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## National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to mostly weak in all areas. Offering are light to available for current needs. Retail and food service demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are mixed, mostly balance. Market activity is mostly slow. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate overall. Prices are mostly firm for wings; steady to firm for tenders and boneless skinless breast and steady at best for dark meat cuts. Offerings of boneless skinless breast and tenders are sufficient for current needs; wings are in good balance and moving well. Dark meat items are moderate to heavy. 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.
<b>Eastern</b>				
Whole Body:	99.37	5,129	102.98	5,148
WOGS:	96.68	1,184	100.95	1,182
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	96.77	1,410	100.53	1,392
<b>Central</b>				
Whole Body:	87.43	4,085	86.95	3,426
WOGS:	84.92	3,155	84.96	2,866
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	87.67	2,580	90.46	1,906
<b>Western</b>				
Whole Body:	93.22	2,311	97.50	2,182
WOGS:	91.40	2,095	95.89	1,968
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	90.51	1,596	94.86	1,472

### Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final .....	113.01
Next Week Trading Quote.....	114.00
Friday Prelim.....	113.62

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

Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	196.00	1,652
Breasts - B/S	198.00	7,226
Breasts - Whole	127.50	830
Thigh Meat - B/S	156.50	1,899
Thighs	76.00	1,064
Drumsticks	60.00	1,768
Leg Quarters	51.00	7,262
Wings	169.00	3,545

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

### National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	93.90	↓ 2.86	11,525
<b>Last Week:</b>	96.76		10,756
<b>Last Year:</b>	95.07	↓ 1.17	11,845

  

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
Jan	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Jan	99.62	46,484



### Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 24-Jan-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	151,988	1,640	1,429	3,069	510
Avg Wt	6.08	3.21	8.01	5.45	6.79
Last week	162,467	1,531	1,736	3,267	565
Same wk yr ago	147,728	1,547	1,471	3,018	459
Avg Wt	5.86	3.13	8.35	5.67	6.31
To-date/2015*	475,759	4,830	4,897	9,727	1,555
To-date/2014*	461,875	5,260	4,546	9,806	1,379
% Change YTD	3%	-8%	8%	-1%	13%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	702,306	2,922	7,841	10,763	2,459
Last week	743,319	2,821	9,644	12,465	2,756
Same wk yr ago	657,921	2,639	8,475	11,114	2,071
To-date/2015*	2,206,915	8,680	27,178	35,858	7,509
To-date/2014*	2,062,842	8,968	25,069	34,037	6,628
% Change YTD	7%	-3%	8%	5%	13%
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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 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.8 million head, or 0.2 million more 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 31-Jan-2015

	Current Week 1/31/2015 (1)	Previous Week 1/24/2015
Class	-----	-----
Broiler/fryer	162,990 (2)	156,507
Light hens	1,760	1,698
Heavy hens	1,785	1,587
Total	166,535	159,792

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jan-15 is 157.0 million head compared to 149.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.3 million head or 6.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Feb-15 the estimated available is 160.5 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	1,268	142.98
Tenderloins	847	153.32
Breast - Line Run	938	105.34
Front Halves	542	86.96
Legs	553	43.52
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,006	35.12
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,486	42.50
Wings (Whole)	1,754	177.32
Wings (Cut)	1,066	184.45
Drumsticks	976	33.58
Thighs	508	55.40
B/S Thighs	681	102.84

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

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
56.00 - 67.50	60.93	61.04

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	145.93	3,731,320
Tenderloins	162.23	746,720
Breast - With Ribs	119.07	193,024
Breast - Line Run	106.69	407,659
Legs	45.69	646,180
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	37.00	1,549,473
Drumsticks	48.84	550,558
Thighs	74.90	251,200
B/S Thighs	109.33	424,160
Wings (Whole)	204.63	1,025,800
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	36,100
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	57.33	35,385
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.82	85,260

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 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 mostly steady on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Schedules are normal to reduced due to a few disruptions. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady with trading levels noted at 10-12 cents FOB, mostly 10-11 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

**Week of 26-Jan-15 to 30-Jan-2015**

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	30-Jan-15	26-Jan-15	
Breast - B/S	135.00 - 155.00	141.00 - 151.00	
Tenderloins	157.00 - 178.00	163.00 - 172.00	
Breast - Line Run	90.00 - 116.00	99.00 - 107.00	
Legs	36.00 - 53.00	-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	33.00 - 53.00	34.00 - 38.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	37.00 - 53.00	37.00 - 41.00	
Drumsticks	35.00 - 51.00	-	
Thighs	57.00 - 70.00	-	
B/S Thighs	95.00 - 122.00	-	
Wings (Whole)	175.00 - 200.00	186.00 - 196.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 55.00	-	
Livers	32.00 - 49.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 61.00	-	

**Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending January 23, 2015

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Low	102.90	185.96	99.18	40.29	21.70	136.37
High	105.38	195.26	108.48	49.59	24.79	136.37
Mostly	105.38	189.06	102.28	43.39	21.70	136.37
<b>San Juan</b>						
Low	102.28	185.96	96.08	37.19	21.70	136.37
High	104.14	195.26	105.38	46.49	24.79	136.37
Mostly	104.14	189.06	99.18	40.29	21.70	136.37
<b>New San Juan</b>						
Low	103.83	185.96	102.28	43.39	21.70	139.47
High	106.00	198.36	111.58	52.69	24.79	139.47
Mostly	105.38	192.16	105.38	46.49	21.70	139.47
<b>Becerra</b>						
Low	105.07	185.96	105.38	46.49	24.79	139.47
High	106.93	201.46	114.68	55.79	27.89	139.47
Mostly	105.38	195.26	108.48	49.59	24.79	139.47

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	30-Jan-15	Last Week	Last Year	30-Jan-15	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00	25.00 - 27.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.00	26.33	27.40
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	102
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 29.00	26.00-31.00	21.00 - 26.00	21.00 - 26.00	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.07	27.93	28.27	23.77	23.34	23.34
Volume Traded	975	1,220	1,535	2,693	2,421	3,631
Volume Exported	975	1,140	1,455	694	245	734
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 24-Jan-15

(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	38,848	48,044	31,185	33,911	151,988
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.33	6.87	9.01	6.08
% of total /1	26%	32%	21%	22%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,370	56,588	30,131	38,378	162,467
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.25	6.64	8.89	6.02
% of total /1	23%	35%	19%	24%	100%
Year Ago 2/	39,124	53,254	26,669	28,681	147,728
Avg Live Wgt	3.76	5.39	6.76	8.74	5.86
% of total /1	26%	36%	18%	19%	100%
To date/2015*	112,637	158,561	101,199	103,362	475,759
To date/2014*	127,208	153,331	91,186	90,151	461,876
% Change YTD	-11%	3%	11%	15%	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 Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
12/20	156.5	150.1	104%	6.03
12/27	123.2	153.5	80%	6.09
1/3	134.8	156.1	86%	6.20
1/10	163.3	153.1	107%	6.21
1/17	164.4	150.9	109%	6.02
1/24	153.8	153.6	100%	6.08
Year to date	481.5	457.6	105%	
1/31		160.3		
2/7		160.6		

\*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.	5,999	3.95%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	14,672	9.65%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	9,075	5.97%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	9,101	5.99%
Totals:		38,847	25.56%

**Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers**

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	01/30	01/29	01/28	01/27	01/28
AR	3,727	3,764	3,795	3,739	5.78
Delmarva	4,565	4,769	4,608	4,695	6.09
KY-LA-TN	2,242	2,242	2,229	1,564	6.35
MS	2,458	2,556	2,487	2,489	5.25
NC	2,938	2,786	2,789	2,767	6.32
TX	3,457	2,990	2,911	2,962	7.87
Total	2,541	2,360	2,236	2,291	6.21
Mon-Fri	21,928	21,467	21,055	20,507	6.25
Saturday	107,936 (A)			101,087 (A)	
	1,360	(included in total for date shown)			2,145

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 30-Jan-15 and 31-Jan-15 is estimated to be 33,373,000 head down 3.06 percent from a week ago and down 13.0 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,428,000, last year 38,366,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 31-Jan-15 is estimated to be 161,702,000 head up 6.39 percent from a week ago, and up 16.19 percent from a year ago. (Last week 151,988,000, last year 139,171,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** For delivery the week of January 26, 2015

**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.

	Range	Mostly
<b>Ice Packed</b> (12/Box)	76.00-96.50	80.00-89.00
<b>Vacuum Packed</b> (6-9/Box)	81.00-98.00	88.00-93.00

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

**11 oz.** 93.96- 112.59 **13 oz.** 102.87- 129.60 **15 oz.** 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** All prices are steady. Demand is reported as fairly good to good as the Chinese New Year is less than a month away and buyers work to cover needs. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules continue full-time to extended. Market activity is moderate to active. 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 January 26, 2015

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	14.40
(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 - 01-27-15**  
\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

	Price Range	Avg
<b>Hackettstown, NJ</b>		
Heavy Fowl each:	-- --	--
per pound:	--	
<b>Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA</b>		
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	-- --	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.40 .50	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.55 .75	per pound

**Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market** US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
01/19	1,101	6.62
01/20	2,281	6.30
01/21	2,249	6.29
01/22	2,277	6.14
01/23	2,635	6.43
Weekly	10,543	6.33

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

**Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter** Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	01/31/15	01/24/15	% chg	02/01/14	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	563	576	-02	572 <sup>1</sup>	-02
<b>Hogs</b>	2,260	2,318	-04	2,129 <sup>1</sup>	-04

<sup>1</sup> Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**Broiler Hatchery**

Week Ending 1/24/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	JAN 17, 2015	JAN 24, 2015	JAN 17, 2015	JAN 24, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	29,141	28,687	21,189	21,962
AR.....	21,716	21,176	19,009	18,481
DE.....	4,760	4,773	5,201	5,610
FL.....	1,223	1,221	1,355	1,227
GA.....	34,515	34,183	26,610	27,378
KY.....	7,929	7,851	6,280	6,667
LA.....	3,817	3,727	3,414	3,426
MD.....	7,739	7,695	5,711	5,857
MS.....	17,416	17,993	14,907	14,577
MO.....	8,268	8,256	5,266	6,173
NC.....	20,878	20,569	16,249	16,223
OK.....	6,260	6,611	5,493	4,418
PA.....	4,395	4,377	3,989	3,824
SC.....	5,148	5,437	5,023	5,143
TX.....	14,990	15,089	12,160	12,508
VA.....	6,590	6,407	5,303	5,172
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,665	11,805	12,009	10,470
19 State Total.....	206,450	205,857	169,168	169,116
Percent of Prev. Year	103	102	102	103
Other States	7,806	7,793	5,975	5,939
United States	214,256	213,650	175,143	175,055

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 24, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 206 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 24, 2015, up 2 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 chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

<b>United States Total</b> (1,000 eggs)	<b>2015</b>	<b>% PY</b>
Eggs Set	213,650	102

**Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 3 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 24, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 10, 2015 through January 24, 2015 for the United States were 527 million. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

<b>United States Total</b> (1,000 chicks)	<b>2015</b>	<b>% PY</b>
Chicks Placed	175,055	103

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-Mar-15 is estimated at 155.7 million head. This compares to 156.1 million head the previous week and to 154.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 95.82 cents per pound.

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

Week Ending Jan 24, 2015 (Preliminary)

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,640	1,429	3,069
Last Week	1,531	1,736	3,267
Same week yr ago	1,547	1,471	3,018
To-date/2015*	4,830	4,897	9,727
To-date/2014*	5,260	4,546	9,806

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	578	0	578
Last Week	629	0	629
Same week yr ago	489	0	489
To-date/2015*	1,622	10	1,632
To-date/2014*	1,033	0	1,033

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	2,218	1,429	3,647
Last Week	2,160	1,736	3,896
Same week yr ago	2,036	1,471	3,507
To-date/2015*	6,452	4,907	11,359
To-date/2014*	6,293	4,546	10,839

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

**Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.**

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks	Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
	01/26/15	01/19/15	01/27/14
AM 01/26/15	55,237		
AM 01/01/15	59,027		
CHG	-3790		
PCT CHG	-6%		
		<b>Pacific Coast:</b>	
		3109	3531 6765
		<b>Los Angeles:</b>	
		624	766 1874

**Fresh Beef Cuts** - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	625.00 683.00	638.80
168 3 Round, top inside round	271.25 320.00	283.60
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	580.00 630.25	596.60
Ground Beef 81%	250.00 288.00	254.16

**Fresh Pork Cuts** - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	115.67
Bnls CC Strap-on	152.79
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	124.71
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	159.25