

**MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS  
Consumer Affairs Division**

**Chicken Prices May 22nd-23rd, 2010**

Average Live Weight<sup>1</sup> price per pound:     **\$4.93**  
 Live Weight prices ranged between:       **\$3.99-\$6.00**  
 Average Pluck and Gut fee:                 **\$9.31**  
 Pluck and Gut prices ranged between:     **\$5.00-\$12.00**

**Final Price to Consumer**

Based on a 20% loss, an average live weight price per lb of \$ 4.93 and an average pluck and gut price of \$ 9.31 the following final/dressed weight<sup>2</sup> prices were arrived at:

**Table 1: Projected 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	4.93	38.89	4.8 lbs	<b>8.10</b>
5 lbs	4.93	33.96	4.0 lbs	<b>8.49</b>
4 lbs	4.93	29.03	3.2 lbs	<b>9.07</b>

\* \$9.31 pluck and gut

**Average price per pound:**

The average price per pound for live chicken showed a noticeable increase in price after its sharp reduction in January. This month prices on average **increased** approximately 13.9% or \$0.60 over the period April 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 to May 23<sup>rd</sup> as shown in Table 2.

**Average pluck and gut fee:**

The average pluck and gut fee showed a slight **increase** of approximately 0.87% or \$0.08 over the period April 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 to May 23<sup>rd</sup> as shown in Table 2.

<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 '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 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> 2010	3.73	(27)	9.16	3.74
February 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 2010	4.09	9.65	9.01	(1.64)
March 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> 2010	4.22	3.1	8.96	(0.55)
April 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> 2010	4.33	2.6	9.23	3
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> 2010	4.93	13.9	9.31	0.87