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## National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings are moderate to readily available for heavier weights, and light to sufficient for smaller sizes. Demand into all channels is light to moderate with expectations for increased movement for the holiday weekend. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices are steady to instances firm for breast cuts and wings, steady to weak for dark meat items. Breast items and wings are light to moderate, dark meat is readily 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.
<b>Eastern</b>				
Whole Body:	108.28	5,138	108.26	5,462
WOGS:	108.85	1,357	110.06	1,340
<b>New York</b>				
Whole Body:	106.17	1,447	106.34	1,405
<b>Central</b>				
Whole Body:	105.27	3,990	103.80	3,530
WOGS:	105.22	3,115	103.44	2,815
<b>Chicago</b>				
Whole Body:	104.66	2,265	104.76	2,060
<b>Western</b>				
Whole Body:	111.86	2,281	112.13	2,608
WOGS:	111.71	2,103	111.99	2,390
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Whole Body:	111.24	1,606	111.66	1,898

### Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final .....	114.32	
Next Week Trading Quote.....	116.00	
Friday Prelim.....	115.04	
Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)</b>	<b>Vol (000 lbs.)</b>
Line Run Tenders	218.50	1,562
Breasts - B/S	209.50	6,455
Breasts - Whole	129.50	910
Thigh Meat - B/S	158.50	1,534
Thighs	76.50	1,124
Drumsticks	71.00	1,045
Leg Quarters	49.50	7,262
Wings	170.00	3,184

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

### Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 2-May-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	158,693	1,412	1,590	3,002	427
Avg Wt	6.10	3.27	8.21	5.89	6.79
Last week	157,046	1,294	1,668	2,962	438
Same wk yr ago	154,180	1,857	1,568	3,425	433
Avg Wt	5.63	3.12	8.28	5.48	6.87
To-date/2015*	2,652,135	25,295	27,216	52,511	7,758
To-date/2014*	2,588,614	25,925	25,022	50,947	7,439
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	9%	3%	4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	735,701	2,563	8,942	11,505	2,059
Last week	730,452	2,334	9,243	11,577	2,149
Same wk yr ago	659,705	3,187	8,893	12,080	2,112
To-date/2015*	12,250,178	45,506	150,382	195,888	36,908
To-date/2014*	11,458,660	44,714	140,012	184,726	35,493
% Change YTD	7%	2%	7%	6%	4%
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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 160.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.6 million head, or 0.4 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 09-May-2015

Class	Current Week 5/9/2015 (1)	Previous Week 5/2/2015
Broiler/fryer	161,340 (2)	159,994
Light hens	1,305	1,410
Heavy hens	1,573	1,705
Total	164,218	163,109

(1) Estimated

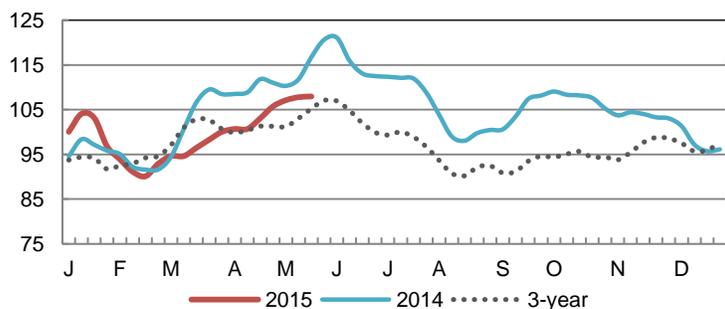
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-May-15 is 160.0 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 1.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 16-May-15 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

### National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	107.95	↑ 0.17	11,409
<b>Last Week:</b>	107.78		11,600
<b>Last Year:</b>	111.78	↓ 3.83	11,839

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
<b>Apr</b>	104.79	58,380



**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	1,425	159.47
Tenderloins	520	189.01
Breast - Line Run	400	101.35
Front Halves	412	86.04
Legs	854	29.06
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,204	25.53
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,226	29.84
Wings (Whole)	651	157.16
Wings (Cut)	799	169.04
Drumsticks	1,020	25.31
Thighs	510	50.15
B/S Thighs	596	107.34

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.  
 Range Today's Average 5-Day Average  
 52.50 - 62.00 55.75 55.78

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	165.77	5,050,340
Tenderloins	204.02	941,440
Breast - With Ribs	121.07	212,504
Breast - Line Run	109.98	470,035
Legs	43.58	807,860
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	34.64	2,057,967
Drumsticks	41.34	948,700
Thighs	72.28	214,070
B/S Thighs	110.04	537,040
Wings (Whole)	174.07	1,420,750
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	31,200
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	56.93	59,240
Gizzards (Hearts)	78.94	95,820

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.

**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 04-May-15 to 08-May-2015

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	Low	High	
Breast - B/S	153.00	190.00	160.00 - 168.00
Tenderloins	203.00	220.00	203.00 - 210.00
Breast - Line Run	90.00	118.00	97.00 - 105.00
Legs	36.00	51.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	27.00	48.00	34.00 - 36.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	35.00	44.00	36.00 - 38.00
Drumsticks	31.00	59.00	-
Thighs	49.00	71.00	-
B/S Thighs	87.00	110.00	-
Wings (Whole)	178.00	191.00	183.00 - 190.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00	45.00	-
Livers	35.00	60.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00	61.00	-

**Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending May 01, 2015

Market	Whole	Breasts	Legs w/	Necks,	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens		Thighs	Backs & Wings	Gizzards	
<b>Rayon</b>						
Low	104.70	191.71	112.08	38.34	20.65	117.98
High	106.18	200.56	120.92	50.14	23.60	117.98
Mostly	106.18	194.66	115.03	44.24	20.65	117.98
<b>San Juan</b>						
Low	103.82	188.76	109.13	35.39	20.65	117.98
High	105.29	197.61	117.98	47.19	23.60	117.98
Mostly	105.29	191.71	112.08	41.29	20.65	117.98
<b>New San Juan</b>						
Low	105.00	194.66	112.08	41.29	23.60	117.98
High	107.36	203.51	123.87	53.09	26.54	117.98
Mostly	106.18	197.61	115.03	47.19	23.60	117.98
<b>Becerra</b>						
Low	105.88	194.66	115.03	41.29	23.60	117.98
High	107.95	206.46	126.82	50.14	26.54	117.98
Mostly	106.18	200.56	120.92	44.24	23.60	117.98

**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 firm on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is moderate to good, especially good on frozen MSC. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The spot marketplace is in good balance with consistent, good demand and movement of additional MSC and frames; processors are reporting decent movement of finished goods and continue to make preparations for the summer season. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace and the avian influenza situation in the US. Market activity is moderate to active. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Prices of frames are steady to firm with trading levels between 13-15 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

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

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	8-May-15	Last Week	Last Year	8-May-15	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	28.00	28.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	28.00	28.00	27.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	122	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	29.00 - 33.00	28.00 - 33.00	30.00-36.00	24.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 28.50	25.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.91	30.65	32.32	25.80	25.83	26.30
Volume Traded	1,756	1,521	1,406	3,212	2,612	2,530
Volume Exported	1,556	1,281	1,350	653	449	204
<b>20% or More</b>						
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 2-May-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	40,034	50,970	36,694	30,995	158,693
Avg Live Wgt	3.66	5.46	6.98	9.26	6.10
% of total /1	25%	32%	23%	20%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	33,351	53,890	34,148	35,657	157,046
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.30	6.81	8.89	6.12
% of total /1	21%	34%	22%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,905	57,271	31,642	24,362	154,180
Avg Live Wgt	3.26	5.36	6.79	8.77	5.63
% of total /1	27%	37%	21%	16%	100%
To date/2015*	662,247	900,729	499,938	589,221	2,652,135
To date/2014*	689,778	919,403	481,733	497,700	2,588,614
% Change YTD	-4%	-2%	4%	18%	2%

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
3/28	159.3	158.2	101%	6.08
4/4	154.9	159.0	97%	6.06
4/11	157.1	158.0	99%	6.10
4/18	159.4	157.9	101%	6.10
4/25	159.0	158.7	100%	6.12
5/2	160.6	160.2	100%	6.10
Year to date	2684.3	2688.8	100%	
5/9		159.7		
5/16		159.5		

\*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.	10,581	6.67%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	10,357	6.53%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,510	4.73%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	11,586	7.30%
	Totals:	40,034	25.23%

**Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers**

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	05/08 3,836	05/07 3,725	05/05 5.81	05/01 4,359	04/29 5.76
AR	4,590	4,644	5.93	4,382	5.93
Delmarva	2,271	2,262	6.45	2,165	6.55
KY-LA-TN	2,830	2,488	5.32	2,620	5.45
MS	2,742	2,771	6.42	2,625	6.37
NC	3,381	2,959	7.93	3,158	7.93
TX	2,555	2,416	6.34	2,580	6.24
Total	22,205	21,293	6.28	21,889	6.28
Mon-Fri	107,781 (A)			105,547 (A)	
Saturday	1,776	(included in total for date shown)		2,255	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-May-15 and 09-May-15 is estimated to be 33,794,000 head up 1.14 percent from a week ago and up 9.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,413,000, last year 30,825,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-May-15 is estimated to be 162,882,000 head up 2.64 percent from a week ago, and up 4.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 158,693,000, last year 156,466,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

**Eastern Region Misc. Poultry** For delivery the week of May 4, 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 (12/Box)</b>	77.00-94.25	82.00-88.00
<b>Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)</b>	80.00-95.00	84.00-90.00

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

**11 oz** 99.63- 117.60 **13 oz.** 108.54- 135.42 **15 oz.** 117.45- 142.65  
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 are steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate with some building by design reported. Processing schedules are full-time. 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 May 4, 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. 12.0-23.0 14.56  
(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 - 05-05-15**

\*\*\*All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry\*\*\*

Hackettstown, NJ	Low	High	Avg
Heavy Fowl per pound:	-	-	-
each:	1.00	20.00	3.36

**Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA**

	Price Range	
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	.70 - .95	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.60 - .85	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	1.10 - 1.50	per pound

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

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
5/1	2,165	6.26
4/30	2,126	6.46
4/29	2,186	6.55
4/28	2,127	6.52
4/27	1,871	6.62
Weekly	10,475	6.48

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

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

W/E	05/09/15	05/02/15	% chg	05/10/14	% chg
<b>Cattle</b>	567	566	0	600 <sup>1</sup>	-05
<b>Hogs</b>	2,111	2,159	-02	2,007 <sup>1</sup>	+05

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

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

**Broiler Hatchery**

Week Ending 5/2/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Apr 25, 2015	May 02, 2015	Apr 25, 2015	May 02, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	29,136	28,905	22,490	21,866
AR.....	21,549	22,173	19,940	20,505
DE.....	4,717	4,743	4,726	5,516
FL.....	1,222	1,224	1,336	1,339
GA.....	34,144	34,394	26,772	27,141
KY.....	7,891	7,797	5,667	6,734
LA.....	3,833	3,878	3,394	3,383
MD.....	7,723	8,054	6,837	6,602
MS.....	17,310	17,621	15,347	14,781
MO.....	8,127	8,105	5,963	5,456
NC.....	21,570	21,453	17,329	17,169
OK.....	6,154	6,768	4,435	4,383
PA.....	4,506	4,529	4,060	3,937
SC.....	5,488	5,739	4,338	5,130
TX.....	15,304	15,264	12,826	13,111
VA.....	6,549	6,591	4,873	5,008
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,326	12,195	12,237	11,375
19 State Total.....	207,549	209,433	172,570	173,436
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	103	104
Other States	8,215	8,338	6,311	6,362
United States	215,764	217,771	178,881	179,798

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 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	217,771	+02

**Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 4 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 2, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through May 2, 2015 for the United States were 2.99 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	179,798	+04

Source: USDA, NASS

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

Week Ending May 02, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,412	1,590	3,002
Last Week	1,294	1,668	2,962
Same week yr ago	1,857	1,568	3,425
To-date/2015*	25,295	27,216	52,511
To-date/2014*	25,925	25,022	50,947

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

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	551	0	551
Last Week	575	0	575
Same week yr ago	593	0	593
To-date/2015*	7,346	10	7,356
To-date/2014*	6,439	0	6,439

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,963	1,590	3,553
Last Week	1,869	1,668	3,537
Same week yr ago	2,450	1,568	4,018
To-date/2015*	32,641	27,226	59,867
To-date/2014*	32,364	25,022	57,386

\*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		
			05/04/15	04/27/15	05/05/14
AM	05/04/15	44,778	<b>Pacific Coast:</b>		
AM	04/01/15	44,689	6392	4961	6425
CHG		89	<b>Los Angeles:</b>		
PCT CHG		0%	1014	1019	1684

**Fresh Beef Cuts** - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	813.00 877.76	837.19
168 3 Round, top inside round	284.73 310.00	295.71
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	819.00 925.00	879.30
Ground Beef 81%	226.65 245.00	233.14

**Fresh Pork Cuts** - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
<b>Loin</b> - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	111.60
Bnls CC Strap-on	142.57
<b>Butt</b> - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	115.00
<b>Sparerib</b> -Trmrd Sparerib - MED	175.10

**Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Jun-15 is estimated at 159.3 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 157.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 110.30 cents per pound.