



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 to end the week. Supplies are sufficient. Demand is light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is moderate. In the parts structure, prices going into the weekend are firm for tenders and boneless skinless breasts; wings are steady to firm. Bone in breast and front halves remained the same all week at steady. The remaining white and dark meat parts are solidly steady. Supplies of breast items especially in the retail chain are expecting an uptick for the mothers day holiday. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. In production areas, live supplies are available. Weights are sufficient.

Weekly National Chicken Report

National Chicken, Whole - Cents Per lb

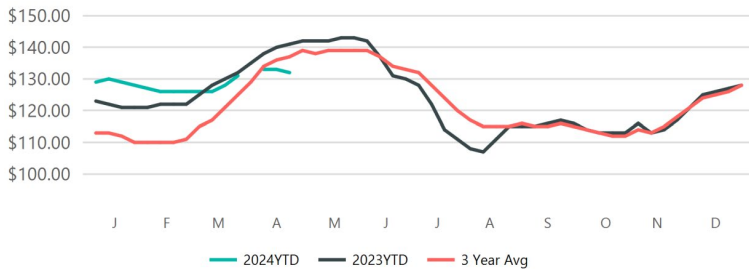
Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - Delivered

	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:	104.00 - 155.00	132.01	-0.07	10,954	132.08	10,632
WOG						8,426
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite WOGS:	104.00 - 155.00	132.24	-0.06	8,642	132.30	
2.50 lb & lighter	130.00 - 150.00	141.93	0.83	2,118	141.10	2,086
2.51 - 3.50 lb	105.00 - 155.00	129.73	-0.27	6,228	130.00	6,131
3.51 lb & heavier	104.00 - 126.00	115.57	3.70	294	111.87	208
Whole Body						
Trading by Size:						
Nat'l Composite:	124.50 - 155.00	131.15	-0.11	2,312	131.26	2,205
3.00 lb & lighter	130.00 - 135.00	132.06	-0.35	630	132.41	595
3.01 lb & heavier	124.50 - 155.00	130.81	-0.02	1,682	130.83	1,610

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:	104.00 - 150.00	130.07	-0.49	5,106	130.56	4,811
Eastern WOGS:	104.00 - 150.00	130.86	-0.85	3,047	131.71	2,860
New York						
Whole Body	115.00 - 146.00	132.68	-0.08	2,345	132.76	2,240
Central						
Whole Body	105.00 - 149.00	124.21	0.08	2,743	124.13	2,861
Central WOGS:	105.00 - 130.00	123.91	0.08	2,710	123.83	2,826
Chicago						
Whole Body	120.00 - 130.00	125.10	1.28	1,646	123.82	1,705
Western						
Whole Body	110.00 - 155.00	142.08	-0.16	3,105	142.24	2,960
Western WOGS:	110.00 - 155.00	141.51	-0.15	2,885	141.66	2,740
Los Angeles						
Whole Body:	120.00 - 155.00	141.43	-0.20	2,380	141.63	2,210

Fresh National Composite Whole Bird Price - Conventional - Delivered



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 20-Apr-2024

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	Thousands				
Head	162,094	730	1,694	2,424	429
Avg Wt	6.49	3.38	8.05	6.64	7.16
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	162,156	517	1,555	2,072	446
Same wk yr ago	165,903	822	1,476	2,298	499
Avg Wt	6.30	3.63	8.51	6.76	7.12
To-date/2024*	2,582,554	10,969	25,702	36,671	7,062
To-date/2023*	2,652,833	12,070	25,748	37,818	7,150
% Change YTD	-3%	-9%	0%	-3%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	799,512	1,369	9,341	10,710	2,181
Last week	793,656	1,050	9,182	10,232	2,270
Same wk yr ago	794,344	1,656	8,604	10,260	2,523
To-date/2024*	12,682,430	21,439	147,406	168,845	35,793
To-date/2023*	12,805,048	23,649	147,358	171,007	36,324
% Change YTD	-1%	-9%	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 167.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.1 million head, or 2.9 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
	4/27/2024 (1)	4/20/2024
	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	155,777 (2)	154,063
Light hens	756	693
Heavy hens	1,706	1,646
Total	158,239	156,402

(1)ESTIMATED

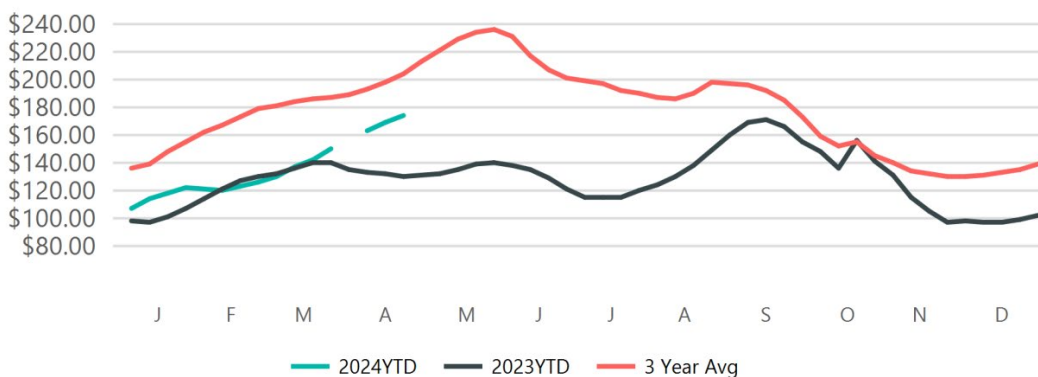
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Apr-24 is 168.0 million head compared to 167.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.1 million head or -11.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-May-24 the estimated available is 168.1 million head.

National Chicken, Parts - Cents per lb.

Domestic - Fresh - Conventional - FOB

			Current Week's Trading		Previous Week's Trading	
Backs and Necks Stripped:	9.00 - 13.00	11.40	-0.19	1,708	11.59	1,754
Breast - B/S:	116.00 - 199.00	174.83	0.51	1,986	174.32	2,228
Breast - Line Run:	106.00 - 107.00	106.26	0.44	136	105.82	156
Breast With Ribs:	105.00 - 149.00	126.22	0.93	151	125.29	140
Drumsticks:	39.00 - 52.00	42.87	-0.11	378	42.98	413
Frames:	7.00 - 13.00	10.06	-0.49	2,600	10.55	2,240
Gizzards and Hearts:	74.00 - 81.00	77.85	0.60	102	77.25	119
Leg quarters - Bulk:	40.00 - 60.00	49.48	-0.32	861	49.80	1,459
Legs - Bone-in:	70.00 - 79.00	71.64	-0.46	507	72.10	481
Livers:	62.00 - 63.00	62.26	-0.58	94	62.84	112
MSC, 15-20% Fat Content:	24.00 - 28.00	26.39	-0.53	556	26.92	489
Tenderloins:	196.00 - 251.00	207.97	2.22	1,210	205.75	1,201
Thighs - B/S:	130.00 - 183.00	161.48	2.77	717	158.71	757
Thighs - Bone-in:	90.00 - 95.00	91.08	0.42	27	90.66	31
Wings - Whole:	214.00 - 250.00	227.05	-3.24	800	230.29	837

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	187.85	317.99	146.97	80.16	26.72	146.97
High	188.92	328.68	157.66	88.18	29.39	146.97
Mostly	188.39	326.00	154.99	85.51	26.72	146.97
SAN JUAN						
Low	187.05	317.99	146.97	80.16	26.72	146.97
High	188.39	328.68	157.66	88.18	29.39	146.97
Mostly	187.85	323.33	152.31	82.84	26.72	146.97
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	187.85	320.66	149.64	82.84	26.72	146.97
High	189.46	331.35	160.33	90.85	29.39	146.97
Mostly	188.92	326.00	154.99	85.51	26.72	146.97
BECERRA						
Low	188.39	320.66	149.64	82.84	26.72	146.97
High	189.72	331.35	163.00	90.85	29.39	146.97
Mostly	189.46	328.68	157.66	88.18	26.72	146.97

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 20-Apr-24

(Preliminary)	Thousands				
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	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%
Comparisons					
Last week	28,239	49,031	41,960	42,926	162,156
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.18	6.99	9.09	6.44
% of total /1	17%	30%	26%	26%	100%
Year Ago 2/	27,089	50,888	39,998	47,928	165,903
Avg Live Wgt	3.38	5.03	6.85	8.84	6.30
% of total /1	16%	31%	24%	29%	100%
To date/2024*	455,097	733,844	693,872	699,740	2,582,553
To date/2023*	435,134	817,365	720,321	680,012	2,652,832
% Change YTD	5%	-10%	-4%	3%	-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		Percent	Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*		
3/16	162.5	166.8	97%	6.41
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
Year to date	2613.9	2646.3	99%	
4/27		168.0		
5/4		168.1		

*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.	3,436	2.12%
3.61 - 3.80:	2.50 - 2.63 lbs.	753	0.46%
3.81 - 4.00:	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	8,493	5.24%
4.01 - 4.25:	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	13,009	8.03%
	Total:	25,691	15.85%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
		4/25	4/24	4/23	4/24	4/23	4/19
AL	3,446	4,208	4,114	3,790	5.63	5.81	3,035
AR	3,841	4,835	4,939	4,925	6.78	7.00	3,250
Delmarva	2,212	2,219	2,063	2,156	6.73	7.30	2,215
KY-LA-TN	2,203	2,385	2,372	2,466	5.99	5.98	1,996
MS	1,685	2,580	2,650	2,667	6.47	6.53	1,795
NC	3,583	3,600	3,566	3,507	8.59	8.67	3,204
TX	2,776	2,804	2,827	2,865	6.79	6.88	2,760
Total	19,746	22,631	22,531	22,376	6.73	6.9	18,255
Mon-Fri	110,157 (A)						107,809 (A)
Saturday	111	(included in total for date shown)					0

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Apr-24 and 27-Apr-24 is estimated to be 30,052,000 head up 7.84 percent from a week ago and up 0.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 27,866,000, last year 29,897,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Apr-24 is estimated to be 166,784,000 head up 2.89 percent from a week ago, and up 0.59 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 162,094,000, last year 165,811,000) 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 - 5.0	3.04
(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. 23

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each: 6.00 8.00	7.01
per pound:		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 23

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	3.50	6.00	per pound
	4-5 lbs:			per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	12.00	17.00	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/19	2,215	7.00
4/18	2,120	7.07
4/17	2,049	7.29
4/16	2,190	7.28
4/15	2,151	7.32
Weekly	10,725	7.19

Cattle/Hog Weekly Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)					
W/E	04/27/24	04/20/24	% chg	04/29/23	% chg
Cattle	613	620	0.99	627 ¹	0.98
Hogs	2,379	2,487	0.96	2,380 ¹	1.00
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 245 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 20, 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 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2024, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 6, 2024 through April 20, 2024 for the United States were 3.00 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 13	Apr 20,	Apr 13	Apr 20,
	2024	2024	2024	2024
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)		
AL	35,055	35,002	24,154	24,667
AR	25,727	25,659	20,329	21,407
DE	5,544	5,549	5,191	5,326
FL	1,225	1,225	1,239	1,191
GA	36,103	35,840	28,167	28,189
KY	8,128	7,927	5,996	5,891
LA	3,655	3,655	2,880	2,909
MD	8,063	8,005	5,437	4,991
MS	17,523	17,532	13,491	13,883
MO	8,990	8,990	5,529	5,517
NC	25,742	25,508	19,765	19,591
OK	5,700	5,674	5,039	3,662
PA	7,969	7,835	4,736	5,066
SC	6,312	6,249	5,122	4,882
TX	19,284	19,096	14,886	14,859
VA	5,734	5,689	5,258	5,645
CA, TN, & WV	13,760	13,768	13,243	12,241
Other States.....	12,267	12,190	9,393	9,437
United States....	246,781	245,393	189,855	189,354

Source: USDA, NASS

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	20-Apr-24		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	730	1,694	2,424
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	517	1,555	2,072
Same week yr ago	822	1,476	2,298
To-date/2024*	10,969	25,702	36,671
To-date/2023*	12,070	25,748	37,818

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	0	0	0
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	146	0	146
Same week yr ago	19	0	19
To-date/2024*	1,332	0	1,332
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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	730	1,694	2,424
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	663	1,555	2,218
Same week yr ago	841	1,476	2,317
To-date/2024*	12,301	25,702	38,003
To-date/2023*	13,270	25,748	39,018

*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	
4/22/2024	4/1/2024		
69,987	73,325	-3,338	-5%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

	4/22/2024	04/15/2024	04/24/2023
Pacific w/out Denver:	5,551	5,233	8,130
Los Angeles:	527	508	521

Fresh Beef Choice Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	30	69,362	909.00 - 970.70	929.67
168 3 Round, top inside round	9	27,767	317.00 - 341.00	325.57
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	34	153,383	925.00 - 993.60	935.77

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

Ground Beef 81%	14	145,440	288.50 - 324.93	299.81
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Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	1,642	117.33 - 154.20	128.74
Bnls CC Strap-on	1,741	126.00 - 198.50	160.63
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	173	139.67 - 167.05	159.05
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,542	154.00 - 218.25	178.98

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