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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to mostly firm in the West, firm to higher in the East and Midwest. Retail and food service demand is in a full range, mostly moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings are mostly light for trade needs. Floor stocks are mixed. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate as dealers assessed market conditions following the holiday down town. Prices are steady to higher for breast cuts and wings; at least steady for tenders and steady and weak for dark meat cuts. Offerings of wings are in good balance with premiums noted; tenders and b/s breast are light to moderate for current needs. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy with thigh meat and drums noted as slightly more available. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	104.56	4,832	101.73	4,613
WOGS:	105.65	1,266	101.01	1,071
New York				
Whole Body:	103.12	1,365	99.34	1,285
Central				
Whole Body:	93.60	4,521	89.51	4,176
WOGS:	91.16	3,571	86.86	3,286
Chicago				
Whole Body:	94.03	3,065	90.57	2,515
Western				
Whole Body:	102.90	2,520	96.99	1,969
WOGS:	102.24	2,210	95.44	1,759
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	101.01	1,570	94.27	1,614

Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final	104.29
Next Week Trading Quote.....	113.75
Friday Prelim.....	112.77

Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	187.00	1,664
Breasts - B/S	199.00	6
Breasts - Whole	123.50	870
Thigh Meat - B/S	135.50	1,417
Thighs	72.00	1,094
Drumsticks	57.00	1,460
Leg Quarters	52.00	7,222
Wings	158.50	3,512

Data Source: Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service

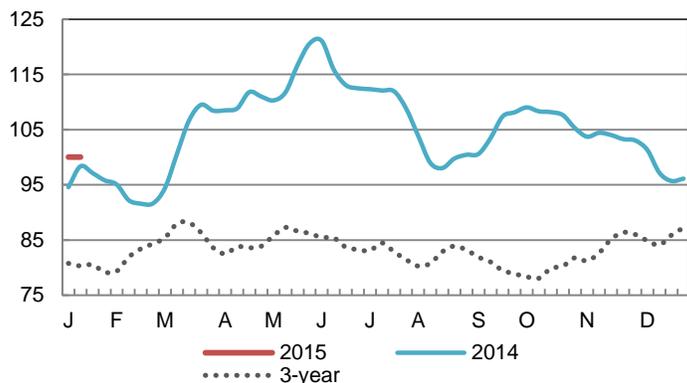
National Composite Weighted Average		
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	88.98	11,747
Last Week:	90.17	11,885
Last Year:	88.58	11,470
Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
Oct	90.02	33,279

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 27-Dec-14

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	Thousands				
Head	121,723	940	1,080	2,020	310
Avg Wt	6.09	2.97	8.16	5.74	7.01
Last week	154,620	1,790	1,767	3,557	415
Same wk yr ago	120,580	896	706	1,602	280
Avg Wt	5.94	2.98	7.51	4.98	6.72
To-date/2014*	7,962,524	73,290	80,616	153,906	22,120
To-date/2013*	7,968,915	75,273	75,875	151,148	22,753
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	6%	2%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	563,383	1,549	6,037	7,586	1,543
Last week	708,593	3,149	9,719	12,868	2,051
Same wk yr ago	544,346	1,442	3,632	5,074	1,345
To-date/2014*	35,630,022	127,909	448,562	576,471	106,971
To-date/2013*	35,194,175	129,820	411,084	540,904	109,516
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	9%	7%	-2%
Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%		71.0%

National Composite Weighted				
	Wtd Avg	Change		1,000 lbs.
This Week:	100.03	↑ 3.91		11,874
Last Week:	96.12			10,758
Last Year:	95.83	↑ 4.20		11,727
Monthly Composite Weighted Average				
Dec	98.07			58,274



(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 123.2 million head, or 30.3 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 Week Ending 03-Jan-2015

	Current Week 1/3/2015 (1)	Previous Week 12/27/2014
Class	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	130,711 (2)	125,879
Light hens	1,100	958
Heavy hens	1,317	1,200
Total	133,128	128,037

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jan-15 is 154.8 million head compared to 122.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.0 million head or -23.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jan-15 the estimated available is 154.6 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	879	133.15
Tenderloins	386	146.40
Breast - Line Run	377	98.95
Front Halves	305	86.02
Legs	389	43.88
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	773	37.86
Leg Quarters (4/10)	779	44.97
Wings (Whole)	537	163.72
Wings (Cut)	467	172.12
Drumsticks	388	34.81
Thighs	254	54.49
B/S Thighs	296	111.68

 Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for Jan 02, 2015 - f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
59.00 - 67.50	61.78	61.94

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	127.55	3,749,440
Tenderloins	147.41	943,040
Breast - With Ribs	119.62	198,091
Breast - Line Run	106.15	333,970
Legs	51.74	617,080
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	46.81	1,465,104
Drumsticks	51.15	606,598
Thighs	77.61	136,000
B/S Thighs	125.18	459,880
Wings (Whole)	172.06	806,760
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	23,760
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	56.33	53,090
Gizzards (Hearts)	80.09	72,600

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

* Today's negotiated sales as of 11:30 a.m.

** 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 29-Dec-14 to 02-Jan-2015

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	Low	High	
Breast - B/S	115.00 - 133.00	117.00 - 128.00	
Tenderloins	135.00 - 165.00	140.00 - 150.00	
Breast - Line Run	89.00 - 125.00	99.00 - 109.00	
Legs	54.00 - 61.00	-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	39.00 - 59.00	43.00 - 46.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	44.00 - 59.00	45.00 - 48.00	
Drumsticks	37.00 - 57.00	-	
Thighs	58.00 - 70.00	-	
B/S Thighs	109.00 - 130.00	-	
Wings (Whole)	140.00 - 180.00	155.00 - 167.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 45.00	-	
Livers	25.00 - 49.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	42.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending December 26, 2014

Market	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	104.91	185.14	123.43	43.20	21.60	138.86
High	107.38	200.57	135.77	52.46	24.69	138.86
Mostly	104.91	194.40	129.60	46.29	21.60	138.86
San Juan						
Low	103.37	185.14	123.43	40.11	21.60	138.86
High	104.91	200.57	132.69	49.37	24.69	138.86
Mostly	104.91	194.40	126.51	43.20	21.60	138.86
New San Juan						
Low	104.91	188.23	126.51	46.29	24.69	138.86
High	107.38	203.66	138.86	55.54	27.77	138.86
Mostly	104.91	197.49	132.69	49.37	24.69	138.86
Becerra						
Low	105.53	191.31	126.51	49.37	24.69	138.86
High	108.00	203.66	141.94	58.63	27.77	138.86
Mostly	105.53	197.49	135.77	52.46	24.69	138.86

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(f.o.b. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2- weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are mixed, mostly light to moderate. The marketplace is a mix of activity for the holidays with varying production and further processing schedules amongst sellers and buyers. Many are preparing and hoping for smooth transitions to new contracts. Few contract negotiations persist, though most have concluded on either a formula basis or at flat rates that are similar to lower than the previous year. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Prices of frames are steady to weak with trading levels between 9-12 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Jan-15	Last Week	Last Year	2-Jan-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	32.00	25.00 - 27.00	27.00	26.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	32.00	26.43	27.00	27.50
Volume Traded	-	-	40	143	122	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 29.00	25.00 - 29.00	27.00-31.00	21.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 25.00	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.21	27.06	28.77	22.72	22.62	23.38
Volume Traded	1,371	1,990	1,430	2,778	2,978	3,427
Volume Exported	1,051	1,510	1,030	979	1,428	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 27-Dec-14

(Preliminary)	Thousands				Total
	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	
Head	34,804	34,959	26,087	25,873	121,723
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.50	7.01	9.27	6.09
% of total /1	29%	29%	21%	21%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,671	46,897	33,327	33,725	154,620
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.39	6.83	8.86	6.03
% of total /1	26%	30%	22%	22%	100%
Year Ago 2/	29,510	44,556	24,112	22,402	120,580
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.45	6.88	8.77	5.94
% of total /1	24%	37%	20%	19%	100%
To date/2014*	2,077,788	2,784,010	1,534,545	1,566,181	7,962,524
To date/2013*	2,140,619	2,826,338	1,546,918	1,455,040	7,968,915
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	-1%	8%	0%

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 Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
11/22	158.3	155.2	102%	5.99
11/29	125.5	154.4	81%	5.99
12/6	163.6	153.5	107%	6.10
12/13	158.6	155.9	102%	6.13
12/20	156.5	150.1	104%	6.03
12/27	123.2	153.5	80%	6.09
Year to date	8061.0	8072.7	100%	
1/3		156.1		
1/10		153.1		

*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 & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	6,594	5.42%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,908	10.60%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,214	5.93%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	8,088	6.64%
Totals:		34,804	28.59%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)		Actual (1,000)		Avg Wt		Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
	01/02	01/01	12/31	12/30	12/31	12/30		
AL	4,194	0	3,068	3,918	5.60	6.02	4,929	5.94
AR	5,238	0	4,182	4,676	5.78	5.91	5,576	4.81
Delmarva	3,639	0	1,427	2,031	6.26	6.31	3,586	6.23
KY-LA-TN	2,910	(A)	1,746	2,432	5.34	5.14	3,635	4.59
MS	3,089	0	2,561	2,817	6.31	6.42	3,003	5.98
NC	4,532	(A)	2,416	2,868	7.70	7.87	3,908	8.85
TX	2,835	(A)	2,067	2,330	6.24	6.11	3,331	5.85
Total	26,437	1,378	17,467	21,072	6.14	6.24	27,968	5.83
Mon-Fri	87,785	(B)					80,958	(B)
Saturday	5,993							8,578

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jan-15 and 03-Jan-15 is estimated to be 40,235,000 head down 5.76 percent from a week ago and up 2.9 percent from a year ago. (Last week 42,693,000, last year 39,102,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Jan-15 is estimated to be 133,795,000 head up 9.92 percent from a week ago, and up 3.95 percent from a year ago. (Last week 121,723,000, last year 128,712,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

For delivery the week of December 29, 2014

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	226-230	231-237
Midwest	197-212	202-218

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

Ice Packed (12/Box)	Range	Mostly
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	76.00-92.00	77.00-91.00
	81.00-95.00	87.00-95.00

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

11 oz.	13 oz.	15 oz.
93.96- 112.59	102.87- 129.60	111.78- 137.70

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings This week, prices are steady. Demand is mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are varied due to the New Year holiday. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-9.00, bone-in legs at \$3.70-5.10, gizzards at \$2.25- 2.30, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-1.82, and feet \$1.00-1.50 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb.

Week of December 29, 2014

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	189-221	194-227

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 11.0- 23.0 14.33

(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)

Hens	Ice Packed (12 per Box)	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0	14.33
		85.0 - 90.0	

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

Live Fowl Auctions - 12-30-14

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	Price Range	Avg
Heavy Fowl each:	1.50 6.00	2.86
per pound:	0.35	

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	Price Range	Avg
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.80 0.85	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.75 0.85	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	1.10 2.00	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
12/22	2,194	6.41
12/23	2,254	6.41
12/24	838	6.23
12/25		Holiday
12/26	3,586	6.68
Weekly	8,872	6.43

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

W/E	01/03/15	12/27/14	% chg	01/04/14	% chg
Cattle	452	391	+09	525 ¹	-14
Hogs	1,998	1,738	+15	1,992 ¹	0

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 12/20/2014

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	DEC 20, 2013 (1,000 eggs)	DEC 27, 2013	DEC 20, 2013 (1,000 chicks)	DEC 27, 2013
AL.....	28,214	27,757	21,776	21,925
AR.....	21,201	21,989	19,375	19,483
DE.....	4,778	4,734	5,357	4,967
FL.....	1,225	1,224	1,426	1,327
GA.....	34,884	34,472	27,336	26,889
KY.....	7,961	7,942	6,146	6,135
LA.....	3,622	3,848	3,337	3,307
MD.....	7,907	7,923	5,865	6,417
MS.....	17,921	17,828	15,052	14,415
MO.....	8,321	8,114	6,402	5,927
NC.....	21,105	20,918	17,081	16,505
OK.....	6,273	6,189	4,146	4,980
PA.....	4,475	4,415	3,891	4,081
SC.....	5,928	5,574	4,736	5,124
TX.....	14,887	15,036	12,278	11,329
VA.....	6,606	6,455	5,345	5,067
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,080	12,513	11,599	10,230
19 State Total.....	207,388	206,931	171,148	168,108
Percent of Prev. Year	103	103	103	102
Other States	8,182	8,086	6,010	6,398
United States	215,570	215,017	177,158	174,506

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing **United States Total** (1,000 eggs) **2014** % PY

Eggs Set	215,017	103
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Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 27, 2014, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, **United States Total** (1,000 chicks) **2014** % PY

Chicks Placed	174,506	102
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Source: USDA, NASS

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 07-Feb-15 is estimated at 156.2 million head. This compares to 157.4 million head the previous week and to 154.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 122.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 94.58 cents per pound.

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Dec 13, 2014 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,598	1,524	3,122
Last Week	1,429	1,758	3,187
Same week yr ago	1,649	1,568	3,217
To-date/2014*	70,560	77,769	148,329
To-date/2013*	73,011	74,275	147,286

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	551	0	551
Last Week	449	0	449
Same week yr ago	229	0	229
To-date/2014*	18,210	0	18,210
To-date/2013*	16,382	0	16,382

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	2,149	1,524	3,673
Last Week	1,878	1,758	3,636
Same week yr ago	1,878	1,568	3,446
To-date/2014*	88,770	77,769	166,539
To-date/2013*	89,393	74,275	163,668

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

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings**Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.**

Selected Centers, Inc. Gov't Stocks

AM 12/29/14	59,150
AM 12/01/14	43,707
CHG	15443
PCT CHG	35%

Cold Storage Holdings**Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.****Pacific without Denver**

	12/29/14	12/22/14	12/30/13
Pacific Coast	7352	3271	3973
Los Angeles	1781	768	895

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	650.00 751.50	683.37
168 3 Round, top inside round	290.00 315.00	299.12
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	577.00 631.00	593.26
Ground Beef 81%	248.60 289.00	273.27

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	120.70
Bnls CC Strap-on	163.95
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	137.97
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	166.06