

**MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
Consumer Affairs Division**

Chicken Prices January 23rd-24th, 2010

Average Live Weight¹ price per pound: **\$3.73**
 Live Weight prices ranged between: **\$2.49-\$5.00**
 Average Pluck and Gut fee: **\$9.16**
 Pluck and Gut prices ranged between: **\$6.00-\$15.00**

Final Price to Consumer

Based on a 20% loss, an average live weight price per lb of \$ 3.73 and an average pluck and gut price of \$ 9.16 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	3.73	31.54	4.8 lbs	6.57
5 lbs	3.73	27.81	4.0 lbs	6.95
4 lbs	3.73	24.08	3.2 lbs	7.53

* \$9.16 pluck and gut

Average price per pound:

The average price per pound for live chicken showed a **decrease** of approximately 27% or \$1.38 over the period December 20th 2009 to January 24th 2010.

Average pluck and gut fee:

The average pluck and gut fee showed an increase of approximately 3.7% or thirty-three (33) cents over the period December 20th 2009 to January 24th 2010

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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.

Movement in the Average Price of Live Chicken January 2009 to January 2010

Months	Average Price Live Weight \$	Percentage Change in Live Weight %	Average Price Pluck & Gut \$	Percentage Change in Pluck and Gut %
January 24 th & 25 th 2009	5.76	9.30	8.43	1.32
February 21 st & 22 nd 2009	5.82	1.04	8.28	(1.78)
March 21 st & 22 nd 2009	5.07	(12.89)	8.33	0.60
April 18 th & 19 th 2009	4.23	(16.57)	8.45	1.44
May 23 rd & 24 th 2009	5.41	27.90	8.45	0
June 20 th & 21 st 2009	4.75	(12.20)	8.71	3.08
July 18 th & 19 th 2009	4.61	(2.95)	8.68	(0.34)
August 24 th & 25 th 2009	5.29	14.75	8.78	1.15
September 19 th & 20 th 2009	5.89	0.28	8.82	1.61
October 24 th & 25 th 2009	5.77	(2.04)	8.73	(1.02)
November 21 st -22 nd 2009	5.29	(8.32)	8.75	0.23
December 19 th -20 th 2009	5.11	(3.40)	8.83	0.91
January 23 rd -24 th 2010	3.73	(27)	9.16	3.74