151.97	
Mostly	188.72	326.04	143.68	82.89	27.63	151.97	
NEW SAN JUAN							
Low	188.72	323.28	140.92	82.89	27.63	151.97	
High	190.37	334.33	151.97	91.18	30.39	151.97	
Mostly	189.82	328.80	146.44	85.65	27.63	151.97	
BECERRA							
Low	189.27	323.28	140.92	82.89	27.63	151.97	
High	190.65	334.33	151.97	91.18	30.39	151.97	
Mostly	190.37	331.57	149.21	88.42	27.63	151.97	

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 13-Apr-24

(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	28,239	49,031	41,960	42,926	162,156
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.18	6.99	9.09	6.44
% of total /1	17%	30%	26%	26%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	22,393	52,875	45,953	39,552	160,773
Avg Live Wgt	3.90	5.04	6.99	9.15	6.45
% of total /1	14%	33%	29%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	27,194	53,065	44,613	42,694	167,566
Avg Live Wgt	3.68	5.17	6.87	8.90	6.33
% of total /1	16%	32%	27%	25%	100%
To date/2024*	429,406	681,914	648,066	661,073	2,420,459
To date/2023*	408,045	766,477	680,323	632,084	2,486,929
% Change YTD	5%	-11%	-5%	5%	-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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
3/9	166.5	167.5	99%	6.43
3/16	162.5	166.8	97%	6.41
3/23	163.9	166.0	99%	6.44
3/30	162.9	166.0	98%	6.36
4/6	162.7	166.2	98%	6.45
4/13	164.1	165.8	99%	6.44
Year to date	2449.8	2479.3	99%	
4/20		167.0		
4/27		168.0		

*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 & Down:	Under 2.5 lbs.	8,366	5.16%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	1,301	0.80%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	3,892	2.40%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	14,680	9.05%
Total:		28,239	17.41%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,128	4,171	4,036	4,138	5.58
AR	3,508	4,874	4,818	4,840	6.84
Delmarva	2,213	2,148	2,049	2,190	7.29
KY-LA-TN	2,070	2,392	2,490	2,475	6.02
MS	1,746	2,582	2,636	2,704	6.56
NC	3,215	3,558	3,215	3,558	8.49
TX	2,830	2,832	2,833	2,854	6.88
Total	18,710	22,557	22,077	22,759	6.77
Mon-Fri	109,134	(A)			107,850 (A)
Saturday	0		(included in total for date shown)		545

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Apr-24 and 20-Apr-24 is estimated to be 28,475,000 head down 5.16 percent from a week ago and down 2.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,023,000, last year 29,184,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Apr-24 is estimated to be 165,554,000 head up 2.10 percent from a week ago, and down 0.21 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 162,156,000, last year 165,903,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Weekly Miscellaneous Poultry

Chicken- Prices negotiated by first receivers, cents/lb.

Current Week's Trading		
National - Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered		
-Ice Packed (12/Box)	Roasters	Price Range
		132.00 - 143.25
-Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	Roasters	Price Range
		136.00 - 148.00
Ducklings (Whole) - 4-5 lbs Trucklot Pool and Trucklot Quantities, cents/lb., Prices negotiated to first receivers - U.S Grade A - Conventional - Delivered		
	Price Range	Price Range
	Fresh	Frozen
Long Island	330.00	287.00
Midwest	231.00 - 256.00	221.00 - 241.00
Squabs - Prices for 1 to 10 Boxes, Dollars/Dozen, Wholesale Prices		
New York Area - Domestic - Frozen - Plant Grade - Conventional - Delivered		
	Price Range	
Squabs (Whole) - 11 oz	109.44 - 123.12	
Squabs (Whole) - 13 oz	138.51 - 147.90	
Squabs (Whole) - 15 oz	149.04 - 154.71	

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl		
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	1.0 - 7.0	5.02
(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: 0-5		
(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

Hackettstown, NJ - Tue Apr. 16

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each: 5.00 12.00	7.37

per pound:

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 16

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	2.50	3.25	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	2.25	3.00	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	9.00	11.00	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/12	2,160	7.01
4/11	2,197	7.04
4/10	2,197	7.10
4/9	2,042	7.33
4/8	2,198	7.18
Weekly	10,794	7.13

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	04/20/24	04/13/24	% chg	04/22/23	% chg
Cattle	620	603	1.03	625 ¹	0.99
Hogs	2,487	2,485	1.00	2,453 ¹	1.01

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 78.9 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 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 13, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 13, 2024 for the United States were 2.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States and United States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States and United States	
	Week Ending			
	Apr 06 2024	Apr 13, 2024	Apr 06 2024	Apr 13, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	34,791	35,055	25,495	24,162
AR	25,284	25,727	21,690	20,329
DE	5,489	5,544	5,719	5,191
FL	1,225	1,225	1,253	1,239
GA	36,366	36,103	28,168	28,167
KY	8,105	8,128	6,070	5,996
LA	3,624	3,655	2,756	2,880
MD	8,061	8,063	5,796	5,437
MS	17,320	17,523	13,681	13,491
MO	8,981	8,990	5,122	5,529
NC	24,690	25,742	19,916	19,707
OK	5,970	5,700	3,833	5,039
PA	7,937	7,969	4,999	4,736
SC	6,048	6,312	4,722	5,122
TX	19,275	19,284	14,798	14,886
VA	5,417	5,734	5,310	5,258
CA, TN, & WV	13,990	13,900	11,597	13,207
Other States.....	11,936	12,267	9,272	9,393
United States....	244,509	246,921	190,197	189,769

Source: USDA, NASS

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 13-Apr-24

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
	517	1,555	2,072
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	598	1,656	2,254
Same week yr ago	848	1,635	2,483
To-date/2024*	10,239	24,008	34,247
To-date/2023*	11,248	24,272	35,520

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
	146	0	146
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	147	0	147
Same week yr ago	128	0	128
To-date/2024*	1,332	0	1,332
To-date/2023*	1,181	0	1,181

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 -----		
	663	1,555	2,218
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	745	1,656	2,401
Same week yr ago	976	1,635	2,611
To-date/2024*	11,571	24,008	35,579
To-date/2023*	12,429	24,272	36,701

*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			
4/15/2024	4/1/2024	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
70,094	73,325	-3,231	-4%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

	4/15/2024	04/08/2024	04/17/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	5,233	5,453	8,303
Los Angeles:	508	503	520

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	19	70,338	900.00 - 975.90	924.80
168 3 Round, top inside round	10	179,830	305.00 - 340.90	307.42
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	23	76,888	887.00 - 1,002.42	950.64

GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind

Ground Beef 81%	14	58,822	265.00 - 316.00	283.89
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Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,296	99.03 - 151.20	123.93
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,502	135.00 - 198.45	158.63
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	164	138.05 - 171.67	154.65
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,206	150.00 - 216.41	179.04

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