

MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
Consumer Affairs Division
Chicken Prices June, 2011

Average Live Weight¹ price per pound: **\$5.62**
 Live Weight prices ranged between: **\$4.79 - \$6.00**
 Average Pluck and Gut fee: **\$9.69**
 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 \$5.62 and an average pluck and gut fee of \$ 9.69, the following final/dressed weight² prices were arrived at:

Table 1: Estimated 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	5.62	43.41	4.8 lbs	9.04
5 lbs	5.62	37.79	4.0 lbs	9.45
4 lbs	5.62	32.17	3.2 lbs	10.05

* \$9.69 pluck and gut

Average price per pound:

The price of live chicken per pound, on average, increased by 1.81% or \$0.10 over the period May 22nd, 2011 to June 19th, 2011. This minimal increase is not surprising given that Mr. Phillips, President of the Poultry Association of Trinidad and Tobago, stated recently that there are no plans to increase the price of chicken in the near future.³

Average pluck and gut fee:

The pluck and gut fee, on average, showed a decrease of 0.10% or \$0.01 over the period May 22nd, 2011 to June 19th 2011.

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

³ Trinidad and Tobago's Newsday Thursday 16th. June, 2011. By Reshma Baal.

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 %
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 th -21 st , 2010	5.99	(0.99)	9.57	1.48
December 11 th -12 th , 2010	5.21	(13.02)	9.52	(0.52)
January 22 nd -23 rd , 2011	4.17	(19.96)	9.81	3.05
February 19 th -20 th , 2011	4.41	5.76	9.74	0.71
March 19 th -20 th , 2011	4.58	3.85	9.69	(0.51)
April 23 rd -24 th , 2011	5.53	20.74	9.50	(1.96)
May 21 st - 22 nd , 2011	5.52	(0.18)	9.70	2.11
June 18 th - 19 th , 2011	5.62	1.81	9.69	0.10