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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are trending steady for all sizes. Offerings of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current needs. Retail and foodservice demand is light to moderate with slightly increasing buyer interest. Processing schedules are normal to at times reduced. Floor stocks are sufficient. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices for boneless skinless breasts and wings are steady to instances firm. The balance of parts are steady to weak with leg quarters remaining in the weakest position. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts and wings are mostly moderate. Dark meat items and the remaining breast cuts are moderate to heavy with legs and leg quarters slightly more available. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate to heavy. Weights are mixed but mostly desirable.

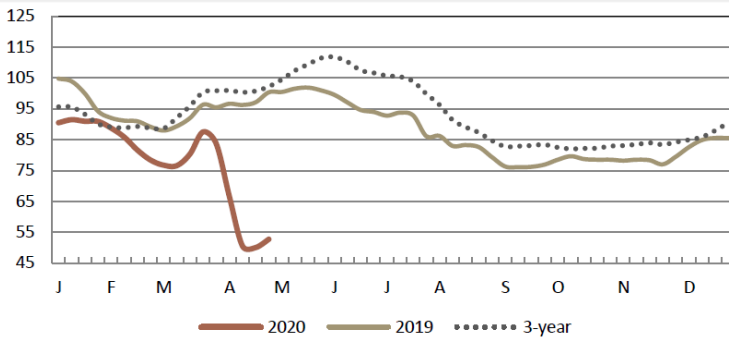
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	52.70	↑ 2.69	8,223
Last Week:	50.00		7,948
Last Year:	100.34	↓ -47.64	12,089

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Mar	79.35	46,823



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 18-Apr-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	149,720	776	1,869	2,645	458
Avg Wt	6.21	3.68	8.16	6.85	7.02
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	155,111	607	1,400	2,007	505
Same wk yr ago	158,639	779	1,554	2,333	497
Avg Wt	6.13	3.16	8.28	6.57	7.04
To-date/2020*	2,666,902	12,584	25,231	37,815	7,618
To-date/2019*	2,572,318	13,088	24,261	37,349	7,405
% Change YTD	4%	-4%	4%	1%	3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	706,619	1,585	10,447	12,032	2,283
Last week	734,420	1,209	7,960	9,169	2,521
Same wk yr ago	739,067	1,366	8,814	10,180	2,484
To-date/2020*	12,642,696	24,534	142,228	166,762	38,019
To-date/2019*	11,981,350	24,810	136,067	160,877	36,918
% Change YTD	6%	-1%	5%	4%	3%

Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%	71.0%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 172.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.5 million head, or 20.5 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
54.99	↑ 1.19	3,896	53.80	4,048		
55.54	↑ 1.39	1,155	54.14	1,381		
53.72	↑ 0.12	1,365	53.60	1,462		
Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
42.21	↑ 3.61	2,150	38.59	1,981		
38.96	↑ 2.48	1,802	36.48	1,736		
38.76	↑ 2.36	994	36.40	786		
Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
58.94	↑ 5.17	2,177	53.77	1,919		
58.55	↑ 5.92	2,137	52.63	1,839		
58.54	↑ 10.47	1,680	48.07	1,258		

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

Class	Current Week		Previous Week
	4/25/2020	(1)	4/18/2020
Broiler/fryer	158,331	(2)	156,078
Light hens	473		828
Heavy hens	1,896		1,830
Total	160,700		158,736

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Apr-20 is 171.4 million head compared to 160.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.6 million head or -12.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 02-May-20 the estimated available is 170.3 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	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
BREAST - B/S	1,120	95.46
TENDERLOINS	540	121.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	515	72.32
FRONT HALVES	507	57.38
LEGS	1,105	37.30
LEG QUARTERS	1,017	28.44
LEG QUARTERS	1,001	31.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	517	138.89
WINGS (CUT)	524	140.25
DRUMSTICKS	980	34.72
THIGHS	505	34.18
B/S THIGHS	475	75.61

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
36.50 - 49.00	42.77	42.91	

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	93.11	2,042,700
TENDERLOINS	91.81	783,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90.25	106,630
BREAST - LINE RUN	83.57	270,000
LEGS	51.03	330,128
LEG QUARTERS	31.96	1,056,001
DRUMSTICKS	44.67	1,587,587
THIGHS	71.35	204,240
B/S THIGHS	94.22	487,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	104.93	1,396,100
BACKS AND NECKS	10.00	455,340
LIVERS (5 POUND)	63.29	20,400
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	74.41	18,290

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.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm for all fat contents. Demand into export and domestic channels are moderate to good for both fresh and frozen MSC. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are mostly normal to less than normal as the industry continues to monitor market developments due to some disruptions in processing schedules. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are trending at least steady to firm with trading at 8-11.5 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

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly	
	WEEK OF 20-APR-2020 TO 24-APR-2020, CENTS PER POUND			
BREAST - B/S	59.00 - 66.00	59.00 - 61.00		
TENDERLOINS	79.00 - 119.00	100.00 - 119.00		
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 85.00	73.00 - 78.00		
LEGS	35.00 - 50.00	-		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30.00 - 34.00	30.00 - 33.00		
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	27.00 - 31.00	30.00 - 33.00		
DRUMSTICKS	40.00 - 48.00	-		
THIGHS	43.00 - 75.00	43.00 - 45.00		
B/S THIGHS	91.00 - 96.00	91.00 - 93.00		
WINGS (WHOLE)	65.00 - 105.00	100.00 - 105.00		
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00	-		
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-		
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00	-		

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 17, 2020

Market	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	85.28	134.55	68.22	43.59	17.06	94.75
High	86.23	142.13	75.80	49.27	18.95	94.75
Mostly	85.85	138.34	72.01	45.48	17.06	94.75
SAN JUAN						
Low	84.90	132.65	68.22	41.69	17.06	94.75
High	85.66	140.23	75.80	47.38	18.95	94.75
Mostly	85.28	136.44	72.01	43.59	17.06	94.75
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	85.85	134.55	70.12	45.48	17.06	94.75
High	86.98	142.13	77.70	51.17	18.95	94.75
Mostly	86.23	138.34	73.91	47.38	17.06	94.75
BECERRA						
Low	86.23	136.44	72.01	47.38	17.06	94.75
High	87.17	144.02	79.59	53.06	18.95	94.75
Mostly	86.60	140.23	75.80	49.27	17.06	94.75

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Apr-20	Last Week	Last Year	24-Apr-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded			-			-
Volume Exported			-			-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 29.00	26.00 - 28.00	27.00-28.00	22.00 - 26.50	24.00 - 26.50	21.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.25	26.83	27.63	24.78	24.85	22.23
Volume Traded	2,005	1,665	440	2,285	2,591	1,267
Volume Exported	2,005	1,665	440	490	408	-
20% or More						
Price Range			-			-
Wtd Avg Price			-			-
Volume Traded			-			-
Volume Exported			-			-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 18-Apr-20

(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	27,738	41,842	43,020	37,120	149,720
Avg Live Wgt	3.73	5.04	6.67	8.84	6.21
% of total /1	19%	28%	29%	25%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,995	50,420	39,258	36,438	155,111
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.31	6.84	8.84	6.23
% of total /1	19%	33%	25%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	38,450	51,863	34,129	34,197	158,639
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.40	7.06	9.02	6.13
% of total /1	24%	33%	22%	22%	100%
To date/2020*	597,164	736,295	684,384	649,059	2,666,902
To date/2019*	577,507	823,838	591,616	579,357	2,572,318
% Change YTD	3%	-11%	16%	12%	4%

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
3/14	172.6	171.9	100%	6.19
3/21	173.8	170.7	102%	6.29
3/28	171.7	170.6	101%	6.14
4/4	166.7	171.4	97%	6.17
4/11	157.0	171.9	91%	6.23
4/18	151.5	172.0	88%	6.21
Year to date	2699.3	2701.5	100%	
4/25		171.4		
5/2		170.3		

*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.	4,410	2.95%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	4,834	3.23%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	3,095	2.07%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	15,398	10.28%
	Totals:	27,737	18.53%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,763	4,239	4,060	4,091	5.49
AR	4,720	4,571	4,147	4,705	6.64
Delmarva	2,003	1,615	1,654	1,530	7.39
KY-LA-TN	2,692	2,360	2,067	2,307	5.66
MS	2,735	2,755	2,746	2,914	6.23
NC	3,909	3,315	3,208	3,006	8.30
TX	2,138	2,466	2,174	2,426	6.21
Total	21,960	21,321	20,056	20,979	6.53
Mon-Fri	107,403	(A)			103,490
Saturday	2,276	(included in total for date shown)			2,334

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Apr-20 and 25-Apr-20 is estimated to be 33,421,000 head down 1.81 percent from a week ago and up 15.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,036,000, last year 28,845,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Apr-20 is estimated to be 160,179,000 head up 6.99 percent from a week ago, and up 1.30 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 149,720,000, last year 158,131,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of April 20, 2020

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

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	205-225	220-235

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)	71.00-101.00	74.00-86.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	74.00-106.00	77.00-87.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes
11 oz 95.04- 103.68 **13 oz.** 120.69- 152.92 **15 oz.** 132.03- 160.94
 Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

Prices are too few to report. Demand is usually light to very light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts, bone-in legs, gizzards, wings, livers, and feet are all too few to report.

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	TFEWR	TFEWR

National Fowl Market

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	1.0- 6.5	5.68

(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 - 21-Apr-2020						
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry						
Hackettstown, NJ			Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA			
	Low	High	Avg	Price Range		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.20 lbs.	
HEAVY FOWL EA.	-	-	-	Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.95 - 1.40 lbs.	
				Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	1.40 - 1.70 lbs.	

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/17	2,096	7.24
4/16	1,325	6.78
4/15	1,429	7.08
4/14	1,504	7.00
4/13	934	7.78
Weekly	5,192	7.16

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

	Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)				
W/E	04/25/20	04/18/20	% chg	04/27/19	% chg
Cattle	469	502	0.93	642 ¹	0.73
Hogs	1,995	2,224	0.90	2,347 ¹	0.85

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Down 5 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 225 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 77.3 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 Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2020, down 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through April 18, 2020 for the United States were 3.02 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 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 11, 2020	Apr 18, 2020	Apr 11, 2020	Apr 18, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	30,441	30,821	22,117	23,345
AR.....	21,427	22,255	21,224	20,141
DE.....	5,176	5,195	4,828	4,964
FL.....	1,167	1,163	1,334	1,230
GA.....	33,053	33,071	27,366	25,583
KY.....	7,620	7,220	5,949	5,895
LA.....	3,485	3,470	2,575	2,404
MD.....	8,086	7,986	6,128	5,539
MS.....	16,603	16,921	14,179	14,296
MO.....	8,309	8,368	5,590	5,472
NC.....	23,407	24,210	19,376	19,534
OK.....	6,519	6,698	3,327	4,351
PA.....	6,191	6,137	4,285	4,474
SC.....	5,720	5,271	4,031	3,918
TX.....	16,563	17,031	14,007	13,825
VA.....	5,477	4,889	4,698	4,429
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,280	12,558	10,981	10,831
Other States.....	10,437	11,264	7,765	7,932
United States.....	221,961	224,528	179,760	178,163
Percent of Prev Year..	95	95	96	95

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1720.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-May-20 is estimated at 157.5 million head. This compares to 160.2 million head the previous week and to 165.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 97.11 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 18-Apr-20

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	776	1,869	2,645
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	607	1,400	2,007
Same week yr ago	779	1,554	2,333
To-date/2020*	12,584	25,231	37,815
To-date/2019*	13,106	24,261	37,367

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	78	0	78
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	225	0	225
Same week yr ago	162	0	162
To-date/2020*	2,503	0	2,503
To-date/2019*	3,875	7	3,882

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	854	1,869	2,723
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	832	1,400	2,232
Same week yr ago	941	1,554	2,495
To-date/2020*	15,087	25,231	40,318
To-date/2019*	16,981	24,268	41,249

*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

4/20/2020	4/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
111,368	102,118	9,250	9%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	4/20/2020	04/13/20	04/22/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	10,130	10515	7,543
Los Angeles:	569	585	577

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	4	13,208	749.00 - 880.00	827.52
168 3 Round, top inside round	6	64,110	400.71 - 455.50	419.53
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	5	9,116	749.00 - 822.50	766.92
Ground Beef 81%	8	54,452	270.00 - 360.00	340.61

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	3,697	88.50 - 153.63	122.26
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,538	90.00 - 215.10	176.05
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	1,652	74.00 - 138.00	84.86
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	3,302	76.69 - 168.20	105.97