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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food distributive services demand is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is light to moderate. In the parts structure, boneless skinless breasts and wings are steady to weak, and tenderloins steady to firm. The market on bone-in breasts and dark items are steady to instances better than steady. Supplies of tenders are closely balanced to tight. Wings and b/s breasts are moderate to instances heavy. Dark meat offerings ranged light to moderate. Market activity for parts is light to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

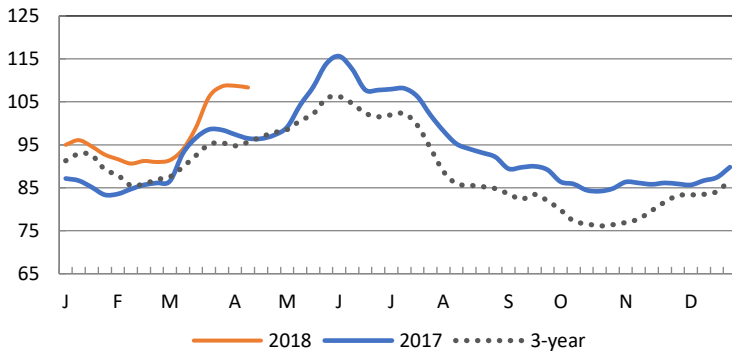
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	108.34	↓ -0.40	12,223
Last Week:	108.74		12,993
Last Year:	96.49	↑ 11.85	11,925

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Mar	101.97	48,248



	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	107.57	4,636	107.12	4,912
WOGS:	109.95	1,579	109.65	1,534
New York				
Whole Body:	105.87	1,450	104.95	1,427
Central				
Whole Body:	104.23	3,740	104.46	4,430
WOGS:	104.16	3,270	104.64	3,990
Chicago				
Whole Body:	105.34	1,882	104.17	2,812
Western				
Whole Body:	113.26	3,847	116.11	3,651
WOGS:	112.67	3,547	115.74	3,351
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	115.18	2,167	116.35	1,971

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 7-Apr-18

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	158,739	1,161	1,559	2,720	411
Avg Wt	6.14	3.40	8.27	6.19	6.46
Last week	158,696	990	1,263	2,253	478
Same wk yr ago	161,475	1,449	1,413	2,862	374
Avg Wt	6.11	3.25	8.20	5.69	7.04
To-date/2018*	2,216,025	14,588	20,699	35,287	6,219
To-date/2017*	2,237,126	18,689	19,664	38,353	5,456
% Change YTD	-1%	-22%	5%	-8%	14%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	740,740	2,191	8,832	11,023	1,885
Last week	741,745	1,868	6,930	8,798	2,179
Same wk yr ago	749,825	2,614	7,937	10,551	1,869
To-date/2018*	10,394,649	28,128	114,391	142,519	29,864
To-date/2017*	10,427,226	34,443	108,597	143,040	26,457
% Change YTD	0%	-18%	5%	0%	13%
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 161.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 0.6 million less 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

	Current Week 4/14/2018 (1)	Previous Week 4/7/2018
----- Thousand head -----		
Class		
Broiler/fryer	164,080 (2)	162,266
Light hens	1,262	1,156
Heavy hens	1,522	1,562
Total	166,864	164,984

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Apr-18 is 161.7 million head compared to 162.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.4 million head or 2.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Apr-18 the estimated available is 162.8 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	1,130	137.16
Tenderloins	567	171.06
Breast - Line Run	499	101.67
Front Halves	546	77.32
Legs	1,098	42.74
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,143	35.35
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,104	38.39
Wings (Whole)	579	154.49
Wings (Cut)	609	170.70
Drumsticks	1,052	33.49
Thighs	554	44.82
B/S Thighs	840	115.82

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
51.00 - 62.00	56.42	56.33

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	138.68	3,003,670
Tenderloins	159.24	1,036,520
Breast - With Ribs	131.20	83,518
Breast - Line Run	109.62	560,642
Legs	48.73	754,541
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	39.99	1,623,489
Drumsticks	42.94	1,574,588
Thighs	61.86	175,280
B/S Thighs	113.85	1,000,920
Wings (Whole)	144.28	1,357,670
Backs and Necks	10.94	1,433,887
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	65.80	58,500
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.62	85,960

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 09-Apr-18 to 13-Apr-2018

	Price per lb.		Mostly
Breast - B/S	119.00 - 139.00	130.00 - 139.00	
Tenderloins	152.00 - 170.00	152.00 - 157.00	
Breast - Line Run	100.00 - 113.00	100.00 - 105.00	
Legs	48.00 - 52.00	49.00 - 52.00	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	35.00 - 43.00	37.00 - 39.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	37.00 - 44.00	37.00 - 41.00	
Drumsticks	37.00 - 43.00	37.00 - 40.00	
Thighs	44.00 - 65.00	44.00 - 50.00	
B/S Thighs	107.00 - 125.00	108.00 - 118.00	
Wings (Whole)	142.00 - 153.00	145.00 - 153.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 45.00	-	
Livers	32.00 - 51.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 06, 2018

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	96.20	161.58	96.95	54.69	19.89	104.41
High	97.94	171.52	106.89	62.15	22.37	104.41
Mostly	96.95	166.55	101.92	57.17	19.89	104.41
San Juan						
Low	95.70	161.58	94.46	52.20	19.89	104.41
High	96.95	171.52	104.41	59.66	22.37	104.41
Mostly	96.20	166.55	99.43	54.69	19.89	104.41
New San Juan						
Low	96.45	164.07	99.43	57.17	19.89	104.41
High	98.69	174.01	109.38	64.63	22.37	104.41
Mostly	97.94	169.04	104.41	59.66	19.89	104.41
Becerra						
Low	96.95	166.55	101.92	59.66	19.89	104.41
High	99.43	176.49	111.86	67.12	22.37	104.41
Mostly	97.94	171.52	106.89	62.15	19.89	104.41

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 for both fresh and frozen. The undertone continues steady to fully steady. Domestic spot market demand is reported as light to moderate. Demand into export channels is light to moderate for frozen, while fresh ranges light to at times fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Several commenting that poor weather conditions affecting a large area of the country hasn't been conducive to early season barbecuing. Processing schedules are mostly full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to slightly higher with trading levels at 11-13 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	13-Apr-18	Last Week	Last Year	13-Apr-18	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	30.00 - 33.00	30.00 - 33.00	26.00-39.00	23.00 - 25.00	23.00 - 25.00	23.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.60	31.45	33.29	23.96	23.91	26.54
Volume Traded	550	605	925	1,612	1,003	1,734
Volume Exported	550	605	725	122	-	82
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 7-Apr-18

(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	36,337	52,408	38,994	31,000	158,739
Avg Live Wgt	3.56	5.41	7.04	9.28	6.14
% of total /1	23%	33%	25%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,281	51,444	38,647	31,324	158,696
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.46	7.02	8.99	6.15
% of total /1	23%	32%	24%	20%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,494	47,140	35,911	30,930	161,475
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.59	7.13	9.45	6.11
% of total /1	29%	29%	22%	19%	100%
To date/2018*	505,212	732,430	504,260	474,123	2,216,025
To date/2017*	547,171	722,130	523,575	444,250	2,237,126
% Change YTD	-8%	1%	-4%	7%	-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
3/3	161.4	166.5	97%	6.13
3/10	162.4	165.3	98%	6.19
3/17	161.2	163.9	98%	6.21
3/24	159.4	163.2	98%	6.15
3/31	160.6	162.3	99%	6.15
4/7	160.7	161.3	100%	6.14
Year to date	2242.9	2280.7	98%	
4/14		162.1		
4/21		163.4		

*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.	8,903	5.61%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,203	7.06%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	10,589	6.67%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,642	3.55%
Totals:		36,337	22.89%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt			
	04/13	04/12	04/11	04/10	04/11	04/10	04/06	04/04
AL	3,929	3,920	3,958	3,897	5.48	5.66	3,575	5.61
AR	4,566	4,550	4,826	4,797	6.12	6.03	4,749	5.99
Delmarva	2,872	2,265	2,282	2,282	6.75	6.82	2,214	6.68
KY-LA-TN	2,288	2,266	2,295	2,317	5.64	5.72	2,252	5.53
MS	2,709	2,799	2,845	2,905	6.28	6.24	2,819	6.26
NC	2,740	3,168	3,046	3,017	7.77	7.89	3,896	7.90
TX	2,489	2,520	2,351	2,527	6.68	6.72	2,447	6.72
Total	21,593	21,488	21,603	21,742	6.33	6.38	21,952	6.33
Mon-Fri	108,600	(A)					105,577	(A)
Saturday	775		(included in total for date shown)				1,744	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Apr-18 and 14-Apr-18 is estimated to be 32,863,000 head down 1.93 percent from a week ago and up 4.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,509,000, last year 31,332,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Apr-18 is estimated to be 164,326,000 head up 3.52 percent from a week ago, and up 2.42 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 158,739,000, last year 160,439,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of April 9, 2018

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
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/Box)	96.00-106.50	98.00-105.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	98.00-108.00	100.00-107.00

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 April 9, 2018

Prices remain steady this week. Demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. 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. 5.5-10.0 9.31

(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 - 04-10-18

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:	.65 - .75	5-9 lbs:	.90 - 1.40
each:	1.00	9.00	2.48	4-5 lbs:	.60 - .80		

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/6	2,214	6.66
4/5	2,106	6.66
4/4	2,283	6.68
4/3	2,242	6.90
4/2	1,290	7.18
Weekly	10,134	6.82

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	04/14/18	04/07/18	% chg	04/08/17	% chg
Cattle	605	615	-02	589 ¹	+03
Hogs	2,385	2,335	+02	2,227 ¹	+07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 228 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 7, 2018, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82 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 Total Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 183 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2018, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2018 through April 7, 2018 for the United States were 2.54 billion. Cumulative placements were up 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			
	Mar 31, 2018	Apr 07, 2018	Mar 31, 2018	Apr 07, 2018
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	30,169	30,030	22,316	23,780
AR.....	23,996	24,435	22,788	22,783
DE.....	5,296	5,276	4,577	5,548
FL.....	1,225	1,225	1,327	1,269
GA.....	35,213	35,428	27,091	26,486
KY.....	7,761	7,870	5,577	5,988
LA.....	3,591	3,712	2,943	2,958
MD.....	8,245	8,255	6,670	5,317
MS.....	18,457	18,489	15,230	14,922
MO.....	7,934	7,951	5,567	6,217
NC.....	22,742	22,490	18,166	18,657
OK.....	7,292	7,450	3,781	2,759
PA.....	5,655	5,635	3,932	3,954
SC.....	5,485	5,613	4,964	4,820
TX.....	16,192	16,115	13,129	13,347
VA.....	6,381	6,271	5,927	6,024
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,709	12,311	11,687	11,185
Other States.....	9,618	9,589	7,391	7,297
United States.....	227,961	228,145	183,063	183,311
Percent of Prev Year...	102	102	101	101

Source: USDA, NASS

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/BroiHatc/BroiHatc-04-11-2018.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-May-18 is estimated at 161.9 million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 161.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.49 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Apr 07, 2018 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	922	1,563	2,485
Last Week	1,123	1,583	2,706
Same week yr ago	1,564	1,465	3,029
To-date/2018*	12,437	17,877	30,314
To-date/2017*	15,820	16,805	32,625

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	400	0	400
Last Week	304	0	304
Same week yr ago	307	0	307
To-date/2018*	3,332	8	3,340
To-date/2017*	3,849	0	3,849

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	1,322	1,563	2,885
Last Week	1,427	1,583	3,010
Same week yr ago	1,871	1,465	3,336
To-date/2018*	15,769	17,885	33,654
To-date/2017*	19,669	16,805	36,474

*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		
			04/09/18	04/02/18	04/10/17
AM	04/09/18	86,638			
AM	04/01/18	86,432			
CHG		206			
PCT CHG		0%			
			Pacific Coast:		
			7788	8240	8934
			Los Angeles:		
			643.	4464	727

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	725.00 783.25	741.39
168 3 Round, top inside round	213.00 225.00	218.69
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	630.00 662.00	639.21
Ground Beef 81%	166.10 200.00	183.29

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	88.57
Bnls CC Strap-on	104.67
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	113.84
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	140.00