



BROILER MARKET NEWS REPORT

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

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady for both whole birds and WOGS. Supplies are sufficient. Demand is moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, prices of b/s breast and tenders are firm; steady to firm for wings, thighs and thigh meat. The balance of items are steady with a steady to firm undertone. Supplies of tenders and thigh meat are noted as tight to short of needs. Demand is moderate to active. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are available. Weights are sufficient.

Weekly National Chicken Report

National Chicken, Whole - Cents Per lb

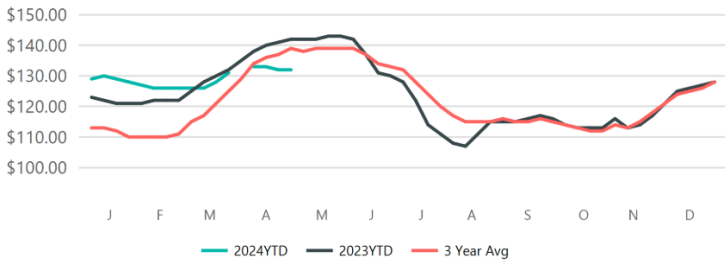
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered

	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:	103.00 - 155.00	132.53	0.52	10,359	132.01	10,954
WOG						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite						
WOGS:	103.00 - 155.00	132.78	0.54	8,155	132.24	8,642
2.50 lb & lighter	129.00 - 150.00	141.06	-0.87	2,315	141.93	2,118
2.51 - 3.50 lb	105.00 - 155.00	131.68	1.95	4,424	129.73	6,228
3.51 lb & heavier	103.00 - 130.00	122.69	7.12	1,414	115.57	294
Whole Body						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite:	124.50 - 155.00	131.58	0.43	2,204	131.15	2,312
3.00 lb & lighter	130.00 - 135.00	132.12	0.06	595	132.06	630
3.01 lb & heavier	124.50 - 155.00	131.38	0.57	1,609	130.81	1,682

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:	103.00 - 146.00	130.33	0.26	4,802	130.07	5,106
Eastern WOGS:	103.00 - 146.00	131.30	0.44	2,888	130.86	3,047
New York						
Whole Body	115.00 - 146.00	132.58	-0.10	2,275	132.68	2,345
Central						
Whole Body	105.00 - 147.00	123.34	-0.87	2,352	124.21	2,743
Central WOGS:	105.00 - 130.00	122.98	-0.93	2,317	123.91	2,710
Chicago						
Whole Body	120.00 - 130.00	124.80	-0.30	1,151	125.10	1,646
Western						
Whole Body	109.00 - 155.00	142.55	0.47	3,205	142.08	3,105
Western WOGS:	109.00 - 155.00	141.93	0.42	2,950	141.51	2,885
Los Angeles						
Whole Body:	120.00 - 155.00	141.82	0.39	2,430	141.43	2,380

Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 27-Apr-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
Head	163,751	775	1,734	2,509	431
Avg Wt	6.48	3.22	8.34	6.76	7.17
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	162,094	730	1,694	2,424	429
Same wk yr ago	165,811	837	1,709	2,546	406
Avg Wt	6.40	3.45	8.36	6.75	7.19
To-date/2024*	2,746,305	11,744	27,436	39,180	7,493
To-date/2023*	2,818,644	12,907	27,457	40,364	7,556
% Change YTD	-3%	-9%	0%	-3%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	806,441	1,385	9,906	11,291	2,194
Last week	799,512	1,369	9,341	10,710	2,181
Same wk yr ago	806,505	1,603	9,787	11,390	2,073
To-date/2024*	13,488,871	22,824	157,312	180,136	37,987
To-date/2023*	13,611,553	25,252	157,145	182,397	38,397
% Change YTD	-1%	-10%	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 168.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.7 million head, or 2.3 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

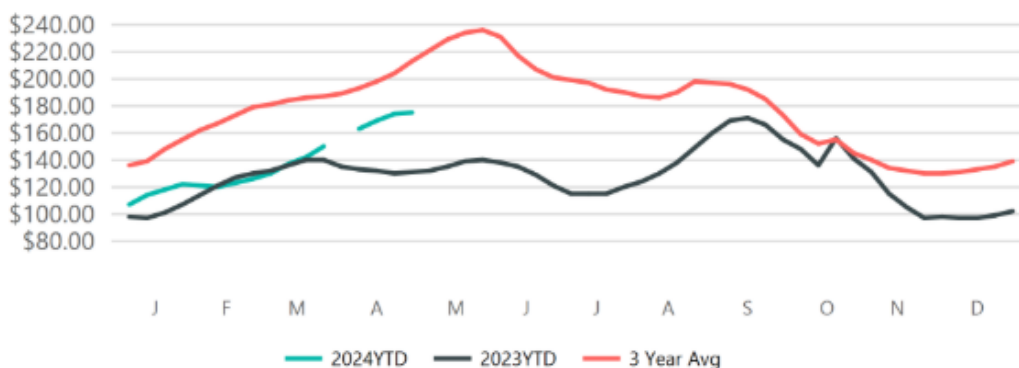
Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	5/4/2024 (1)	4/27/2024
	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	156,346 (2)	155,777
Light hens	588	756
Heavy hens	1,702	1,706
Total	158,636	158,239

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-May-24 is 168.1 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 -11.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 11-May-24 the estimated available is 168.8 million head.

National Chicken, Parts - Cents per lb.			Current Week's Trading		Previous Week's Trading	
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - FOB						
Backs and Necks Stripped:	9.00 - 13.00	11.66	0.26	1,592	11.40	1,708
Breast - B/S:	167.00 - 199.00	175.75	0.92	2,114	174.83	1,986
Breast - Line Run:	104.00 - 107.00	105.79	-0.47	136	106.26	136
Breast With Ribs:	105.00 - 149.00	125.71	-0.51	120	126.22	151
Drumsticks:	40.00 - 54.00	43.34	0.47	396	42.87	378
Frames:	8.00 - 13.00	10.40	0.34	2,320	10.06	2,600
Gizzards and Hearts:	70.00 - 82.00	76.16	-1.69	107	77.85	102
Leg quarters - Bulk:	45.00 - 58.00	49.52	0.04	1,386	49.48	861
Legs - Bone-in:	70.00 - 79.00	71.22	-0.42	498	71.64	507
Livers:	62.00 - 64.00	62.40	0.14	82	62.26	94
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	24.00 - 27.00	26.13	-0.26	612	26.39	556
Tenderloins:	196.00 - 257.00	212.78	4.81	1,203	207.97	1,210
Thighs - B/S:	140.00 - 184.00	164.27	2.79	682	161.48	717
Thighs - Bone-in:	90.00 - 95.00	90.78	-0.30	26	91.08	27
Wings - Whole:	214.00 - 250.00	226.27	-0.78	716	227.05	800

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



Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City							
Cents per pound for the week ending April 19, 2024							
	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens	
RAYON							
Low	175.96	313.17	127.39	76.97	26.54	143.32	
High	177.02	323.79	138.01	84.93	29.19	143.32	
Mostly	176.49	318.48	135.35	82.27	26.54	143.32	
SAN JUAN							
Low	175.16	313.17	127.39	76.97	26.54	143.32	
High	176.49	323.79	138.01	84.93	29.19	143.32	
Mostly	175.96	318.48	132.70	79.62	26.54	143.32	
NEW SAN JUAN							
Low	175.96	315.82	130.05	79.62	26.54	143.32	
High	177.55	326.44	140.66	87.58	29.19	143.32	
Mostly	177.02	321.13	135.35	82.27	26.54	143.32	
BECERRA							
Low	169.86	315.82	130.05	79.62	26.54	143.32	
High	177.82	326.44	140.66	87.58	29.19	143.32	
Mostly	177.55	323.79	138.01	84.93	26.54	143.32	

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 27-Apr-24

	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	30,974	43,617	43,810	45,350	163,751
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.18	6.99	9.10	6.48
% of total /1	19%	27%	27%	28%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	25,691	51,930	45,806	38,667	162,094
Avg Live Wgt	3.91	5.24	7.03	9.24	6.49
% of total /1	16%	32%	28%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	23,503	52,686	42,371	47,251	165,811
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	4.97	6.90	8.92	6.40
% of total /1	14%	32%	26%	28%	100%
To date/2024*	486,071	777,461	737,682	745,090	2,746,304
To date/2023*	458,637	870,051	762,692	727,263	2,818,643
% Change YTD	6%	-11%	-3%	2%	-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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
3/23	163.9	166.0	99%	6.44
3/30	162.9	166.0	98%	6.36
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
Year to date	2779.6	2814.3	99%	
5/4		168.1		
5/11		168.8		

*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.	5,063	3.09%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	2,934	1.79%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	11,345	6.93%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	11,631	7.10%
Total:		30,973	18.91%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	5/3	5/2	5/1	4/30	5/1
AL	3,535	4,254	4,158	4,172	5.64
AR	3,665	4,613	4,945	4,810	6.78
Delmarva	2,187	2,205	2,080	2,223	7.19
KY-LA-TN	1,948	2,380	2,456	2,450	5.99
MS	1,719	2,604	2,660	2,698	6.47
NC	3,301	3,580	3,301	3,580	8.62
TX	3,040	2,825	2,839	2,583	6.98
Total	19,395	22,461	22,439	22,516	6.78
Mon-Fri	109,559	(A)			
Saturday	206	(included in total for date shown)		277	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-May-24 and 04-May-24 is estimated to be 29,518,000 head down 0.16 percent from a week ago and down 0.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,566,000, last year 29,798,000)

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

04-May-24 is estimated to be 166,931,000 head up 1.94

percent from a week ago, and up 0.23 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 163,751,000, last year 166,543,000) 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	2.39
(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 Apr. 30			
		Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each:	2.00 17.00	3.45
per pound:			
Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 30			
Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	7.00 9.00	each
	4-5 lbs:	3.50 4.50	each
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	8.00 12.00	each

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/26	2,204	7.01
4/25	2,223	6.99
4/24	2,063	6.73
4/23	2,156	7.30
4/22	2,192	7.40
Weekly	10,838	7.09

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	04/27/24	04/27/24	% chg	04/29/23	% chg
Cattle	619	613	1.01	621 ¹	1.00
Hogs	2,387	2,375	1.01	2,318 ¹	1.03

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 247 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 27, 2024, up 2 percent 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 Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 190 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 27, 2024, up 2 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 27, 2024 for the United States were 3.19 billion. Cumulative placements were up slightly 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 20	Apr 27,	Apr 20	Apr 27,
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)		
AL	35,002	35,071	24,667	24,734
AR	25,659	25,961	21,407	21,087
DE	5,600	5,543	5,510	5,750
FL	1,225	1,225	1,191	1,351
GA	35,840	36,178	28,169	27,789
KY	7,927	8,009	5,891	5,676
LA	3,655	3,655	2,909	2,923
MD	8,005	8,005	5,221	4,867
MS	17,532	17,339	13,883	13,401
MO	8,990	8,766	5,517	5,119
NC	25,539	25,576	19,744	19,662
OK	5,674	6,032	3,662	4,886
PA	7,806	8,087	5,087	5,047
SC	6,249	6,178	4,918	4,717
TX	19,096	19,572	14,859	15,281
VA	5,689	5,662	5,041	5,304
CA, TN, & WV	13,823	13,929	12,319	12,835
Other States.....	12,000	12,060	9,424	9,263
United States....	245,311	246,848	189,419	189,692

Source: USDA, NASS

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending 27-Apr-24

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
	775	1,734	2,509
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	730	1,694	2,424
Same week yr ago	837	1,709	2,546
To-date/2024*	11,744	27,436	39,180
To-date/2023*	12,907	27,457	40,364

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
	45	0	45
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2024*	1,377	0	1,377
To-date/2023*	1,200	0	1,200

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

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

Head	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
	820	1,734	2,554
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	730	1,694	2,424
Same week yr ago	837	1,709	2,546
To-date/2024*	13,121	27,436	40,557
To-date/2023*	14,107	27,457	41,564

*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			
4/29/2024	4/1/2024	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
70,294	73,325	-3,031	-4%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

	4/29/2024	04/22/2024	05/01/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	5,234	5,551	7,872
Los Angeles:	508	527	518

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	15	56,468	925.00 - 1,016.00	949.29
168 3 Round, top inside round	11	81,831	315.67 - 343.85	328.97
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	12	83,086	930.00 - 993.60	940.47

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

Ground Beef 81%	19	237,430	266.00 - 321.00	286.78
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Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,367	115.00 - 161.20	134.76
Bnls CC Strap-on	2,113	139.00 - 203.50	158.70
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	216	145.00 - 177.00	169.01
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	1,859	155.07 - 214.25	178.89

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