

**MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**  
**Consumer Affairs Division**  
**Chicken Prices April, 2011**

Average Live Weight<sup>1</sup> price per pound: **\$5.53**  
 Live Weight prices ranged between: **\$5.53 - \$7.00**  
 Average Pluck and Gut fee: **\$9.50**  
 Pluck and Gut prices ranged between: **\$9.50 - \$15.00**

**Final Price to Consumer**

**Based on a 20% loss, an average live weight price per lb of \$5.53 and an average pluck and gut fee of \$ 9.50, the following final/dressed weight<sup>2</sup> prices were arrived at:**

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

<b>Live Weight</b>	<b>Average price per lb</b>	<b>Price per bird inclusive of pluck and gut*</b>	<b>Dressed weight (20% loss)</b>	<b>Final price per lb to consumer</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
6 lbs	5.53	42.68	4.8 lbs	<b>8.89</b>
5 lbs	5.53	37.15	4.0 lbs	<b>9.29</b>
4 lbs	5.53	31.62	3.2 lbs	<b>9.88</b>

\* \$9.50 pluck and gut

**Average price per pound:**

The price of live chicken per pound, on average, **increased** to a large extent by approximately 20.74% or \$0.95 over the period March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This increase follows months of stable prices in the face of rising feed prices and was anticipated since the ‘February Poultry Report’. This issue should be urgently addressed as was stated in the ‘March Poultry Report’.

**Average pluck and gut fee:**

The pluck and gut fee, on average, showed a negligible decrease of 1.96% or \$0.19 over the period March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> The ‘final/dressed weight’ price is the live weight per pound plus the pluck and gut fee.

The following table shows the trends in the average price per pound of live chicken and the pluck and gut fee over time;

**Table 2: Movement in the Average Price of Live Chicken 2010-2011**

Months	Average Price Live Weight \$	Percentage Change in Live Weight Price %	Average Price Pluck & Gut \$	Percentage Change in Pluck and Gut Price %
April 17- 18, 2010	4.33	2.6	9.23	3
May 22- 23, 2010	4.93	13.9	9.31	0.87
June 19- 20, 2010	5.43	10.14	9.38	0.75
July 24- 25, 2010	5.60	3.13	9.50	1.28
August 21- 22, 2010	5.71	1.96	9.42	0.84
September 18- 19, 2010	5.90	3.3	9.43	0.11
October 23-24, 2010	6.05	2.54	9.43	0
November 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	5.99	(0.99)	9.57	1.48
December 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	5.21	(13.02)	9.52	(0.52)
January 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2011	4.17	(19.96)	9.81	3.05
February 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	4.41	5.76	9.74	0.71
March 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	4.58	3.85	9.69	(0.51)
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	5.53	20.74	9.50	(1.96)