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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate entering into the weekend. Retail demand is light to moderate, best for other more traditional seasonal items. Food service demand is light to moderate with strongest movement into fast food for promotions. Extreme winter weather lingers on and continues to affect the market with numerous plants running Saturday to compensate for this week's downtimes. Floor stocks are balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices of tenders and small wings are steady, and all other parts are trending steady to weak. Supplies of tenders, small wings, and b/s breasts are moderate, and the balance of items are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are light to moderate with higher mortality rates reported in areas experiencing winter storms. Weights are 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: | 96.52 | 5,224 | 95.39 | 5,238 |
| WOGS: | 94.58 | 1,388 | 91.38 | 1,387 |
| New York | | | | |
| Whole Body: | 94.38 | 1,368 | 94.16 | 1,410 |
| Central | | | | |
| Whole Body: | 87.97 | 4,525 | 83.53 | 5,085 |
| WOGS: | 86.43 | 3,635 | 81.81 | 4,115 |
| Chicago | | | | |
| Whole Body: | 89.14 | 2,400 | 86.58 | 2,702 |
| Western | | | | |
| Whole Body: | 94.23 | 2,408 | 92.32 | 2,457 |
| WOGS: | 93.32 | 2,229 | 90.80 | 2,205 |
| Los Angeles | | | | |
| Whole Body: | 92.12 | 1,738 | 91.11 | 1,552 |

Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

| | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday Final | 112.66 | |
| Next Week Trading Quote | 113.75 | |
| Friday Prelim | 113.45 | |
| Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts: | | |
| Item | Wtd Avg (cents/lb.) | Vol (000 lbs.) |
| Line Run Tendens | 199.00 | 1,658 |
| Breasts - B/S | 200.00 | 7,301 |
| Breasts - Whole | 128.50 | 830 |
| Thigh Meat - B/S | 147.50 | 2,080 |
| Thighs | 76.50 | 1,064 |
| Drumsticks | 58.50 | 1,648 |
| Leg Quarters | 50.00 | 7,207 |
| Wings | 171.00 | 3,598 |

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

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 14-Feb-15

| | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens | Duck |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| ----- Thousands ----- | | | | | |
| Head | 156,816 | 1,464 | 1,671 | 3,135 | 530 |
| Avg Wt | 6.03 | 3.11 | 8.19 | 5.82 | 6.73 |
| Last week | 157,177 | 1,632 | 1,658 | 3,290 | 426 |
| Same wk yr ago | 143,693 | 1,410 | 1,454 | 2,864 | 440 |
| Avg Wt | 6.03 | 3.16 | 8.06 | 5.65 | 6.91 |
| To-date/2015* | 949,904 | 9,618 | 9,914 | 19,532 | 2,933 |
| To-date/2014* | 904,769 | 9,484 | 8,780 | 18,264 | 2,671 |
| % Change YTD | 5% | 1% | 13% | 7% | 10% |
| Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage | | | | | |
| Current week | 718,656 | 2,527 | 9,375 | 11,902 | 2,532 |
| Last week | 722,695 | 2,926 | 9,165 | 12,091 | 1,939 |
| Same wk yr ago | 658,516 | 2,428 | 8,086 | 10,514 | 2,174 |
| To-date/2015* | 4,385,862 | 17,260 | 54,749 | 72,009 | 13,957 |
| To-date/2014* | 4,048,745 | 16,081 | 48,366 | 64,447 | 12,640 |
| % Change YTD | 8% | 7% | 13% | 12% | 10% |
| 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 161.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.7 million head, or 2.4 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 21-Feb-2015

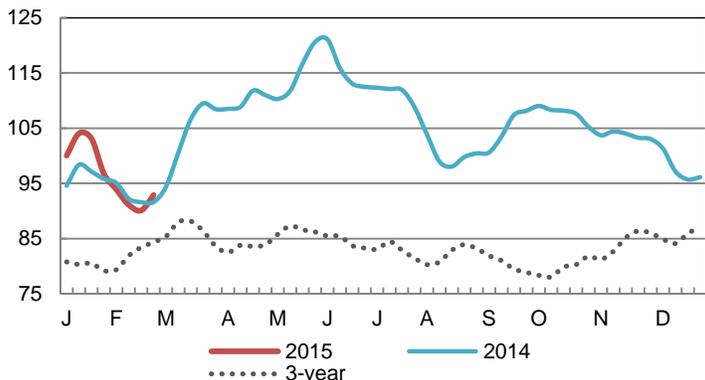
| Class | Current Week 2/21/2015 (1) | Previous Week 2/14/2015 |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 161,693 (2) | 161,986 |
| Light hens | 1,662 | 1,659 |
| Heavy hens | 1,605 | 1,776 |
| Total | 164,960 | 165,421 |

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Feb-15 is 159.8 million head compared to 145.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.0 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Feb-15 the estimated available is 159.2 million head.

National Composite Weighted

| | Wtd Avg | Change | 1,000 lbs. |
|---|---------|--------|------------|
| This Week: | 92.88 | ↑ 2.80 | 12,157 |
| Last Week: | 90.08 | | 12,780 |
| Last Year: | 91.62 | ↑ 1.26 | 12,671 |
| Monthly Composite Weighted Average | | | |
| Jan | 99.62 | | 46,484 |



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 | 945 | 132.21 |
| Tenderloins | 590 | 154.65 |
| Breast - Line Run | 566 | 98.63 |
| Front Halves | 357 | 86.99 |
| Legs | 394 | 42.87 |
| Leg Quarters (Bulk) | 891 | 32.22 |
| Leg Quarters (4/10) | 1,114 | 41.21 |
| Wings (Whole) | 827 | 170.62 |
| Wings (Cut) | 818 | 177.17 |
| Drumsticks | 578 | 31.69 |
| Thighs | 386 | 54.26 |
| B/S Thighs | 481 | 99.63 |

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

| Range | Today's Average | 5-Day Average |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 54.50 - 67.00 | 59.34 | 59.61 |

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 | 137.15 | 4,292,050 |
| Tenderloins | 166.09 | 969,870 |
| Breast - With Ribs | 116.16 | 252,994 |
| Breast - Line Run | 100.94 | 409,997 |
| Legs | 44.47 | 885,160 |
| Leg Quarters (Bulk) | 35.63 | 2,379,491 |
| Drumsticks | 48.26 | 698,111 |
| Thighs | 71.28 | 228,060 |
| B/S Thighs | 99.01 | 529,360 |
| Wings (Whole) | 193.16 | 1,105,340 |
| Backs and Necks (Stripped) | 18.00 | 31,320 |
| Livers (5 Pound Tubs) | 56.93 | 62,940 |
| Gizzards (Hearts) | 78.75 | 114,640 |

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 steady on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate for fresh MSC and moderate to good for frozen MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced due to weather disruptions. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate. Frame prices are steady to weak with trading levels between 8.0-12.5 cents FOB, mostly 11.0-12.5 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

Week of 16-Feb-15 to 20-Feb-2015

| Item | Price per lb. | | Mostly |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Breast - B/S | 116.00 - 139.00 | 121.00 - 134.00 | |
| Tenderloins | 160.00 - 180.00 | 165.00 - 170.00 | |
| Breast - Line Run | 83.00 - 113.00 | 92.00 - 105.00 | |
| Legs | 37.00 - 50.00 | - | |
| Leg Quarters (Bulk) | 31.00 - 52.00 | 32.00 - 36.00 | |
| Leg Quarters (4/10) | 37.00 - 46.00 | 37.00 - 41.00 | |
| Drumsticks | 35.00 - 66.00 | - | |
| Thighs | 40.00 - 60.00 | - | |
| B/S Thighs | 79.00 - 96.00 | - | |
| Wings (Whole) | 156.00 - 211.00 | 192.00 - 199.00 | |
| Backs & Necks (Stripped) | 17.00 - 45.00 | - | |
| Livers | 32.00 - 49.00 | - | |
| Gizzards (Hearts) | 40.00 - 59.00 | - | |

Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 13, 2015

| | Necks, Backs & Livers/Gizzards/Hens | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Whole Chickens | Breasts | Legs w/ Thighs | Necks, Backs & Wings | Livers/Gizzards | Hens |
| Rayon | | | | | | |
| Low | 88.56 | 167.96 | 85.51 | 39.70 | 21.38 | 131.32 |
| High | 91.01 | 180.18 | 94.67 | 48.86 | 24.43 | 131.32 |
| Mostly | 89.78 | 174.07 | 88.56 | 42.75 | 21.38 | 131.32 |
| San Juan | | | | | | |
| Low | 87.95 | 164.91 | 82.46 | 36.65 | 21.38 | 131.32 |
| High | 90.09 | 177.13 | 91.62 | 45.81 | 24.43 | 131.32 |
| Mostly | 90.09 | 171.02 | 85.51 | 39.70 | 21.38 | 131.32 |
| New San Juan | | | | | | |
| Low | 89.17 | 171.02 | 88.56 | 42.75 | 24.43 | 134.37 |
| High | 91.62 | 183.23 | 97.72 | 51.92 | 27.49 | 134.37 |
| Mostly | 90.09 | 177.13 | 91.62 | 45.81 | 24.43 | 134.37 |
| Becerra | | | | | | |
| Low | 90.09 | 174.07 | 91.62 | 45.81 | 24.43 | 134.37 |
| High | 92.53 | 186.29 | 100.78 | 54.97 | 27.49 | 134.37 |
| Mostly | 90.09 | 180.18 | 94.67 | 48.86 | 24.43 | 134.37 |

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

| Fat Content | Frozen | | | Fresh | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 20-Feb-15 | Last Week | Last Year | 20-Feb-15 | Last Week | Last Year |
| 15% or Less | | | | | | |
| Price Range | - | - | - | 27.00 | 27.00 | 28.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | 27.00 | 27.00 | 28.00 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | 163 | 122 | 184 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15-20% | | | | | | |
| Price Range | 27.00 - 32.00 | 27.00 - 32.00 | 26.00-31.00 | 22.00 - 26.00 | 22.00 - 26.00 | 23.00-27.00 |
| Wtd Avg Price | 28.21 | 28.80 | 28.07 | 23.75 | 23.66 | 24.90 |
| Volume Traded | 1,415 | 1,662 | 1,275 | 2,427 | 2,999 | 3,529 |
| Volume Exported | 1,255 | 1,142 | 1,155 | 286 | 408 | 41 |
| 20% or More | | | | | | |
| Price Range | - | - | - | 24.00 | 24.00 | 22.00-22.50 |
| Wtd Avg Price | - | - | - | 24.00 | 24.00 | 22.33 |
| Volume Traded | - | - | - | 82 | 41 | 122 |
| Volume Exported | - | - | - | - | - | - |

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 14-Feb-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 | 37,296 | 54,886 | 31,344 | 33,290 | 156,816 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.78 | 5.34 | 6.89 | 8.88 | 6.03 |
| % of total /1 | 24% | 35% | 20% | 21% | 100% |
| Comparisons | | | | | |
| Last week | 42,453 | 52,421 | 28,539 | 33,764 | 157,177 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.66 | 5.46 | 6.99 | 9.19 | 6.05 |
| % of total /1 | 27% | 33% | 18% | 21% | 100% |
| Year Ago 2/ | 31,842 | 51,464 | 16,640 | 43,747 | 143,693 |
| Avg Live Wgt | 3.78 | 5.37 | 6.56 | 8.24 | 6.03 |
| % of total /1 | 22% | 36% | 12% | 30% | 100% |
| To date/2015* | 232,194 | 319,130 | 194,713 | 203,867 | 949,904 |
| To date/2014* | 238,689 | 313,077 | 163,813 | 189,190 | 904,769 |
| % Change YTD | -3% | 2% | 19% | 8% | 5% |

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 |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------|
| 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 |
| 1/31 | 162.0 | 160.3 | 101% | 6.06 |
| 2/7 | 159.1 | 160.6 | 99% | 6.05 |
| 2/14 | 158.7 | 161.1 | 99% | 6.03 |
| Year to date | 961.3 | 939.6 | 102% | |
| 2/21 | | 158.4 | | |
| 2/28 | | 160.0 | | |

*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. | 5,433 | 3.46% |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2.5 - 2.63 lbs. | 11,936 | 7.61% |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2.63 - 2.75 lbs. | 10,373 | 6.61% |
| 4.01 - 4.25 lbs. | 2.75 - 2.9 lbs. | 9,554 | 6.09% |
| | Totals: | 37,296 | 23.78% |

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

| | Estimated (1,000) | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wt | Actual (1,000) | Avg Wt |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| AL | 3,708 | 3,839 | 5.82 | 3,589 | 5.81 |
| AR | 5,750 | 4,768 | 6.07 | 4,416 | 5.82 |
| Delmarva | 3,789 | 2,266 | 6.25 | 2,120 | 6.09 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,694 | 2,585 | 5.22 | 2,358 | 5.20 |
| MS | 2,600 | 2,760 | 6.43 | 2,635 | 6.44 |
| NC | 3,660 | 2,897 | 7.78 | 3,428 | 7.70 |
| TX | 1,958 | 2,360 | 6.24 | 2,093 | 5.98 |
| Total | 24,159 | 21,475 | 6.24 | 20,639 | 6.14 |
| Mon-Fri | 108,568 | (A) | | 104,298 | (A) |
| Saturday | 4,080 | (included in total for date shown) | | 343 | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Feb-15 and 21-Feb-15 is estimated to be 36,768,000 head up 16.71 percent from a week ago and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,505,000, last year 35,920,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Feb-15 is estimated to be 149,996,000 head down 4.35 percent from a week ago, and down 6.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 156,816,000, last year 159,979,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry For delivery the week of February 16, 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 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ice Packed (12/Box) | 74.00-86.25 | 80.00-85.00 |
| Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box) | 79.00-89.00 | 82.00-87.00 |

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 This All prices remain steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate with the lighter weights in the tightest position. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. Market activity is moderate to instances 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 February 16, 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 14.44
(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 - 02-17-15
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

| Hackettstown, NJ | High | Low | Avg |
|------------------|------|------|------|
| Heavy Fowl each: | 2.25 | 5.75 | 3.81 |
| per pound: | -- | | |

| Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA | Price Range |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Red Fowl 5-6 lbs: | - .45 per pound |
| 4-5 lbs: | .40 - .50 per pound |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: | .55 - .60 per pound |

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

| Date | Production (000) Actual Slaughter | Live Weight |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 2/13 | 2,120 | 5.89 |
| 2/12 | 2,258 | 6.02 |
| 2/11 | 2,167 | 6.09 |
| 2/10 | 2,208 | 6.27 |
| 2/09 | 2,154 | 6.40 |
| Weekly | 10,907 | 6.13 |

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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

| W/E | 02/14/15 | 02/07/15 | % chg | 02/15/14 | % chg |
|---------------|----------|----------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Cattle | 524 | 537 | -02 | 537 ¹ | 0 |
| Hogs | 2,285 | 2,222 | +03 | 2,111 ¹ | +08 |

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 2/14/2015

| State | Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States | | Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States | |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | |
| | Feb 07, 2015 | Feb 14, 2015 | Feb 07, 2015 | Feb 14, 2015 |
| | (1,000 eggs) | | (1,000 chicks) | |
| AL..... | 28,699 | 29,158 | 21,710 | 21,868 |
| AR..... | 21,348 | 21,305 | 19,493 | 20,226 |
| DE..... | 4,820 | 4,778 | 4,576 | 5,030 |
| FL..... | 1,224 | 1,221 | 1,518 | 1,304 |
| GA..... | 33,719 | 33,367 | 27,625 | 27,184 |
| KY..... | 7,901 | 7,811 | 7,036 | 5,577 |
| LA..... | 3,833 | 3,833 | 3,342 | 3,342 |
| MD..... | 7,572 | 7,809 | 6,698 | 5,948 |
| MS..... | 18,044 | 18,000 | 14,541 | 14,635 |
| MO..... | 8,195 | 8,194 | 5,946 | 5,429 |
| NC..... | 21,133 | 21,151 | 16,281 | 16,714 |
| OK..... | 6,377 | 6,588 | 3,911 | 3,942 |
| PA..... | 4,352 | 4,498 | 3,931 | 3,918 |
| SC..... | 5,502 | 5,567 | 4,266 | 4,678 |
| TX..... | 15,311 | 15,357 | 11,950 | 11,935 |
| VA..... | 6,534 | 6,547 | 5,676 | 4,703 |
| CA, TN, & WV..... | 11,322 | 11,328 | 10,349 | 11,215 |
| 19 State Total..... | 205,886 | 206,512 | 168,849 | 167,648 |
| Percent of Prev. Year | 103 | 103 | 103 | 102 |
| Other States | 7,847 | 7,939 | 5,659 | 6,372 |
| United States | 213,733 | 214,451 | 174,508 | 174,020 |

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 14, 2015, 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 chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| United States Total (1,000 eggs) | 2015 | % PY |
| Eggs Set | 214,451 | 103 |

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 14, 2015, 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 February 14, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 14, 2015 for the United States were 1.05 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| United States Total (1,000 chicks) | 2015 | % PY |
| Chicks Placed | 174,020 | 102 |

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 28-Mar-15 is estimated at 154.9 million head. This compares to 155.6 million head the previous week and to 153.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 145.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.58 cents per pound.

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Feb 14, 2015 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

| | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| -----Thousands----- | | | |
| Head | 1,464 | 1,671 | 3,135 |
| Last Week | 1,632 | 1,658 | 3,290 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,410 | 1,454 | 2,864 |
| To-date/2015* | 9,618 | 9,914 | 19,532 |
| To-date/2014* | 9,484 | 8,780 | 18,264 |

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

| | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| -----Thousands----- | | | |
| Head | 316 | 0 | 316 |
| Last Week | 377 | 0 | 377 |
| Same week yr ago | 315 | 0 | 315 |
| To-date/2015* | 2,882 | 10 | 2,892 |
| To-date/2014* | 2,212 | 0 | 2,212 |

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 | 1,780 | 1,671 | 3,451 |
| Last Week | 2,009 | 1,658 | 3,667 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,725 | 1,454 | 3,179 |
| To-date/2015* | 12,500 | 9,924 | 22,424 |
| To-date/2014* | 11,696 | 8,780 | 20,476 |

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

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.

| Weekly Cold Storage Holdings | | | Cold Storage Holdings | | |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks | | | Pacific without Denver | | |
| | | | 02/16/15 | 02/09/15 | 02/17/14 |
| AM | 02/16/15 | 51,334 | Pacific Coast: | | |
| AM | 02/01/15 | 55,237 | 3323 | 2923 | 7019 |
| CHG | | -3903 | Los Angeles: | | |
| PCT CHG | | -7% | 562 | 560 | 2277 |

| Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated | Price Range | Wtd Avg |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| 112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy | 654.31 705.75 | 675.43 |
| 168 3 Round, top inside round | 285.77 307.00 | 293.50 |
| 180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1 | 582.80 630.00 | 599.23 |
| Ground Beef 81% | 236.00 271.00 | 244.38 |

| Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated | Wtd Avg |
|---|----------------|
| Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC | 107.31 |
| Bnls CC Strap-on | 136.46 |
| Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac | 104.87 |
| Sparerib -Trmrd Sparerib - MED | 154.18 |