

**MINISTRY OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
Consumer Affairs Division**

Chicken Prices September, 2010

Average Live Weight¹ price per pound: **\$5.90**
Live Weight prices ranged between: **\$5.00 - \$6.80**
Average Pluck and Gut fee: **\$9.43**
Pluck and Gut prices ranged between: **\$6.00 - \$13.00**

Final Price to Consumer

Based on a 20% loss, an average live weight price per lb of \$ 5.90 and an average pluck and gut price of \$ 9.43 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	5.90	44.83	4.8 lbs	9.34
5 lbs	5.90	38.93	4.0 lbs	9.73
4 lbs	5.90	33.03	3.2 lbs	10.32

* \$9.43 pluck and gut

Average price per pound:

This month prices on average **increased** by approximately 3.3% or \$0.19 over the period August 22, 2010 to September 19, 2010 as shown in Table 2. The price of live chicken has been steadily increasing over the past few months in light of the expectations by many producers for the price of feed to increase due to unexpected falls in production on the world market for grains. This can be deduced from Table 2 where the price of live chicken per pound increased by \$1.00 or 19.68% within the last four (4) months.

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.

Average pluck and gut fee:

The average pluck and gut fee showed a negligible **increase** of approximately 0.11% or \$0.01 over the period August 22, 2010 to September 19, 2010 as shown in Table 2.

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 and Gut \$	Percentage Change in Pluck and Gut Price %
January 23- 24, 2010	3.73	(27)	9.16	3.74
February 20- 21, 2010	4.09	9.65	9.01	(1.64)
March 20- 21, 2010	4.22	3.1	8.96	(0.55)
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