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

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for whole fryers and wogs. Retail and foodservice demand is mostly moderate. Supplies are sufficient for whole fryers and wogs. Demand is light to moderate, processing schedules normal. Floor stocks are adequate. Prices continue to trend firm for boneless skinless breasts, tenders and smaller sized wings; jumbo sizes and cut wings are steady. Thighs and legs are trending firm. Fronts and other dark meat parts are steady. Supplies are close balance to short of needs for boneless breast and tenders. The balance of parts are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mostly desirable. Export demand is moderate.

Weekly National Chicken Report

National Chicken, Whole - Cents Per Ib								
Domestic - Fresh	Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered							
	Wed Price	Current ek's Trac Wtd	ling	1,000		ious Trading 1,000		
	Range	Avg	Change	lbs	Avg	lbs		
Nat'l Composite Whole Bird: WOG	90.00 - 150.00	125.88	-0.19	11,247	126.07	11,301		
Trading by Size: Nat'l Composite								
WOGS:	90.00 - 149.00	125.25	-0.46	8,740	125.71	8,939		
2.50 lb & lighter	101.00 - 149.00	138.10	-1.30	1,412	139.40	1,633		
2.51 - 3.50 lb	90.00 - 149.00	123.17	0.06	7,215	123.11	7,162		
3.51 lb & heavier Whole Body Trading by Size:	92.00 - 107.00	97.66	-2.12	112	99.78	143		
Nat'l Composite:	111.00 - 150.00	128.05	0.65	2,506	127.40	2,361		
3.00 lb & lighter 3.01 lb & heavier	127.00 - 133.00 111.00 - 150.00	129.69 127.58	-0.40 0.71	560 1,946	130.09 126.87	385 1,976		

Regional and Specific Destination Pricing:

	Wee	4 000	ious Trading			
	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
Eastern	itango	, g	onungo		, g	1.00
Whole Body:	90.00 - 143.00	125.58	-0.10	4,761	125.68	4,767
Eastern WOGS:	90.00 - 143.00	125.11	-0.49	2,725	125.60	2,823
New York						
Whole Body	107.00 - 143.00	129.68	-0.01	2,100	129.69	2,030
Central						
Whole Body	98.00 - 145.00	116.25	0.05	3,466	116.20	3,439
Central WOGS:	98.00 - 129.00	115.64	-0.24	3,235	115.88	3,241
Chicago						
Whole Body	103.00 - 145.00	117.29	1.09	2,293	116.20	3,439
Western						
Whole Body	103.00 - 150.00	137.40	-0.22	3,020	137.62	3,095
Western WOGS:	103.00 - 149.00	136.57	-0.34	2,780	136.91	2,875
Los Angeles						
Whole Body:	110.00 - 150.00	136.31	0.09	2,000	136.22	2,100

Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 2-Mar-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
		Tho	ousands		
Head	163,239	749	1,631	2,380	406
Avg Wt	6.45	3.51	8.43	6.88	7.18
Head sltr comparis	sons				
Last week	163,766	702	1,648	2,350	389
Same wk yr ago	167,391	741	1,791	2,532	410
Avg Wt	6.31	3.43	8.31	6.88	7.12
To-date/2024*	1,449,473	6,254	14,304	20,558	4,048
To-date/2023*	1,498,252	6,671	14,459	21,130	3,954
% Change YTD	-3%	-6%	-1%	-3%	2%
Ready-to-Cook W	eight and Dres	sing Percent	tage		
Current week	800,198	1,459	9,418	10,877	2,070
Last week	800,292	1,317	9,483	10,800	1,986
Same wk yr ago	802,740	1,411	10,195	11,606	2,073
To-date/2024*	7,143,997	12,215	81,932	94,147	20,567
To-date/2023*	7,270,683	13,155	82,583	95,738	20,178
% Change YTD	-2%	-7%	-1%	-2%	2%
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 166.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.2 million head, or 0.8 million less than estimated available.
- (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

Weekly Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers & Fowl

	Current Week	Current Week		
	3/9/2024	(1)	3/2/2024	
Class	Thou	usand	Head	
Broiler/fryer	157,400	(2)	157,314	
Light hens	803		719	
Heavy hens	1,686		1,670	
Total	159,889		159,703	

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Mar-24 is 167.5 million head compared to 168.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.7 million head or -9.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Mar-24 the estimated available is 166.8 million head.

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weekly National Chicken Report

Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Fo	OB		Current We	ek's Trading	Previous Wee	k's Trading
Backs and Necks Stripped:	7.00 - 14.00	10.78	0.09	1,535	10.69	1,672
Breast - B/S:	92.00 - 206.00	137.07	6.84	2,111	130.23	2,468
Breast - Line Run:	104.00 - 106.00	104.81	0.07	151	104.74	165
Breast With Ribs:	99.00 - 148.00	126.79	3.25	179	123.54	146
Drumsticks:	39.00 - 57.00	45.72	0.21	910	45.51	1,311
Frames:	8.00 - 12.00	9.84	-0.06	1,760	9.90	1,792
Gizzards and Hearts:	73.00 - 78.00	76.40	0.52	67	75.88	68
Leg quarters - Bulk:	42.00 - 56.00	45.41	-1.40	1,350	46.81	1,785
Legs - Bone-in:	56.00 - 68.00	59.97	2.51	507	57.46	619
Livers:	62.00 - 63.00	62.63	0.09	93	62.54	81
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	26.00 - 28.00	26.89	0.71	367	26.18	448
Tenderloins:	154.00 - 214.00	171.31	5.59	1,119	165.72	1,119
Thighs - B/S:	90.00 - 163.00	131.30	4.44	715	126.86	781
Thighs - Bone-in:	75.00 - 77.00	75.03	4.97	29	70.06	28
Wings - Whole:	191.00 - 241.00	211.17	5.62	813	205.55	831

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



Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City Cents per pound for the week ending March 01, 2024							
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON				ū			
Low	163.25	268.97	130.49	82.56	26.63	130.49	
High	164.31	279.62	141.14	90.54	29.29	130.49	
Mostly	163.78	276.96	138.48	87.88	26.63	130.49	
SAN JUAN							
Low	162.45	268.97	130.49	82.56	26.63	130.49	
High	163.78	279.62	141.14	90.54	29.29	130.49	
Mostly	163.25	274.30	135.82	85.22	26.63	130.49	
NEW SAN JUAN	I						
Low	163.25	271.63	133.15	85.22	26.63	130.49	
High	164.84	282.29	143.81	93.21	29.29	130.49	
Mostly	164.31	276.96	138.48	87.88	26.63	130.49	
BECERRA							
Low	163.78	271.63	133.15	85.22	26.63	130.49	
High	165.11	282.29	143.81	93.21	29.29	130.49	
Mostly	164.84	279.62	141.14	90.54	26.63	130.49	

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 2-Mar-24

(Preliminary)			Thousands		
	(A) 4.25 lbs.	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lb	os.
	& down	6.25 lbs.	7.75 lbs.	& up	Total
Head	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%
Comparisons					
Last week	24,311	48,117	46,922	44,416	163,766
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	4.99	6.91	8.96	6.43
% of total /1	15%	29%	29%	27%	100%
Year Ago 2/	24,094	52,529	45,498	45,270	167,391
Avg Live Wgt	3.58	4.99	6.78	8.83	6.31
% of total /1	14%	31%	27%	27%	100%
To date/2024*	260,690	397,175	376,286	415,322	1,449,473
To date/2023*	234,100	468,321	414,731	381,100	1,498,252
% Change YTD	11%	-15%	-9%	9%	-3%

^{1/} May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

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

	Million	Head		
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
1/27	168.7	163.1	103%	6.48
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
Year to date	1467.2	1481.0	99%	
3/9		167.5		
3/16		166.8		

^{*}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.	4,549	2.79%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	7,151	4.38%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	6,802	4.17%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,842	6.03%
	Total:	28,344	17.36%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg \	∕Vt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	3/8	3/7	3/6	3/5	3/6	3/5	3/1	2/28
AL	3,415	4,193	4,082	4,105	5.69	5.67	3,096	5.58
AR	3,274	4,856	4,753	4,757	6.80	6.74	3,437	6.77
Delmarva	2,193	2,075	2,056	2,141	7.25	7.19	2,047	7.32
KY-LA-TN	2,198	2,362	2,411	2,440	5.91	5.84	2,014	5.86
MS	1,732	2,544	2,631	2,650	6.57	6.67	1,710	6.47
NC	3,460	3,621	3,545	3,610	8.38	8.42	3,528	8.34
TX	2,950	2,739	2,750	2,877	6.74	6.51	2,788	6.77
Total	19,222	22,390	22,228	22,580	6.76	6.72	18,620	6.70
Mon-Fri	109,283	(A)					108,570	(A)
Saturday	348	(inclu	uded in t	otal for d	ate shov	vn)	243	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Mar-24 and 09-Mar-24 is estimated to be 29,254,000 head up 2.92 percent from a week ago and down 5.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,423,000, last year 30,928,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Mar-24 is estimated to be 165,562,000 head up 1.42 percent from a week ago, and down 0.60 percent from a year ago. (Last week 163,239,000, last year 166,557,000) 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) Price Range

Roasters 132.00 - 143.25

-Vacuum Packed (6-9 Per Box) Price Range Roasters 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	325.00	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

Wtd Avg Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: **Price Range** Prices in cents per pound. 6.0 - 11.08.09 Last Week 8.11

(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 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. 05

		Range	Avg.	
Heavy Fowl	each:	5.00	18.00	11.04

per pound:

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Mar. 05

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:	8.75	12.00	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/1	2,047	7.21
2/29	2,141	7.02
2/28	2,115	7.32
2/27	2,187	7.32
2/26	2,151	7.47
Weekly	10,641	7.27

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

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W/E	03/09/24	03/02/24	% chg	03/11/23	% chg
Cattle	583	599	0.97	631 ¹	0.92
Hogs	2,456	2,549	0.96	2,508 ¹	0.98
¹ Actual data incorporated when available.					

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up Slightly

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 243 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 2, 2024, up slightly from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.1 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 Down Slightly

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Broiler-Type

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	Eggs Set,		Chicks Placed,			
	19 Selected States and United States					
	Week Ending					
	Feb 24, Mar 02, Feb 24, Mar 0					
	2024	2024	2024	2024		
State	(1,000	eggs)	(1,000 c	hicks)		
AL	35,128	35,092	24,471	24,677		
AR	25,325	25,193	19,927	20,630		
DE	5,538	5,620	4,632	5,539		
FL	1,225	1,225	1,317	1,238		
GA	36,183	36,108	28,018	27,235		
KY	7,134	7,132	5,376	5,092		
LA	3,471	3,533	2,930	2,888		
MD	8,061	8,050	5,874	6,329		
MS	17,469	17,458	13,293	13,385		
MO	8,797	8,833	5,491	5,476		
NC	24,948	24,723	19,794	20,206		
OK	5,366	5,366	4,329	3,883		
PA	7,594	7,762	4,569	4,880		
SC	6,088	6,089	4,586	4,256		
TX	19,282	19,419	14,660	14,557		
VA	5,667	5,664	5,288	4,632		
CA, TN, & WV	13,910	13,736	12,280	12,743		
Other States	11,859	11,907	8,874	8,947		
United States	243,045	242,910	185,709	186,593		

Source: USDA, NASS

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US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 2-Mar-24 U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens Thous	Heavy Hens ands	Total Hens
Head	749	1,631	2,380
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	702	1,648	2,350
Same week yr ago	741	1,791	2,532
To-date/2024*	6,254	14,304	20,558
To-date/2023*	6,671	14,459	21,130

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens Thousa	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	100	0	100
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	240	0	240
To-date/2024*	703	0	703
To-date/2023*	703	0	703
Data Source: CFIA, as comp	iled by AAFC, Po	oultry Section	

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	Thousa	ands	
Head	849	1,631	2,480
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	702	1.648	2,350
Same week yr ago	981	1,791	2,772
To-date/2024*	6,957	14,304	21,261
To-date/2023*	7,374	14,459	21,833
*Note: Year to-date totals ref	lect comparable t	ime periods.	

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings -

~in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds~

3/4/2024	3/1/2024	rocessed other Poultry Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
74,318	74,406	-88	0%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast 3/4/2024 02/26/2024 03/06/2023 Pacific w/out Denver: 4,978 5,417 9,178 Los Angeles: 508 510 527

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg	
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heav	/y 28	61,358	965.00 - 1,059.00	1,003.89	
168 3 Round, top inside round	j 5	25,195	350.00 - 395.00	361.43	
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	43	136,689	825.00 - 920.25	885.23	
GB - Steer/Heifer Source - 10 Pound Chub Basis- Coarse & Fine Grind					
Ground Beef 81%	9	33,035	272.30 - 312.33	277.96	

Fresh Pork Cuts	Kilo		Wtd
FOB Negotiated	lbs.	Price Range	Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,898	100.00 - 144.60	112.23
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,373	127.17 - 193.00	145.64
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	358	127.83 - 151.00	143.09
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,405	141.00 - 192.36	169.92