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## National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are showing mixed undertones mostly steady to weak. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate. Retail demand is in a full range, mostly light to moderate. Food service interest mostly moderate. Floor stocks are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, wings are firm, tenders are steady to firm, and boneless skinless breasts are irregular, mostly moderate. Dark meat items are steady to firm with leg quarters in the strongest position aided by export interest. Supplies of all parts are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate; weights are desirable.

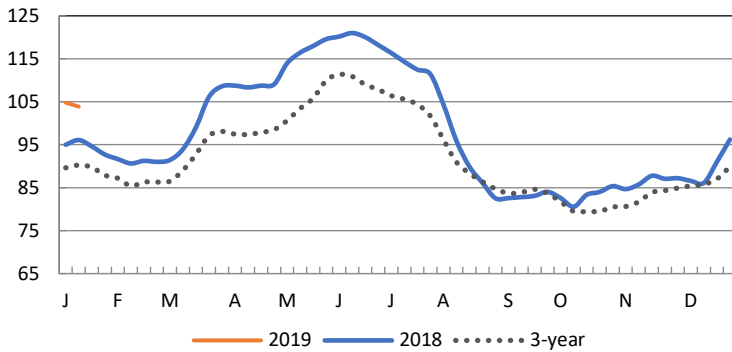
### National Whole Broiler/Fryer

#### National Composite Weighted Average\*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	103.87	↓ -0.92	10,784
<b>Last Week:</b>	104.79		11,732
<b>Last Year:</b>	96.09	↑ 7.78	12,189

#### 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 5-Jan-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	137,882	749	1,073	1,822	372
Avg Wt	6.21	3.54	8.33	6.36	6.63
Last week	117,657	620	846	1,466	360
Same wk yr ago	129,090	831	1,367	2,198	354
Avg Wt	6.14	3.50	8.12	6.37	7.28
To-date/2019*	137,882	749	1,073	1,822	372
To-date/2018*	129,090	831	1,367	2,198	354
% Change YTD	7%	-10%	-22%	-17%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	650,748	1,472	6,123	7,595	1,751
Last week	560,659	1,184	4,677	5,861	1,817
Same wk yr ago	602,386	1,614	7,604	9,218	1,830
To-date/2019*	650,748	1,472	6,123	7,595	1,751
To-date/2018*	602,386	1,614	7,604	9,218	1,830
% Change YTD	8%	-9%	-19%	-18%	-4%

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 155.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 139.6 million head, or 15.7 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

Class	Current Week 1/12/2019 (1)	Previous Week 1/5/2019
Broiler/fryer	164,830 (2)	140,358
Light hens	1,047	728
Heavy hens	1,606	1,069
Total	167,483	142,155

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jan-19 is \*\*not available\*\* compared to 167.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.2 million head. For the week of 19-Jan-19 the estimated available is \*\* not available\*\*.

\*\*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:	102.15	4,685	102.13	4,426
WOGS:	104.23	1,581	106.52	1,367
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	99.22	1,218	102.82	1,216
<b>Central</b>				
Whole Body:	100.52	3,398	100.70	3,678
WOGS:	100.46	3,198	100.91	3,558
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	100.70	1,772	103.75	2,332
<b>Western</b>				
Whole Body:	111.06	2,701	112.18	3,628
WOGS:	110.92	2,601	112.05	3,548
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	111.84	1,901	111.85	1,906

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	1,145	103.41
Tenderloins	580	167.97
Breast - Line Run	472	93.47
Front Halves	503	72.90
Legs	950	33.79
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,072	24.02
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,021	26.05
Wings (Whole)	570	149.22
Wings (Cut)	625	169.24
Drumsticks	941	25.14
Thighs	578	35.59
B/S Thighs	659	111.92

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
42.50 - 58.00	48.52	48.46

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	101.13	2,376,755
Tenderloins	141.99	922,800
Breast - With Ribs	119.83	180,878
Breast - Line Run	101.10	463,268
Legs	52.83	350,754
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	30.35	1,521,128
Drumsticks	37.74	876,990
Thighs	65.28	163,300
B/S Thighs	116.10	840,320
Wings (Whole)	163.14	1,438,600
Backs and Necks	10.59	443,970
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	66.18	57,360
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.67	75,480

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 weak. Spot market demand is light to moderate into both domestic and export channels. Supplies are mixed, as industry assess markets following two consecutive weeks of disruptions in productions. Processing schedules returns to normal. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials range light to available, mostly moderate. Frame prices are trading at 8-10 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 07-Jan-19 to 11-Jan-2019

	Price per lb.		Mostly	
Breast - B/S	82.00 - 102.00		87.00 - 98.00	
Tenderloins	139.00 - 153.00		139.00 - 145.00	
Breast - Line Run	78.00 - 97.00		78.00 - 86.00	
Legs	43.00 - 50.00		-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	23.00 - 28.00		24.00 - 28.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	26.00 - 34.00		26.00 - 31.00	
Drumsticks	31.00 - 33.00		-	
Thighs	44.00 - 48.00		-	
B/S Thighs	108.00 - 116.00		-	
Wings (Whole)	122.00 - 200.00		122.00 - 132.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 33.00		-	
Livers	25.00 - 51.00		-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	35.00 - 61.00		-	

**Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 04, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>Rayon</b>						
Low	99.86	153.27	92.89	44.12	18.58	99.86
High	101.25	162.56	102.18	53.41	20.90	99.86
Mostly	100.55	157.91	97.53	48.77	18.58	99.86
<b>San Juan</b>						
Low	99.39	150.95	90.57	44.12	18.58	99.86
High	100.55	160.23	99.86	51.09	20.90	99.86
Mostly	99.86	155.59	95.21	46.44	18.58	99.86
<b>New San Juan</b>						
Low	99.86	155.59	95.21	46.44	18.58	99.86
High	101.95	164.88	104.50	55.73	20.90	99.86
Mostly	100.55	160.23	99.86	51.09	18.58	99.86
<b>Becerra</b>						
Low	100.55	157.91	97.53	48.77	18.58	99.86
High	102.18	167.20	106.82	58.06	20.90	99.86
Mostly	101.25	162.56	102.18	53.41	18.58	99.86

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	11-Jan-19	Last Week	Last Year	11-Jan-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	21.00 - 25.00	21.00 - 25.00	29.00-33.00	19.00 - 23.50	19.00 - 23.50	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.30	24.13	31.16	20.95	20.89	22.31
Volume Traded	550	440	706	1,690	1,285	1,499
Volume Exported	550	440	706	-	-	82
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 5-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	33,759	36,832	35,492	31,799	137,882
Avg Live Wgt	3.59	5.31	7.00	9.16	6.21
% of total /1	24%	27%	26%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	27,975	38,337	24,389	26,956	117,657
Avg Live Wgt	3.61	5.32	7.25	9.50	6.27
% of total /1	24%	33%	21%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	41,450	35,660	29,058	22,922	129,090
Avg Live Wgt	3.69	5.60	7.36	9.89	6.14
% of total /1	32%	28%	23%	18%	100%
To date/2019*	33,759	36,832	35,492	31,799	137,882
To date/2018*	41,450	35,660	29,058	22,922	129,090
% Change YTD	-19%	3%	22%	39%	7%

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	Million Head		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
12/1	167.5	153.5	109%	6.3
12/8	166.0	160.1	104%	6.1
12/15	158.7	155.4	102%	6.1
12/22	164.4	156.1	105%	6.0
12/29	119.1	156.7	76%	6.2
1/5	139.6	155.3	90%	6.2
Year to date	139.6	155.3	90%	
1/12**				
1/19**				

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

\*\*The USDA/NASS data used to populate these numbers are not available.

**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.	8,736	6.34%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,092	8.77%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	3,935	2.85%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	8,996	6.52%
Totals:		33,759	24.48%

**Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers**

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt	
	1/11	1/10	1/9	1/8	1/9	1/8	1/4	1/2	1/4	1/2
AL	3,927	3,956	3,865	3,999	5.50	5.61	4,480	5.58		
AR	4,068	5,007	4,859	4,893	5.89	5.91	6,156	6.13		
Delmarva	3,044	2,225	2,167	2,249	6.80	6.98	3,431	6.91		
KY-LA-TN	2,440	2,485	2,464	2,429	5.38	5.41	3,595	5.47		
MS	2,701	2,813	2,920	3,031	6.26	5.99	3,149	6.23		
NC	3,301	3,258	3,208	3,186	8.09	8.15	5,056	8.24		
TX	2,697	2,537	2,296	2,515	7.12	6.79	3,278	6.98		
Total	22,178	22,281	21,779	22,302	6.36	6.34	29,145	6.44		
Mon-Fri	111,064	(A)					91,705	(A)		
Saturday	1,223	(included in total for date shown)						6,754		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Jan-19 and 12-Jan-19 is estimated to be 33,753,000 head down 24.13 percent from a week ago and down 6.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 44,489,000, last year 35,922,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 12-Jan-19 is estimated to be 167,814,000 head up 21.71 percent from a week ago, and up 1.55 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 137,882,000, last year 165,253,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry**

Week of January 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		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)	92.00-109.50	102.00-104.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	94.00-111.00	105.00-107.00

**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 January 7, 2019

All prices are steady. Demand is fairly good to good with preparation for the upcoming Chinese New Year. Supplies continue moderate to short of current needs. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. 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 3.0-9.0 Wtd Avg 8.21

Prices in cents per pound. (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 - January 08, 2019**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Hackettstown, NJ Heavy Fowl		Gravestone Small Animal, Manheim, PA Price Range - cents per lb.			
Low	High	Avg	Red Fowl		Crossbred Fowl
per lb.:	-	-	5-6 lbs:	.95 - 1.10	5-9 lbs: .90 - 1.20
each:	2.00	7.00	4-5 lbs:	.90 - 1.05	

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

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
1/4	3,431	7.05
1/3	2,155	6.73
1/2	2,020	6.91
1/1*	208	6.22
12/31*	773	6.34
Weekly	8,587	6.65

\*Some plants not operating due to New Year's Day Holiday

**Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter**

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	01/12/19	01/05/19	% chg	01/13/18	% chg
Cattle	626	520	+20	612 <sup>1</sup>	+2
Hogs	2,565	2,262	+13	2,440 <sup>1</sup>	+5

<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 05, 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	749	1,073	1,822
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	620	846	1,466
Same week yr ago	831	1,367	2,198
To-date/2019*	749	1,073	1,822
To-date/2018*	831	1,367	2,198

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	389	0	389
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	114	0	114
Same week yr ago	230	0	230
To-date/2019*	389	0	389
To-date/2018*	230	0	230

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	1,138	1,073	2,211
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	734	846	1,580
Same week yr ago	1,061	1,367	2,428
To-date/2019*	1,138	1,073	2,211
To-date/2018*	1,061	1,367	2,428

\*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		
			01/07/19	12/31/18	01/08/18
AM	01/07/19	73,771	<b>Pacific Coast:</b>		
AM	12/01/18	83,115	9693	10386	8301
CHG		-9344	<b>Los Angeles:</b>		
PCT CHG		-11%	622	612	1728

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	691.50 775.65	730.68
168 3 Round, top inside round	203.96 227.00	206.87
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	528.00 562.25	530.65
Ground Beef 81%	163.00 205.00	179.86

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b> - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	78.62
Bnls CC Strap-on	108.04
<b>Butt</b> - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	113.05
<b>Sparerib</b> -Trmrd Sparerib - MED	132.34

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Feb-19 is estimated at \*\* \*\* million head. This compares to \*\* \*\* million head the previous week and to 159.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.3 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.09 cents per pound.

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