



BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

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

Whole broiler/fryer prices continue to trend steady for wogs and whole birds. Supplies are moderate. Demand is moderate entering the weekend. Processing schedules are normal. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, prices are trending firm for tenders and wings. Steady to firm for thighs and legs; bone-in breasts and fronts steady with a firming undertone entering the weekend. Supplies of tenders are in close balance; light to moderate for b/s breasts, wings, thighs and leg meat. Legs and thighs seeing a seasonal uptick. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Weights are sufficient.

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:	90.00 - 150.00	132.03	-0.11	10,204	132.14	10,081
WOG						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite WOGS:	90.00 - 150.00	132.19	-0.22	7,848	132.41	7,826
2.50 lb & lighter	127.00 - 150.00	140.04	-1.55	2,287	141.59	2,177
2.51 - 3.50 lb	105.00 - 150.00	130.12	0.57	5,215	129.55	5,366
3.51 lb & heavier	90.00 - 125.00	111.52	-4.41	345	115.93	283
Whole Body						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite:	124.50 - 150.00	131.48	0.25	2,356	131.23	2,254
3.00 lb & lighter	130.00 - 135.00	132.06	-0.06	630	132.12	595
3.01 lb & heavier	124.50 - 150.00	131.27	0.36	1,726	130.91	1,659

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:	104.00 - 147.00	130.14	-0.08	5,030	130.22	4,924
Eastern WOGS:	104.00 - 146.00	130.95	-0.14	2,994	131.09	2,922
New York						
Whole Body	115.00 - 146.00	132.51	-0.24	2,275	132.75	2,205
Central						
Whole Body	90.00 - 149.00	122.41	-0.81	2,104	123.22	2,237
Central WOGS:	90.00 - 145.00	121.96	-0.91	2,069	122.87	2,204
Chicago						
Whole Body	90.00 - 145.00	125.00	0.29	926	124.71	1,088
Western						
Whole Body	109.00 - 150.00	141.71	-0.51	3,070	142.22	2,920
Western WOGS:	109.00 - 150.00	141.13	-0.50	2,785	141.63	2,700
Los Angeles						
Whole Body:	120.00 - 149.00	141.05	-0.21	2,220	141.26	2,150

Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 4-May-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	166,246	600	1,719	2,319	449
Avg Wt	6.53	3.33	8.32	7.03	7.1
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	163,751	775	1,734	2,509	431
Same wk yr ago	166,543	829	1,730	2,559	454
Avg Wt	6.35	3.51	8.26	6.72	7.29
To-date/2024*	2,912,551	12,344	29,155	41,499	7,942
To-date/2023*	2,985,187	13,736	29,187	42,923	8,010
% Change YTD	-2%	-10%	0%	-3%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	825,046	1,109	9,797	10,906	2,263
Last week	806,441	1,385	9,906	11,291	2,194
Same wk yr ago	803,737	1,615	9,789	11,404	2,350
To-date/2024*	14,313,917	23,933	167,109	191,042	40,250
To-date/2023*	14,415,290	26,867	166,934	193,801	40,747
% Change YTD	-1%	-11%	0%	-1%	-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 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.3 million head, or 0.2 million more 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

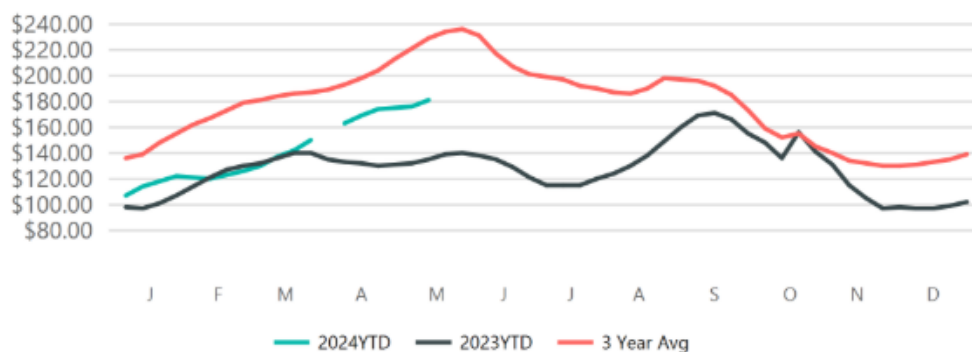
Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	5/11/2024 (1)	5/04/2024
	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	156,377 (2)	156,346
Light hens	614	588
Heavy hens	1,708	1,702
Total	158,699	158,636

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-May-24 is 168.8 million head compared to 168.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.7 million head or -12.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-May-24 the estimated available is 168.9 million head.

National Chicken, Parts - Cents per lb.		Current Week's Trading		Previous Week's Trading		
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - FOB						
Backs and Necks Stripped:	12.00 - 13.00	12.30	0.50	1,386	11.80	1,716
Breast - B/S:	116.00 - 208.00	185.04	4.52	2,097	180.52	2,190
Breast - Line Run:	104.00 - 115.00	107.16	1.27	223	105.89	136
Breast With Ribs:	115.00 - 149.00	129.19	2.77	92	126.42	149
Drumsticks:	40.00 - 52.00	44.04	1.10	499	42.94	436
Frames:	8.00 - 13.00	10.55	0.49	2,640	10.06	1,920
Gizzards and Hearts:	65.00 - 81.00	75.53	-1.93	156	77.46	120
Leg quarters - Bulk:	43.00 - 58.00	49.84	0.31	1,412	49.53	1,435
Legs - Bone-in:	73.00 - 83.00	75.82	3.45	557	72.37	461
Livers:	55.00 - 63.00	60.57	-2.43	137	63.00	100
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	24.00 - 30.00	26.70	-0.21	1,101	26.91	448
Tenderloins:	201.00 - 272.00	229.53	8.88	1,277	220.65	1,264
Thighs - B/S:	159.00 - 191.00	174.71	3.55	773	171.16	736
Thighs - Bone-in:	93.00 - 104.00	97.35	2.16	100	95.19	27
Wings - Whole:	206.00 - 249.00	228.47	3.29	938	225.18	854

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



Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City							
Cents per pound for the week ending May 03, 2024							
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON							
Low	175.68	317.46	129.14	78.02	26.9	145.28	
High	176.76	328.22	139.9	86.09	29.59	145.28	
Mostly	176.22	322.84	134.52	80.71	26.9	145.28	
SAN JUAN							
Low	174.87	317.46	129.14	78.02	26.9	145.28	
High	176.22	328.22	139.9	86.09	29.59	145.28	
Mostly	175.68	322.84	134.52	80.71	26.9	145.28	
NEW SAN JUAN							
Low	175.68	320.15	131.83	80.71	26.9	145.28	
High	177.29	330.91	142.59	88.78	29.59	145.28	
Mostly	176.76	325.53	137.21	83.4	26.9	145.28	
BECERRA							
Low	176.22	320.15	131.83	80.71	26.9	145.28	
High	177.56	330.91	142.59	88.78	29.59	145.28	
Mostly	177.29	328.22	139.9	86.09	26.9	145.28	

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 11-May-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	31,718	42,703	45,793	43,852	164,066
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.12	7.04	9.16	6.48
% of total /1	19%	26%	28%	27%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	24,580	49,020	48,061	44,585	166,246
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.06	7.05	9.08	6.53
% of total /1	15%	29%	29%	27%	100%
Year Ago 2/	21,357	48,198	53,477	43,522	166,554
Avg Live Wgt	3.71	4.97	6.86	9.02	6.47
% of total /1	13%	29%	32%	26%	100%
To date/2024*	542,369	869,184	831,536	833,527	3,076,616
To date/2023*	504,562	970,028	863,875	813,275	3,151,740
% Change YTD	7%	-10%	-4%	2%	-2%

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
4/6	162.7	166.2	98%	6.45
4/13	164.1	165.8	99%	6.44
4/20	164.1	167.0	98%	6.49
4/27	165.7	168.0	99%	6.48
5/4	168.3	168.1	100%	6.53
5/11	166.1	168.8	98%	6.48
Year to date	3114.0	3151.2	99%	
5/18		168.9		
5/25		168.5		

*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 & Down:	Under 2.5 lbs.	4,554	2.78%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	2,680	1.63%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	13,597	8.29%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	10,888	6.64%
	Total:	31,719	19.33%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	5/17	5/16	5/15	5/14	5/15
AL	3,130	3,911	3,894	3,897	5.47
AR	3,581	4,984	4,827	4,595	6.73
Delmarva	2,633	2,157	2,067	2,189	7.54
KY-LA-TN	2,262	2,339	2,472	2,422	5.98
MS	1,717	2,602	2,724	2,736	6.67
NC	3,955	3,538	3,527	3,505	8.56
TX	2,996	2,915	2,894	2,899	6.87
Total	20,274	22,446	22,405	22,243	6.80
Mon-Fri	110,809	(A)			109,120
Saturday	1,142	(included into total for date shown)			381

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May-24 and 18-May-24 is estimated to be 30,855,000 head up 6.14 percent from a week ago and down 3.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,069,000, last year 31,948,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-May-24 is estimated to be 167,205,000 head up 1.91 percent from a week ago, and down 1.64 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,066,000, last year 169,995,000) 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 - 3.0	1.76
(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 May. 14			
		Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each:	4.00 27.50	11.50
per pound:			
Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue May. 14			
Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	4.00 5.00	each
	4-5 lbs:	3.75 4.00	each
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	9.00 10.00	each

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
5/10	2,044	7.03
5/9	2,208	7.08
5/8	2,075	7.38
5/7	2,185	7.22
5/6	2,194	7.26
Weekly	10,706	7.19

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	05/18/24	05/11/24	% chg	05/20/23	% chg
Cattle	598	622	0.96	640 ¹	0.93
Hogs	2,404	2,379	1.01	2,407 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 Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 4, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.0 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 May 4, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through May 4, 2024 for the United States were 3.38 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			
	Apr 27	May 04,	Apr 27	May 04,
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL	35,071	35,025	24,734	24,732
AR	25,961	25,760	21,087	21,259
DE	5,543	5,539	5,750	5,576
FL	1,225	1,225	1,351	1,347
GA	36,178	36,374	27,789	28,280
KY	8,009	7,861	5,676	5,823
LA	3,655	3,515	2,923	2,915
MD	8,005	8,065	4,867	5,189
MS	17,339	17,199	13,401	13,448
MO	8,766	8,550	5,119	5,265
NC	25,576	25,545	19,662	19,674
OK	6,032	6,081	4,886	4,372
PA	8,087	8,019	5,047	5,008
SC	6,178	6,129	4,717	5,118
TX	19,572	19,932	15,281	15,224
VA	5,662	5,833	5,304	5,254
CA, TN, & WV	13,929	13,754	12,835	12,483
Other States	12,060	12,153	9,263	9,413
United States	246,848	246,559	189,692	190,380

Source: USDA, NASS

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 27-Apr-24

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	600	1,719	2,319
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	775	1,734	2,509
Same week yr ago	829	1,730	2,559
To-date/2024*	12,344	29,155	41,499
To-date/2023*	13,736	29,187	42,923

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	180	0	180
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	45	0	45
Same week yr ago	67	0	67
To-date/2024*	1,557	0	1,557
To-date/2023*	1,267	0	1,267

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

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	780	1,719	2,499
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	820	1,734	2,554
Same week yr ago	896	1,730	2,626
To-date/2024*	13,901	29,155	43,056
To-date/2023*	15,003	29,187	44,190

*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			
Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds			
5/06/2024	5/1/2024	% Change from First of the Month	% Change from First of the Month
68,448	69,556	-1,108	-2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

	5/6/2024	04/29/2024	05/08/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	5,234	5,234	7,239
Los Angeles:	508	508	517

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated				
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	33	79,700	921.00 - 999.94	942.90
168 3 Round, top inside round	14	161,815	305.00 - 359.94	314.70
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	35	134,578	905.00 - 1,021.86	961.46

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

Ground Beef 81%	20	431,286	240.00 - 309.70	243.21
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Fresh Pork Cuts

	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated			
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,269	113.21 - 160.80	139.48
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,292	127.21 - 208.50	163.87
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	70	154.00 - 183.00	160.02
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,918	175.00 - 219.20	192.35

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