



# BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

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Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

## [National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance](#) - Domestic Market Highlights

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending firm for whole fryers and wogs. Retail and foodservice demand is moderate to active. Supplies are at most times short of needs. Demand is active. Processing schedules are normal. Floor stocks are adequate. Prices are firm for the majority of parts; fronts are steady. Supplies are clearing well. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mostly desirable. Export demand is moderate to active.

### [Weekly National Chicken Report](#)

#### National Chicken, Whole - Cents Per lb

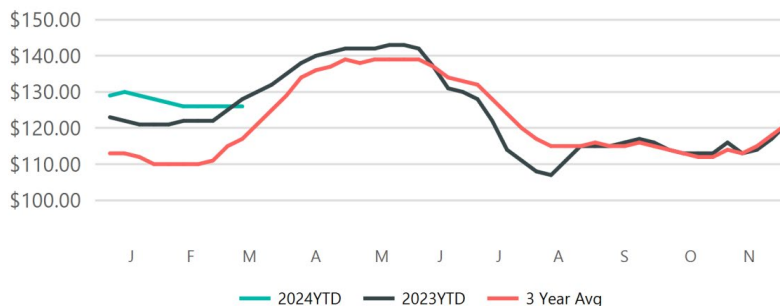
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered

	Price Range	Current Week's Trading		1,000 lbs	Previous Week's Trading	
		Wtd Avg	Change		Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
<b>Nat'l Composite Whole Bird:</b>	89.00 - 150.00	128.31	2.43	10,915	125.88	11,247
<b>WOG</b>						
<b>Trading by Size:</b>						
Nat'l Composite						
WOGS:	89.00 - 150.00	128.10	2.85	8,467	125.25	8,740
2.50 lb & lighter	110.00 - 149.00	136.79	-1.31	1,976	138.10	1,412
2.51 - 3.50 lb	103.00 - 150.00	125.90	2.73	6,372	123.17	7,215
3.51 lb & heavier	89.00 - 108.00	101.66	4.00	118	97.66	112
<b>Whole Body</b>						
<b>Trading by Size:</b>						
Nat'l Composite:	112.00 - 150.00	129.06	1.01	2,447	128.05	2,506
3.00 lb & lighter	127.00 - 133.00	129.73	0.04	385	129.69	560
3.01 lb & heavier	112.00 - 150.00	128.93	1.35	2,062	127.58	1,946

#### 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
<b>Eastern</b>						
Whole Body:	89.00 - 146.00	127.83	2.25	4,616	125.58	4,761
Eastern WOGS:	89.00 - 146.00	128.96	3.85	2,598	125.11	2,725
<b>New York</b>						
Whole Body	113.00 - 146.00	130.75	1.07	2,100	129.68	2,100
<b>Central</b>						
Whole Body	107.00 - 145.00	118.15	1.90	3,149	116.25	3,466
Central WOGS:	107.00 - 129.00	117.98	2.34	3,044	115.64	3,235
<b>Chicago</b>						
Whole Body	107.00 - 129.00	118.34	1.05	1,594	117.29	2,293
<b>Western</b>						
Whole Body	103.00 - 150.00	139.19	1.79	3,150	137.40	3,020
Western WOGS:	103.00 - 150.00	138.20	1.63	2,825	136.57	2,780
<b>Los Angeles</b>						
Whole Body:	110.00 - 150.00	138.06	1.75	2,080	136.31	2,000

#### Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



### [Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection](#)

(Preliminary) Week ending 9-Mar-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
-----Thousands-----					
Head	164,520	833	1,697	2,530	377
Avg Wt	6.43	3.34	8.54	6.83	7.14
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	163,239	749	1,631	2,380	406
Same wk yr ago	166,557	492	1,685	2,177	421
Avg Wt	6.25	3.42	8.40	7.27	6.95
To-date/2024*	1,613,993	7,087	16,001	23,088	4,425
To-date/2023*	1,664,809	7,163	16,144	23,307	4,375
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	1%

#### Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	803,976	1,544	9,927	11,471	1,911
Last week	800,198	1,459	9,418	10,877	2,070
Same wk yr ago	791,146	934	9,695	10,629	2,077
To-date/2024*	7,947,973	13,759	91,859	105,618	22,478
To-date/2023*	8,061,829	14,089	92,278	106,367	22,255
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	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 167.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.5 million head, or 1.0 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
	3/16/2024	(1)	3/9/2024
-----Thousand Head-----			
Broiler/fryer	153,954	(2)	157,400
Light hens	693		824
Heavy hens	1,690		1,686
Total	156,337		159,910

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Mar-24 is 166.8 million head compared to 166.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or -12.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Mar-24 the estimated available is 166.0 million head.

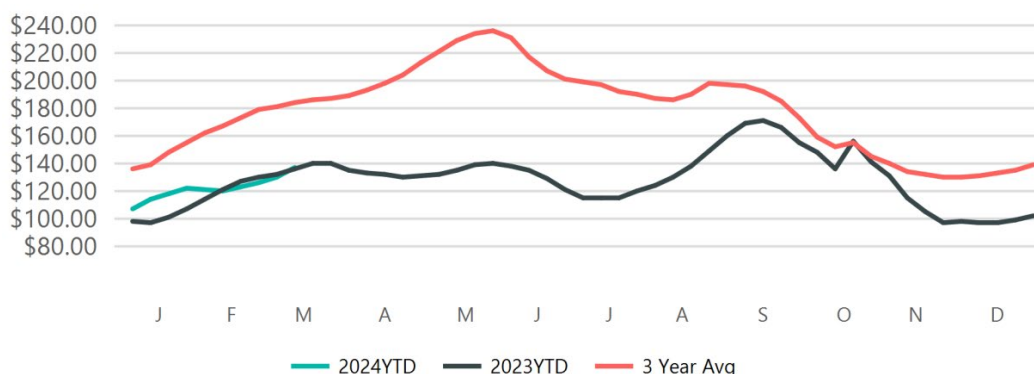
[Weekly National Chicken Report](#)

## National Chicken, Parts - Cents per lb.

## Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - FOB

			Current Week's Trading		Previous Week's Trading	
Backs and Necks Stripped:	7.00 - 13.00	10.95	0.17	1,634	10.78	1,535
Breast - B/S:	100.00 - 217.00	141.92	4.85	2,070	137.07	2,111
Breast - Line Run:	104.00 - 105.00	104.58	-0.23	135	104.81	151
Breast With Ribs:	102.00 - 148.00	123.32	-3.47	141	126.79	179
Drumsticks:	39.00 - 55.00	43.31	-2.41	456	45.72	910
Frames:	7.00 - 13.00	9.84	0.00	2,560	9.84	1,760
Gizzards and Hearts:	73.00 - 78.00	75.87	-0.53	80	76.40	67
Leg quarters - Bulk:	37.00 - 53.00	45.21	-0.20	1,401	45.41	1,350
Legs - Bone-in:	59.00 - 72.00	64.17	4.20	529	59.97	507
Livers:	61.00 - 64.00	62.54	-0.09	105	62.63	93
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	26.00 - 28.00	27.00	0.11	285	26.89	367
Tenderloins:	159.00 - 219.00	176.62	5.31	1,100	171.31	1,119
Thighs - B/S:	95.00 - 168.00	135.18	3.88	643	131.30	715
Thighs - Bone-in:	79.00 - 80.00	79.94	4.91	32	75.03	29
Wings - Whole:	199.00 - 236.00	212.39	1.22	827	211.17	813

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

[Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City](#)

Cents per pound for the week ending March 08, 2024

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	175.98	282.96	142.83	83.54	26.95	132.05
High	177.05	293.74	153.61	91.63	29.64	132.05
Mostly	176.52	288.35	150.91	86.24	26.95	132.05
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	175.17	282.96	142.83	80.85	26.95	132.05
High	176.52	293.74	153.61	88.93	29.64	132.05
Mostly	175.98	288.35	148.22	86.24	26.95	132.05
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	175.98	285.66	145.52	83.54	26.95	132.05
High	177.59	296.44	156.30	91.63	29.64	132.05
Mostly	177.05	291.05	150.91	88.93	26.95	132.05
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	176.52	285.66	145.52	86.24	26.95	132.05
High	177.86	296.44	156.30	94.32	29.64	132.05
Mostly	177.59	293.74	153.61	91.63	26.95	132.05

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 9-Mar-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	33,456	40,746	48,169	42,148	164,519
Avg Live Wgt	3.94	5.13	7.03	8.99	6.43
% of total /1	20%	25%	29%	26%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,344	45,571	42,040	47,284	163,239
Avg Live Wgt	3.77	5.17	6.86	8.93	6.45
% of total /1	17%	28%	26%	29%	100%
Year Ago 2/	36,920	46,009	44,990	38,638	166,557
Avg Live Wgt	3.55	5.21	7.00	9.21	6.25
% of total /1	22%	28%	27%	23%	100%
To date/2024*	294,146	437,921	424,455	457,470	1,613,992
To date/2023*	271,020	514,330	459,721	419,738	1,664,809
% Change YTD	9%	-15%	-8%	9%	-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	Million Head Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
2/3	169.0	166.7	101%	6.45
2/10	166.8	168.4	99%	6.44
2/17	166.2	170.0	98%	6.46
2/24	165.8	167.6	99%	6.43
3/2	165.2	166.0	100%	6.45
3/9	166.5	167.5	99%	6.43
Year to date	1633.7	1648.5	99%	
3/16		166.8		
3/23		166.0		

\*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.	3,076	1.87%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	4,080	2.48%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	9,250	5.62%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	17,051	10.36%
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>33,457</b>	<b>20.34%</b>

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)			Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	3/15	3/14	3/13	3/12	3/13	3/12	3/8	3/6
AL	3,468	4,211	4,106	4,091	5.56	5.67	3,389	5.69
AR	3,318	4,806	4,770	4,823	6.76	6.87	3,259	6.80
Delmarva	2,172	2,060	2,148	2,190	7.10	7.13	2,312	7.25
KY-LA-TN	1,971	2,274	2,365	2,441	5.87	5.85	2,225	5.91
MS	1,709	2,521	2,696	2,651	6.47	6.73	1,627	6.57
NC	3,517	3,662	3,517	3,529	8.41	8.58	3,483	8.38
TX	1,855	2,558	2,597	2,577	6.76	6.81	3,679	6.74
Total	18,010	22,092	22,199	22,302	6.70	6.81	19,974	6.76
Mon-Fri	107,561	(A)					109,422	(A)
Saturday	130	(included in total for date shown)					772	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Mar-24 and 16-Mar-24

is estimated to be 27,410,000 head down 10.10 percent from a week ago

and down 14.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,490,000, last year 32,034,000)

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

16-Mar-24 is estimated to be 162,916,000 head down 0.97

percent from a week ago, and down 0.84 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 164,520,000, last year 164,288,000) 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		
	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.	6.0 - 11.0	8.10
(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 Mar. 12

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	8.00 13.00	10.00
per pound:		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Mar. 12

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	4.00	5.00	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	3.50	4.25	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	7.00	9.00	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/8	2,312	6.91
3/7	2,047	7.29
3/6	2,056	7.25
3/5	2,141	7.19
3/4	2,167	7.31
Weekly	10,723	7.19

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	03/16/24	03/09/24	% chg	03/18/23	% chg
Cattle	601	583	1.03	628 <sup>1</sup>	0.96
Hogs	2,471	2,456	1.01	2,492 <sup>1</sup>	0.99

<sup>1</sup> 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 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.3 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 1 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 9, 2024 for the United States were 1.86 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States		19 Selected States and United States	
	Week Ending		Week Ending	
	Mar 02, 2024	Mar 09, 2024	Mar 02, 2024	Mar 09, 2024
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL .....	35,260	34,318	24,659	25,746
AR .....	25,193	25,096	20,713	21,554
DE .....	5,620	5,574	5,539	4,574
FL .....	1,225	1,225	1,243	1,330
GA .....	36,001	36,237	26,914	26,390
KY .....	7,732	8,062	5,352	5,600
LA .....	3,533	3,548	2,888	2,836
MD .....	8,050	8,063	6,389	6,558
MS .....	17,458	17,296	13,462	13,781
MO .....	8,833	8,705	5,476	5,425
NC .....	24,223	24,937	20,367	19,729
OK .....	5,338	5,125	3,883	3,170
PA .....	7,932	7,930	4,999	4,966
SC .....	6,082	5,970	4,265	5,370
TX .....	19,311	19,376	14,489	14,520
VA .....	5,664	5,664	4,669	5,132
CA, TN, & WV .....	13,623	13,649	12,839	12,347
Other States .....	11,863	11,909	8,901	9,133
<b>United States....</b>	<b>242,941</b>	<b>242,684</b>	<b>187,047</b>	<b>188,161</b>

Source: USDA, NASS

**March 6, 2024, Broiler Chicks Placed should have read:****Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 187 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 2, 2024, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through March 2, 2024 for the United States were 1.67 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

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[US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection](#)

Week ending 9-Mar-24

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens ----- Thousands -----	Heavy Hens -----	Total Hens
Head	833	1,697	2,530
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	749	1,631	2,380
Same week yr ago	492	1,685	2,177
To-date/2024*	7,087	16,001	23,088
To-date/2023*	7,163	16,144	23,307

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

	Light Hens ----- Thousands -----	Heavy Hens -----	Total Hens
Head	107	0	107
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	100	0	100
Same week yr ago	32	0	32
To-date/2024*	810	0	810
To-date/2023*	735	0	735

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

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

	Light Hens ----- Thousands -----	Heavy Hens -----	Total Hens
Head	940	1,697	2,637
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	849	1,631	2,480
Same week yr ago	524	1,685	2,209
To-date/2024*	7,897	16,001	23,898
To-date/2023*	7,898	16,144	24,042

\*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	% Change from First of the Month	
3/11/2024	3/1/2024		
74,974	74,406	568	1%

**Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast**

	3/11/2024	03/04/2024	03/13/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	4,945	4,978	9,162
Los Angeles:	508	508	524

[Fresh Beef Choice Cuts](#)

	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated				
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	18	60,542	1,000.00 - 1,079.89	1,028.68
168 3 Round, top inside round	8	21,471	372.30 - 391.48	386.32
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	29	103,555	893.30 - 965.00	925.92

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

Ground Beef 81%	9	45,335	262.01 - 301.00	275.99
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[Fresh Pork Cuts](#)

	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
FOB Negotiated			
<b>Loin</b>			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,699	101.60 - 140.50	115.04
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,564	125.00 - 190.50	145.12
<b>Butt</b>			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	57	127.83 - 152.00	139.90
<b>Sparerib</b>			
Trm'd Sparerib - MED	1,540	152.94 - 202.70	181.41