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National Broiler Market-at-a-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are generally trending weak for most sizes. Offerings of all sizes range light to available with supply levels varying by region. Retail demand is light to moderate in the Eastern region, moderate to good in all other regions. Food service demand remains light to moderate. Floor stocks are sufficient to at times light. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, prices for boneless skinless breasts and wings are steady to weak, with larger size wings in the weakest position. The balance of parts are steady at best. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenders are moderate to heavy for current needs. Wings are readily available with some discounting noted on medium and jumbo sizes. The remainder of parts are light to moderate. Market activity for parts is mostly moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate. Weights are mixed, but noted as mostly desirable.

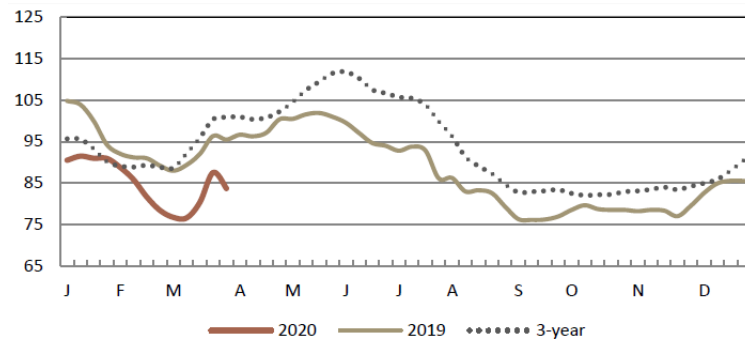
National Whole Broiler/Fryer

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	83.68	↓ -3.83	9,679
Last Week:	87.51		9,919
Last Year:	95.48	↓ -11.80	12,720

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Feb	80.64	38,238



Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 21-Mar-2020

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	171,690	773	1,730	2,503	555
Avg Wt	6.29	3.46	8.28	6.79	7.08
Head Slaughter Comparisons					
Last week	170,505	810	1,587	2,397	394
Same wk yr ago	163,402	803	1,641	2,444	500
Avg Wt	6.10	3.44	8.46	6.81	6.70
To-date/2020*	2,027,656	9,577	18,689	28,266	5,676
To-date/2019*	1,923,651	9,922	18,035	27,957	5,477
% Change YTD	5%	-3%	4%	1%	4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	820,747	1,484	9,812	11,296	2,790
Last week	802,124	1,546	9,023	10,569	1,905
Same wk yr ago	757,532	1,533	9,510	11,043	2,379
To-date/2020*	9,637,387	18,697	105,286	123,983	28,439
To-date/2019*	8,949,416	18,797	101,237	120,034	27,288
% Change YTD	8%	-1%	4%	3%	4%

Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%	71.0%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 173.8 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Eastern Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
85.33	↓ -1.21	4,550	86.54	4,766		
87.29	↓ -0.34	1,357	87.63	1,614		
84.80	↓ -3.51	1,396	88.31	1,431		

Central Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
78.09	↓ -6.29	2,577	84.39	2,461		
77.13	↓ -6.95	2,242	84.08	2,169		
81.99	↓ -5.18	1,067	87.17	1,014		

Western Region			This Week		Last Week	
Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.		
86.40	↓ -5.70	2,552	92.10	2,692		
85.35	↓ -5.99	2,472	91.33	2,612		
83.87	↓ -7.75	1,631	91.62	1,771		

Weekly Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers & Fowl

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	3/28/2020	(1)	3/21/2020	
Broiler/fryer	168,313	(2)	168,558	
Light hens	782		748	
Heavy hens	1,719		1,708	
Total	170,814		171,014	

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Mar-20 is 170.6 million head compared to 163.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.7 million head or -1.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-Apr-20 the estimated available is 171.4 million head.

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds. 1: Prices not reported due to confidentiality. **Eastern Region:** AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV. **Central Region:** AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NM, OK, OH, SD, TX, WI. **Western Region:** AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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	1,222	137.70
TENDERLOINS	589	172.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	625	81.37
FRONT HALVES	597	70.13
LEGS	1,115	45.89
LEG QUARTERS	1,144	34.29
LEG QUARTERS	1,141	37.87
WINGS (WHOLE)	547	171.34
WINGS (CUT)	540	178.05
DRUMSTICKS	1,060	35.09
THIGHS	613	37.72
B/S THIGHS	648	83.80

Whole Body Index Based on Southern State Parts Trading - f.o.b. dock			
Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average	
48.50 - 58.00	52.32	52.21	

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	125.79	2,461,130
Tenderloins	152.25	936,160
Breast - With Ribs	114.99	290,186
Breast - Line Run	96.47	270,000
Legs	61.50	246,430
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	38.39	2,496,788
Drumsticks	45.66	2,136,835
Thighs	70.27	269,070
B/S Thighs	109.30	747,880
Wings (Whole)	170.72	751,880
Backs and Necks	10.00	722,023
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	66.19	61,260
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.19	112,760

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 equiv.; negotiated prices in trucklot and less than trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2- weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm for all fat contents. Demand into export and domestic channels are moderate to good on both fresh and frozen MSC. Supplies are light to moderate for current trade needs. Processing schedules are normal as industry continue to closely monitors market developments. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are trending steady to firm with trading at 8-11 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

Item	Price per lb.		Mostly
	WEEK OF 23-MAR-2020 TO 27-MAR-2020, CENTS PER POUND		
BREAST - B/S	125.00 - 159.00	154.00 - 156.00	
TENDERLOINS	140.00 - 155.00	140.00 - 143.00	
BREAST - LINE RUN	76.00 - 90.00	76.00 - 79.00	
LEGS	36.00 - 49.00	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 33.00	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	31.00 - 39.00	31.00 - 33.00	
DRUMSTICKS	33.00 - 45.00	-	
THIGHS	42.00 - 47.00	42.00 - 45.00	
B/S THIGHS	91.00 - 110.00	95.00 - 100.00	
WINGS (WHOLE)	150.00 - 190.00	150.00 - 156.00	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 51.00	-	
LIVERS	32.00 - 51.00	-	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	42.00 - 61.00	-	

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending March 20, 2020

Market	Whole		Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts				
RAYON						
Low	85.07	120.99	66.17	45.37	17.01	100.20
High	86.02	128.55	73.73	51.04	18.91	100.20
Mostly	85.64	124.77	69.95	47.26	17.01	100.20
SAN JUAN						
Low	84.88	119.10	64.28	41.59	17.01	100.20
High	85.64	126.66	71.84	47.26	18.91	100.20
Mostly	85.07	122.88	68.06	43.48	17.01	100.20
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	85.64	124.77	68.06	47.26	17.01	100.20
High	86.77	132.34	75.62	52.93	18.91	100.20
Mostly	86.02	128.55	71.84	49.15	17.01	100.20
BECERRA						
Low	86.02	126.66	69.95	49.15	17.01	100.20
High	86.96	134.23	77.51	54.82	18.91	100.20
Mostly	86.40	130.45	73.73	51.04	17.01	100.20

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Mar-20	Last Week	Last Year	27-Mar-20	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	27.00	-	-	-	-	-
Wtd Avg Price	27.00	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Traded	52	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	52	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 28.00	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-28.00	21.00 - 25.00	20.25 - 25.00	21.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.52	26.75	27.00	22.37	22.07	22.52
Volume Traded	1,710	1,271	330	2,407	3,101	1,005
Volume Exported	1,215	1,271	330	612	816	82
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 21-Mar-20

(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	32,857	48,719	49,692	40,422	171,690
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.24	6.74	9.00	6.29
% of total /1	19%	28%	29%	24%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	41,934	39,847	46,866	41,858	170,505
Avg Live Wgt	3.74	5.24	6.72	8.96	6.19
% of total /1	25%	23%	27%	25%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,656	55,758	35,979	37,009	163,402
Avg Live Wgt	3.72	5.25	6.81	8.91	6.10
% of total /1	21%	34%	22%	23%	100%
To date/2020*	464,667	551,361	508,198	503,430	2,027,656
To date/2019*	429,622	618,469	442,010	433,550	1,923,651
% Change YTD	8%	-11%	15%	16%	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	Slaughtered	Available*	Percent	Avg Wt
2/8	173.1	170.8	101%	6.20
2/15	172.0	170.5	101%	6.26
2/22	172.8	170.3	101%	6.21
2/29	172.3	171.3	101%	6.17
3/7	172.6	171.9	100%	6.19
3/14	173.8	170.7	102%	6.29
Year to date	2052.4	2015.6	102%	
3/21		170.6		
3/28		171.4		

*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.	4,496	2.62%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	7,684	4.48%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	7,731	4.50%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	12,946	7.54%
	Totals:	32,857	19.14%

Estimated Slaughter of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	3,996	4,223	4,191	4,344	5.49
AR	4,396	4,898	4,771	4,902	6.10
Delmarva	2,243	2,187	2,157	2,119	6.99
KY-LA-TN	2,460	2,472	2,407	2,461	5.58
MS	2,709	2,733	2,829	2,869	6.21
NC	3,592	3,612	3,411	3,516	8.10
TX	2,784	2,793	2,808	2,844	6.34
Total	22,180	22,918	22,574	23,055	6.36
Mon-Fri	113,991	(A)			115,215
Saturday	166	(included in total for date shown)			2,543

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 27-Mar-20 and 28-Mar-20 is estimated to be 33,756,000 head down 8.62 percent from a week ago and up 5.1 percent from a year ago. (Last week 36,941,000, last year 32,104,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 28-Mar-20 is estimated to be 173,523,000 head up 1.07 percent from a week ago, and up 7.55 percent from a year ago. (Last week 171,690,000, last year 161,340,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Week of March 23, 2020

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry

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	231-235	236-242
Mostly		242
Midwest	205-225	220-235

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

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12 per Box)	88.00-102.00	92.00-96.50
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	90.00-106.00	96.00-98.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes
11 oz 95.04- 103.68 **13 oz.** 120.69- 152.92 **15 oz.** 132.03- 160.94
 Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings

All prices remain unchanged. Demand is light to moderate with best movement into retail channels. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breasts at 750-900, bone-in legs at 450-510, gizzards at 230-250, wings at 100-125, livers at 182-215, and feet 125-150 cents per lb.

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

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	201-221	225-233

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: **Price Range** **Wtd Avg**
 Prices in cents per pound. 1.0- 6.5 5.88

(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	80.0 - 86.0
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 - 24-Mar-2020			
All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry			
Hackettstown, NJ		Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA	
Low	High	Avg	Price Range
HEAVY FOWL lb.	No Auction		Red Fowl 5-6 LBS .90 - 1.05 lbs.
HEAVY FOWL EA.			Red Fowl 4-5 LBS 1.05 - 1.20 lbs.
			Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS .90 - 1.15 lbs.

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
3/20	2,839	6.60
3/19	2,164	6.95
3/18	2,243	7.03
3/17	2,148	7.03
3/16	2,224	7.01
Weekly	8,779	7.01

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	03/28/20	03/21/20	% chg	03/30/19	% chg
Cattle	676	653	1.04	619 ¹	1.09
Hogs	2,754	2,790	0.99	2,528 ¹	1.09

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.
 Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

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

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

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

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2020, up 4 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through March 21, 2020 for the United States were 2.29 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States and United States			
	Week Ending			
	Mar 14, 2020	Mar 21, 2020	Mar 14, 2020	Mar 21, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)
AL.....	33,602	33,696	24,507	25,379
AR.....	24,064	23,818	21,580	21,755
DE.....	5,469	5,469	4,601	5,350
FL.....	1,178	1,178	1,319	1,310
GA.....	32,629	35,038	26,466	26,712
KY.....	8,014	7,933	6,238	6,231
LA.....	3,774	3,774	3,271	3,164
MD.....	7,671	7,759	6,194	6,018
MS.....	18,243	18,538	15,398	15,426
MO.....	8,983	8,934	6,622	5,753
NC.....	25,187	25,017	19,649	20,070
OK.....	7,879	7,860	4,281	4,312
PA.....	5,707	5,803	4,168	4,399
SC.....	5,827	5,886	5,503	4,311
TX.....	18,398	18,192	14,179	14,239
VA.....	6,484	6,257	5,492	6,041
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,810	12,870	11,075	10,831
Other States.....	11,026	9,601	8,307	7,240
United States.....	236,945	237,623	188,850	188,541
Percent of Prev Year..	105	104	103	99

Source: USDA, NASS

<https://release.nass.usda.gov/reports/brls1320.pdf>

Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-May-20 is estimated at 167.9 million head. This compares to 167.3 million head the previous week and to 165.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 96.33 cents per pound.

US/Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week ending	21-Mar-20		
U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically			
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	773	1,730	2,503
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	810	1,587	2,397
Same week yr ago	803	1,641	2,444
To-date/2020*	9,577	18,689	28,266
To-date/2019*	9,940	18,035	27,975

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	99	0	99
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	105	0	105
Same week yr ago	193	0	193
To-date/2020*	2,018	0	2,018
To-date/2019*	3,018	7	3,025
Data Source: CFIA, as compiled by AAFC, Poultry Section			

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	872	1,730	2,602
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	915	1,587	2,502
Same week yr ago	996	1,641	2,637
To-date/2020*	11,595	18,689	30,284
To-date/2019*	12,958	18,042	31,000
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.			

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings -

~in Selected Centers, Includes Government Stocks in Thousands of Pounds~

Processed other Poultry

3/23/2020	3/1/2020	Change from First of the Month in Total Pounds	% Change from First of the Month
96,275	98,654	-2,379	-2%

Cold Storage Holdings - Pacific Coast

Processed other Poultry	3/23/2020	03/16/20	03/25/19
Pacific w/out Denver:	9,163	10,432	7,370
Los Angeles:	567	575	587

Fresh Beef Cuts

FOB Negotiated	# of Trades	Total lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	10	27,052	812.00	820.76
168 3 Round, top inside round	5	9,384	349.00	361.50
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	36	456,110	626.00	700.00
Ground Beef 81%	13	126,736	234.00	331.25

Fresh Pork Cuts

FOB Negotiated	Kilo lbs.	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Loin			
1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	3,385	92.60- 152.00	123.18
Bnls CC Strap-on	3,072	92.33- 174.00	130.36
Butt			
1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	855	104.33- 199.27	130.63
Sparerib			
Trmd Sparerib - MED	2,213	137.01- 189.32	163.82