

**MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
Consumer Affairs Division**

Chicken Prices April 17th-18th, 2010

Average Live Weight¹ price per pound: **\$4.33**
 Live Weight prices ranged between: **\$3.49-\$5.50**
 Average Pluck and Gut fee: **\$9.23**
 Pluck and Gut prices ranged between: **\$5.00-\$15.00**

Final Price to Consumer

Based on a 20% loss, an average live weight price per lb of \$ 4.33 and an average pluck and gut price of \$ 9.23 the following final/dressed weight² prices were arrived at:

Table 1: Projected Prices at different weights given the average price of live weight

Live Weight	Average price per lb	Price per bird inclusive of pluck and gut*	Dressed weight (20% loss)	Final price per lb to consumer
	\$	\$		\$
6 lbs	4.33	34.61	4.8 lbs	7.21
5 lbs	4.33	30.88	4.0 lbs	7.72
4 lbs	4.33	26.55	3.2 lbs	8.27

* \$9.23 pluck and gut

Average price per pound:

The average price per pound for live chicken continued to show slight increases in price after its sharp reduction in January. This month prices on average **increased** approximately 2.6% or \$0.11 over the period March 21st 2010 to April 18th 2010 as shown in Table 2.

Average pluck and gut fee:

The average pluck and gut fee showed an **increase** of approximately 3% or \$0.27 over the period March 21st 2010 to April 18th 2010 as shown in Table 2.

¹ The 'live weight' price is the price before the chicken has been plucked and gutted. It is estimated that on average, 20% of this live weight is lost in the pluck and gut process for which an additional fee is charged.

² The 'dressed weight/final' price is the live weight per pound plus the pluck and gut fee.

The following table shows the trends in the average price of live and pluck and gut chicken for the year;

Table 2: Movement in the Average Price of Live Chicken 2010

Months	Average Price Live Weight \$	Percentage Change in Live Weight Price %	Average Price Pluck & Gut \$	Percentage Change in Pluck and Gut Price %
January 23 rd -24 th 2010	3.73	(27)	9.16	3.74
February 20 th -21 st 2010	4.09	9.65	9.01	(1.64)
March 20 th -21 st 2010	4.22	3.1	8.96	(0.55)
April 17 th -18 th 2010	4.33	2.6	9.23	3