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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally steady for most sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Demand into food service channels ranged light to moderate. Retail demand is light to moderate with anticipation better for next week with the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Floor stocks are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, all parts are generally steady with thigh meat most firm in the West. Offerings of dark meat items are light to moderate with leg cuts moving well; tenders, wings and b/s breast are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

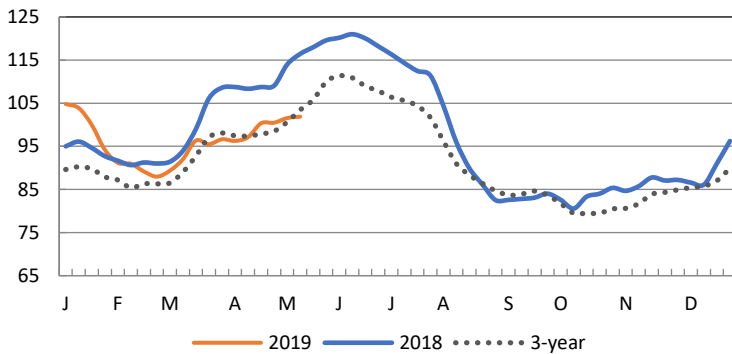
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average*

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	101.54	↑ 1.08	11,635
Last Week:	100.46		12,354
Last Year:	116.42	↓ -14.88	13,764

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Apr	97.61	47,304



	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	98.33	4,857	99.02	4,567
WOGS:	97.67	1,856	99.24	1,472
New York				
Whole Body:	98.09	1,392	98.56	1,293
Central				
Whole Body:	97.09	2,608	96.72	3,310
WOGS:	98.98	2,388	96.58	3,010
Chicago				
Whole Body:	96.34	1,988	99.86	1,690
Western				
Whole Body:	109.25	4,017	108.84	3,758
WOGS:	108.96	3,917	108.51	3,658
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	107.82	2,187	107.22	1,928

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 4-May-2019

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	164,441	845	1,697	2,542	402
Avg Wt	6.25	3.38	8.17	6.58	7.04
Last week	164,087	843	1,557	2,400	411
Same wk yr ago	162,327	1,110	1,534	2,644	416
Avg Wt	6.18	3.38	8.14	6.14	6.50
To-date/2019*	3,058,977	15,621	29,018	44,639	8,654
To-date/2018*	3,020,307	20,425	28,439	48,864	8,297
% Change YTD	1%	-24%	2%	-9%	4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	781,095	1,585	9,497	11,082	2,009
Last week	785,649	1,605	8,682	10,287	2,034
Same wk yr ago	762,417	2,082	8,553	10,635	1,920
To-date/2019*	14,293,207	29,627	162,668	192,295	43,134
To-date/2018*	14,192,843	38,977	157,658	196,635	39,653
% Change YTD	1%	-24%	3%	-2%	9%
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 168.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 2.0 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 5/18/2019 (1)	Previous Week 5/11/2019
	-----Thousand head-----	
Broiler/fryer	162,049 (2)	165,790
Light hens	798	809
Heavy hens	1,515	1,690
Total	164,362	168,289

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-May-19 is 167.3 million head compared to 166.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.2 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-May-19 the estimated available is 166.9 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	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,190	117.29
Tenderloins	578	193.29
Breast - Line Run	493	93.40
Front Halves	506	81.13
Legs	1,104	45.63
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,053	34.59
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,033	37.32
Wings (Whole)	515	169.39
Wings (Cut)	610	184.46
Drumsticks	995	27.54
Thighs	556	45.72
B/S Thighs	625	122.16

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
51.50 - 64.50	57.54	57.87

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	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	120.09	2,882,640
Tenderloins	178.87	1,019,320
Breast - With Ribs	120.98	308,161
Breast - Line Run	106.73	461,345
Legs	64.66	316,110
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	45.31	1,607,300
Drumsticks	38.88	1,739,611
Thighs	76.21	161,720
B/S Thighs	120.07	864,560
Wings (Whole)	193.21	1,302,880
Backs and Necks	10.22	523,580
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	66.82	56,940
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.92	89,040

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 13-May-19 to 17-May-2019

	Price per lb.	Mostly
Breast - B/S	95.00 - 120.00	105.00 - 112.00
Tenderloins	153.00 - 180.00	173.00 - 177.00
Breast - Line Run	86.00 - 110.00	86.00 - 91.00
Legs	53.00 - 55.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	37.00 - 45.00	40.00 - 45.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	40.00 - 50.00	42.00 - 45.00
Drumsticks	32.00 - 35.00	-
Thighs	53.00 - 65.00	53.00 - 59.00
B/S Thighs	100.00 - 118.00	108.00 - 118.00
Wings (Whole)	164.00 - 187.00	168.00 - 174.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 31.00	-
Livers	32.00 - 51.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 10, 2019

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	120.99	189.05	99.25	54.35	18.91	118.16
High	122.17	198.50	108.70	61.44	21.27	118.16
Mostly	121.70	193.78	103.98	56.72	18.91	118.16
San Juan						
Low	120.52	184.32	96.89	51.99	18.91	118.16
High	121.70	193.78	106.34	59.08	21.27	118.16
Mostly	120.99	189.05	101.62	54.35	18.91	118.16
New San Juan						
Low	121.23	189.05	101.62	56.72	18.91	118.16
High	122.65	198.50	111.07	63.80	21.27	118.16
Mostly	121.70	193.78	106.34	59.08	18.91	118.16
Becerra						
Low	121.70	189.05	103.98	59.08	18.91	118.16
High	122.88	198.50	113.43	66.17	21.27	118.16
Mostly	122.17	193.78	108.70	61.44	18.91	118.16

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 mostly steady. Demand into domestic and export channels is within a range of light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate with industry beginning to prepare in advance for those challenges associated with the nearing Memorial Day weekend and unofficial start to summer. Processing schedules are varied, but usually normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to fully adequate. Frame prices are trading unchanged at 8-11 cents FOB, mostly 8-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	17-May-19	Last Week	Last Year	17-May-19	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 28.75	27.00 - 28.00	31.00-35.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00 - 24.00	23.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.90	27.57	33.00	22.90	22.07	24.31
Volume Traded	735	385	549	2,305	1,224	1,652
Volume Exported	735	385	549	204	-	41
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 11-May-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	36,068	48,229	40,376	39,768	164,441
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.28	6.97	8.98	6.25
% of total /1	22%	29%	25%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	38,187	45,417	41,573	38,910	164,087
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.36	7.05	9.14	6.30
% of total /1	23%	28%	25%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	44,756	40,159	41,714	35,698	162,327
Avg Live Wgt	3.67	5.42	7.04	9.17	6.18
% of total /1	28%	25%	26%	22%	100%
To date/2019*	684,922	973,037	710,581	690,437	3,058,977
To date/2018*	695,307	964,051	713,433	647,516	3,020,307
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	0%	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
4/6	166.3	165.5	100%	6.1
4/13	166.4	165.6	100%	6.1
4/20	160.6	166.2	97%	6.1
4/27	160.1	165.9	97%	6.2
5/4	166.1	165.8	100%	6.3
5/11	166.4	168.4	99%	6.2
Year to date	3096.3	3111.1	100%	
5/18		167.3		
5/25		166.9		

*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.	6,067	3.69%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	9,650	5.87%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	13,730	8.35%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	6,621	4.03%
	Totals:	36,068	21.93%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt			
	05/17	05/16	05/15	05/14	05/15	05/14	05/10	05/08
AL	4,177	3,940	4,050	4,103	5.62	5.57	3,714	5.56
AR	4,486	4,829	4,306	4,616	6.04	5.96	4,582	5.78
Delmarva	2,374	2,238	2,125	2,266	6.79	6.85	2,087	6.79
KY-LA-TN	2,542	2,470	2,478	2,432	5.64	5.61	2,485	5.64
MS	2,783	2,825	2,977	2,932	6.22	6.34	2,819	6.30
NC	4,507	3,579	3,382	3,366	8.26	8.28	3,501	8.14
TX	2,535	2,592	2,567	2,580	6.62	6.67	2,590	6.6
Total	23,404	22,473	21,885	22,295	6.43	6.42	21,778	6.34
Mon-Fri	112,950	(A)					109,370	(A)
Saturday	1,766	(included in total for date shown)					1,222	

A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-May-19 and 18-May-19 is estimated to be 35,619,000 head up 7.14 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,244,000, last year 35,686,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-May-19 is estimated to be 170,052,000 head up 3.41 percent from a week ago, and up 3.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,441,000, last year 164,148,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

Week of May 13, 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)	94.00-108.50	102.00-105.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box)	96.00-110.00	106.00-109.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 92.16- 103.68 13 oz. 120.38- 152.92 15 oz. 126.80- 160.94
Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Week of May 13, 2019

Prices remain unchanged. Demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies are moderate and reported as well balanced. 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. 3.0-9.0 7.87

(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 - 05-14-19					
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry					
Hackettstown, NJ			Gravstone Small Animal, Manheim, PA		
Low	High	Avg	Price Range		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6	.50 -	.60 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL ea.	1.00	3.00	Red Fowl 4-5	.35 -	.40 lbs.
		1.59	Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.90 -	1.20 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
5/10	2,087	6.54
5/9	2,239	6.59
5/8	2,192	6.79
5/7	2,214	6.78
5/6	2,239	6.75
Weekly	10,970	6.69

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	05/18/19	05/11/19	% chg	05/19/18	% chg
Cattle	660	671	0.98	668 ¹	0.99
Hogs	2371	2341	1.01	2339 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 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 11, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.5 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 11, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through May 11, 2019 for the United States were 3.52 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent 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	
	May 04, 2019 (1,000 eggs)	May 11, 2019	May 04, 2019 (1,000 chicks)	May 11, 2019
AL.....	30,125	30,362	22,175	22,842
AR.....	24,912	25,253	22,052	24,205
DE.....	5,452	5,416	5,650	5,364
FL.....	1,178	1,178	1,212	1,309
GA.....	33,950	34,676	28,594	27,844
KY.....	7,963	7,918	5,955	6,206
LA.....	3,818	3,788	3,418	3,450
MD.....	7,913	7,975	5,484	5,867
MS.....	18,956	19,303	16,003	16,286
MO.....	8,296	7,967	5,834	5,781
NC.....	23,869	23,234	19,010	19,143
OK.....	7,564	7,831	5,538	3,405
PA.....	5,619	5,615	3,961	4,122
SC.....	6,029	5,892	5,207	5,508
TX.....	17,850	17,487	14,141	14,054
VA.....	6,318	6,440	5,957	5,901
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,441	12,633	10,687	10,588
Other States.....	9,808	9,822	7,899	7,820
United States.....	232,061	232,790	188,777	189,695
Percent of Prev Year...	100	101	102	102

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls2019.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Jun-19 is estimated at 167.0 million head. This compares to 165.5 million head the previous week and to 165.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 117.97 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending May 11, 2019 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	845	1,697	2,542
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	843	1,557	2,400
Same week yr ago	1,110	1,534	2,644
To-date/2019*	15,639	29,018	44,657
To-date/2018*	20,425	28,439	48,864

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	214	0	214
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	245	0	245
Same week yr ago	286	0	286
To-date/2019*	4,535	7	4,542
To-date/2018*	5,725	8	5,733

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	1,059	1,697	2,756
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,088	1,557	2,645
Same week yr ago	1,396	1,534	2,930
To-date/2019*	20,174	29,025	49,199
To-date/2018*	26,150	28,447	54,597

*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

5/13/2019	5/1/2019	Change From First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change From First of the Month
75,839	78,663	-2,824	-4%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	5/13/2019	05/06/19	05/14/18
Pacific w/out Denver:	8253	8197	7849
Los Angeles:	577	575	659

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	12	13,830	761.25 782.00	776.23
168 3 Round, top inside round	7	14,933	206.25 215.00	208.56
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	19	79,499	733.00 779.25	749.51
Ground Beef 81%	18	121,915	190.00 210.25	195.46

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	2,004	78.97- 128.00	101.92
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,362	108.00- 150.26	121.82
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	142	135.00- 154.00	141.94
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,291	155.00- 204.00	179.13