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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady in the East, steady to firm elsewhere. Offerings of all sizes are light to moderate entering the weekend. Retail demand in areas affected by recent snowstorms is moderate to active. Demand into food service is light to moderate. Floor stocks are balanced. Winter storms continue to affect most of the region resulting in many plants running weekend schedules to compensate for downtime this week. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are trending steady to firm for tenders, b/s breasts, and leg/thigh meats. Prices for all other parts are holding steady. Supplies are light to moderate for tenders and b/s breasts, and available for the remaining items. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate for mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	97.91	5,034	96.52	5,224
WOGS:	96.08	1,264	94.58	1,388
New York				
Whole Body:	94.95	1,357	94.38	1,368
Central				
Whole Body:	88.87	3,620	87.97	4,525
WOGS:	88.04	3,045	86.43	3,635
Chicago				
Whole Body:	89.46	2,345	89.14	2,400
Western				
Whole Body:	96.54	2,149	94.23	2,408
WOGS:	95.81	1,965	93.32	2,229
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	95.03	1,514	92.12	1,738

Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final	112.67	
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 Tenders	199.00	1,691
Breasts - B/S	201.50	7,059
Breasts - Whole	124.00	870
Thigh Meat - B/S	142.50	2,187
Thighs	76.50	1,094
Drumsticks	59.50	1,920
Leg Quarters	50.00	7,222
Wings	170.00	3,618

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

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 21-Feb-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
	----- Thousands -----				
Head	147,776	1,554	1,395	2,949	361
Avg Wt	6.05	3.23	7.99	5.48	6.90
Last week	156,816	1,464	1,671	3,135	530
Same wk yr ago	159,979	1,382	1,433	2,815	448
Avg Wt	5.81	3.20	8.06	5.67	6.96
To-date/2015*	1,097,680	11,172	11,309	22,481	3,294
To-date/2014*	1,064,749	10,866	10,213	21,079	3,119
% Change YTD	3%	3%	11%	7%	6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	679,474	2,786	7,635	10,421	1,769
Last week	718,656	2,527	9,375	11,902	2,532
Same wk yr ago	706,403	2,410	7,969	10,379	2,229
To-date/2015*	5,065,336	20,046	62,384	82,430	15,726
To-date/2014*	4,755,148	18,491	56,335	74,826	14,869
% Change YTD	7%	8%	11%	10%	6%
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 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.6 million head, or 8.8 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 28-Feb-2015

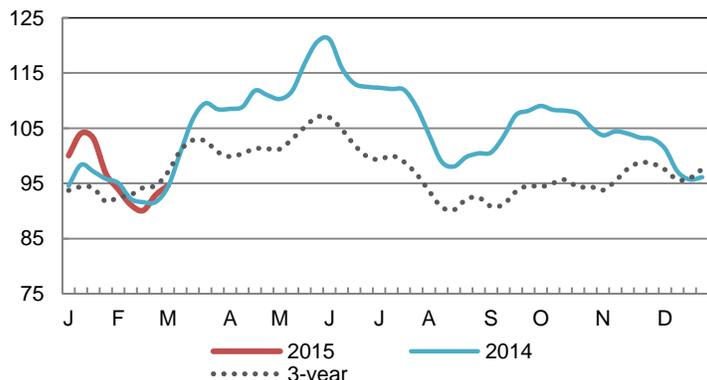
	Current Week 2/28/2015 (1)	Previous Week 2/21/2015
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	163,961 (2)	161,693
Light hens	1,583	1,662
Heavy hens	1,699	1,605
Total	167,243	164,960

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Feb-15 is 159.2 million head compared to 155.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.3 million head or 5.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Mar-15 the estimated available is 160.1 million head.

National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	94.60	↑ 1.72	10,803
Last Week:	92.88		12,157
Last Year:	94.40	↑ 0.20	11,780
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Feb	97.99		57,531



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	1,410	134.37
Tenderloins	574	155.48
Breast - Line Run	596	97.91
Front Halves	470	87.28
Legs	473	40.67
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,003	31.30
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,344	39.58
Wings (Whole)	945	169.16
Wings (Cut)	780	173.97
Drumsticks	641	31.47
Thighs	469	53.28
B/S Thighs	554	99.38

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.
Range Today's Average 5-Day Average
 55.00 - 65.00 59.43 59.30

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	138.09	3,908,707
Tenderloins	165.93	787,200
Breast - With Ribs	115.89	215,806
Breast - Line Run	101.31	412,944
Legs	44.51	796,080
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	36.87	1,770,860
Drumsticks	48.50	518,312
Thighs	71.53	221,810
B/S Thighs	96.10	461,920
Wings (Whole)	185.10	1,138,190
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	31,260
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	56.50	49,535
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.61	85,160

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. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate for fresh MSC; moderate to good for frozen. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced due to inclement weather conditions disrupting processing schedules. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate. Frame prices are steady with trading levels between 10.0-13.0 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 23-Feb-15 to 27-Feb-2015

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	23-Feb-15	27-Feb-2015	
Breast - B/S	121.00 - 143.00	125.00 - 133.00	
Tenderloins	163.00 - 182.00	163.00 - 170.00	
Breast - Line Run	83.00 - 115.00	92.00 - 97.00	
Legs	38.00 - 50.00	-	
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	32.00 - 58.00	33.00 - 38.00	
Leg Quarters (4/10)	37.00 - 46.00	37.00 - 41.00	
Drumsticks	35.00 - 69.00	-	
Thighs	45.00 - 67.00	-	
B/S Thighs	80.00 - 103.00	-	
Wings (Whole)	156.00 - 205.00	192.00 - 199.00	
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 - 45.00	-	
Livers	32.00 - 49.00	-	
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 20, 2015

	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
Rayon						
Low	86.77	168.73	90.39	39.17	21.09	132.57
High	89.18	180.78	102.44	48.21	24.10	132.57
Mostly	87.38	174.75	96.42	42.18	21.09	132.57
San Juan						
Low	85.87	165.72	90.39	36.16	21.09	132.57
High	87.38	177.77	99.43	45.20	24.10	132.57
Mostly	87.38	171.74	93.40	39.17	21.09	132.57
New San Juan						
Low	87.38	171.74	93.40	42.18	24.10	132.57
High	89.79	183.79	105.46	51.22	27.12	132.57
Mostly	87.38	177.77	99.43	45.20	24.10	132.57
Becerra						
Low	88.28	174.75	96.42	45.20	24.10	132.57
High	90.39	183.79	108.47	54.23	27.12	132.57
Mostly	88.28	177.77	102.44	48.21	24.10	132.57

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Feb-15	Last Week	Last Year	27-Feb-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00	27.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.00	27.00	27.80
Volume Traded	-	-	-	102	163	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 32.00	26.50-31.00	22.00 - 26.00	22.00 - 26.00	22.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.39	28.21	28.61	23.75	23.75	24.65
Volume Traded	1,255	1,415	2,035	3,238	2,427	3,488
Volume Exported	1,055	1,255	1,975	490	286	653
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.00-22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.17
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 21-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	36,933	52,839	24,689	33,315	147,776
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.42	6.98	9.03	6.05
% of total /1	25%	36%	17%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	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%
Year Ago 2/	44,059	55,830	30,128	29,963	159,980
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.38	6.82	8.81	5.81
% of total /1	28%	35%	19%	19%	100%
To date/2015*	269,127	371,969	219,402	237,182	1,097,680
To date/2014*	282,748	368,907	193,941	219,153	1,064,749
% Change YTD	-5%	1%	13%	8%	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
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
2/21	149.6	158.4	94%	6.05
Year to date	1110.9	1098.0	101%	
2/28		160.0		
3/7		160.1		

*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.	7,492	5.07%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	11,383	7.70%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	13,061	8.84%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	4,998	3.38%
Totals:		36,934	24.99%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	4,355	3,071	1,956	3,610	5.95
AR	4,416	4,628	4,112	4,292	5.79
Delmarva	2,210	2,208	2,268	2,202	6.21
KY-LA-TN	3,433	2,596	1,802	1,985	5.67
MS	2,729	2,704	2,258	2,770	6.92
NC	3,816	2,744	1,877	2,317	7.81
TX	3,035	1,892	1,944	1,817	6.40
Total	23,994	19,843	16,217	18,993	6.32
Mon-Fri	105,879	(A)			
Saturday	2,703	(included in total for date shown)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Feb-15 and 28-Feb-15 is estimated to be 36,517,000 head down 3.40 percent from a week ago and up 20.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 37,802,000, last year 30,286,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Feb-15 is estimated to be 151,751,000 head up 2.69 percent from a week ago, and down 1.15 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 147,776,000, last year 153,521,000)

Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

For delivery the week of February 23, 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 week, all prices are steady. Demand ranges moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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 23, 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 14.33

(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)

	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 - 02-24-15

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	High	Low	Avg
Heavy Fowl each:	1.50	2.75	2.07
per pound:	--		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA

	Price Range	
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	.65 - .85	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.60 - .80	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.80 - .90	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
2/20	3,610	6.06
2/19	2,266	6.27
2/18	2,205	6.25
2/17*	493	7.56
2/16	1,377	5.68
Weekly	9,951	6.17

*All plants down except for 2 on 2/17 due to inclement weather.

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	02/28/15	02/21/15	% chg	03/01/14	% chg
Cattle	523	521	0	570 ¹	-08
Hogs	2,262	2,280	-01	2,142 ¹	+06

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 2/21/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	FEB 14, 2015 (1,000 eggs)	FEB 21, 2015	FEB 14, 2015 (1,000 chicks)	FEB 21, 2015
AL.....	29,158	28,812	21,815	22,100
AR.....	21,638	22,232	20,447	19,173
DE.....	4,883	4,771	5,156	4,864
FL.....	1,221	1,051	1,304	1,017
GA.....	33,367	33,726	27,312	25,666
KY.....	7,811	7,758	5,577	5,907
LA.....	3,833	3,833	3,341	3,372
MD.....	7,809	7,621	5,903	6,290
MS.....	18,000	17,985	14,697	14,885
MO.....	8,194	8,180	5,350	6,149
NC.....	21,151	20,970	16,750	16,790
OK.....	6,588	6,597	3,942	4,408
PA.....	4,595	4,349	3,906	3,744
SC.....	5,567	5,471	4,678	5,027
TX.....	15,357	15,287	11,935	12,292
VA.....	6,547	6,604	4,648	4,974
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,385	11,658	11,233	11,244
19 State Total.....	207,104	206,905	167,994	167,902
Percent of Prev. Year	103	103	102	103
Other States	7,890	7,977	6,370	5,959
United States	214,994	214,882	174,364	173,861

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 February 21, 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 21, 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	214,882	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 21, 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 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through February 21, 2015 for the United States were 1.22 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	173,861	102

Source: USDA, NASS

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Feb 21, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,554	1,395	2,949
Last Week	1,464	1,671	3,135
Same week yr ago	1,382	1,433	2,815
To-date/2015*	11,172	11,309	22,481
To-date/2014*	10,866	10,213	21,079

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	129	0	129
Last Week	316	0	316
Same week yr ago	202	0	202
To-date/2015*	3,011	10	3,021
To-date/2014*	2,414	0	2,414

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	1,683	1,395	3,078
Last Week	1,780	1,671	3,451
Same week yr ago	1,584	1,433	3,017
To-date/2015*	14,183	11,319	25,502
To-date/2014*	13,280	10,213	23,493

*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		
	02/23/15	02/16/15	02/24/14
AM 02/23/15	48,653		
AM 02/01/15	55,237		
CHG	-6584		
PCT CHG	-12%		
		Pacific Coast:	
		3417	3323 7309
		Los Angeles:	
		589	562 2346

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	723.00 757.42	729.29
168 3 Round, top inside round	291.90 315.00	295.65
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	595.00 650.00	605.15
Ground Beef 81%	251.11 265.00	262.99

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	106.52
Bnls CC Strap-on	134.25
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	105.09
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	152.81

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Apr-15 is estimated at 154.6 million head. This compares to 154.9 million head the previous week and to 153.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughterer was 161.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.62 cents per pound.