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Fresh supply volumes from January to March 2019 totaled 357.4 Mkg, an increase of 10.7 Mkg (+3.1%) over the same timeframe last year. Production provided the majority of the increase in fresh supply, with a year-to-date (YTD) volume of 319.2 Mkg, up 12.7 Mkg (+4.2%) from last year. Conversely, import volumes amounted to 38.2 Mkg, marking a decline of 2.1 Mkg (-5.1%) over last year. Domestic disappearance up until March 2019 totaled 322.4 Mkg, increasing 20.0 Mkg (+6.6%) from the same time last year.

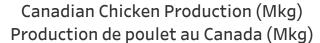
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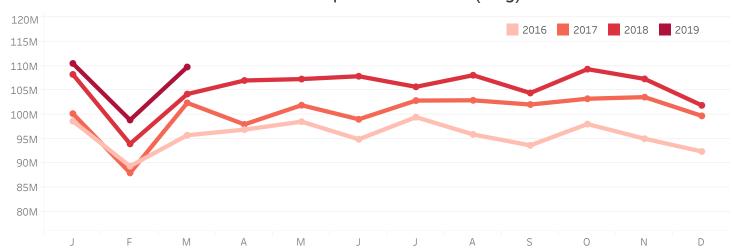
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	2018	2019		
Opening Stocks	44.5M	53.1M	8.6M	19.3%
Production	306.4M	319.2M	12.7M	4.2%
Imports	40.3M	38.2M	-2.1M	-5.1%
Fresh Supply	346.7M	357.4M	10.7M	3.1%
Total Supply	391.2M	410.4M	19.3M	4.9%
Exports	39.7M	33.9M	-5.8M	-14.7%
Closing Stocks	49.0M	54.1M	5.1M	10.5%
Domestic Disappearance	302.4M	322.4M	20.0M	6.6%

Source: Chicken Farmers of Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, USDA

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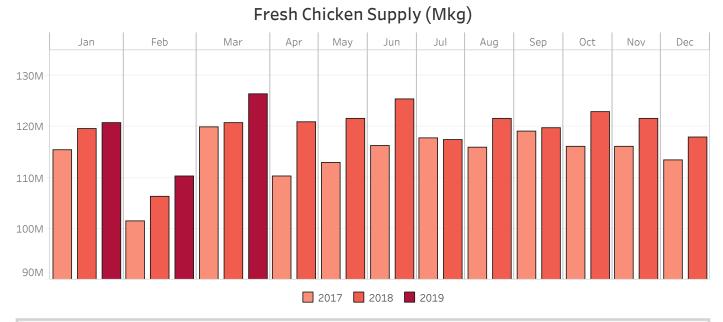
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	2018	2019		
BC	44.4M	44.8M	0.4M	0.9%
AB	29.6M	31.3M	1.6M	5.4%
SK	11.4M	11.5M	0.1M	0.8%
MB	12.4M	13.1M	0.7M	5.4%
ON	103.9M	108.4M	4.5M	4.4%
QC	81.1M	86.4M	5.3M	6.6%
NB	8.2M	8.3M	0.1M	1.7%
NS	10.3M	10.3M	0.0M	0.0%
PEI	1.1M	1.1M	-0.1M	-6.5%
NFLD	4.0M	4.1M	0.1M	1.5%
Canada	306.4M	319.2M	12.7M	4.2%

Production as of March 2019 amounted to 319.2 Mkg, up 12.7 Mkg (+4.2%) from last year. On a percentage basis, the provinces with the greatest year-over-year increased were Quebec (+6.6%), Alberta (+5.4%), and Manitoba (+5.4%).

Monthly Production	
Mkg	
2018	

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	February	March	February	March
BC	13.5M	15.4M	13.4M	15.7M
AB	8.9M	10.2M	9.6M	10.7M
SK	3.5M	3.8M	3.6M	3.9M
MB	3.8M	4.2M	4.1M	4.5M
ON	31.3M	34.7M	33.5M	37.7M
QC	25.8M	27.6M	27.4M	29.6M
NB	2.3M	3.0M	2.6M	2.7M
NS	3.3M	3.5M	3.2M	3.3M
PEI	0.3M	0.4M	0.4M	0.3M
NFLD	1.3M	1.4M	1.2M	1.4M
Canada	94.0M	104.2M	98.9M	109.8M

Source: Chicken Farmers of Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



Domestic disappearance for March 2019 amounted to 322.4 Mkg, increasing 20.0 Mkg (6.6%) over the same timeframe a year ago.

	Fresh Chicken S Mkg	Supply
	2018	2019
January	119.6M	120.8M
February	106.3M	110.2M
March	120.8M	126.4M
April	120.9M	
May	121.5M	
June	125.3M	
July	117.4M	
August	121.5M	
September	119.7M	
October	122.9M	
November	121.6M	
December	117.9M	

	Domestic Disapp Mkg	earance
	2018	2019
January	103.1M	107.9M
February	94.6M	97.4M
March	104.7M	117.2M
April	104.5M	
May	109.7M	
June	109.7M	
July	109.0M	
August	112.1M	
September	108.0M	
October	112.5M	
November	108.4M	
December	103.3M	

Source: Chicken Farmers of Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada



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2019 2018 2017

March

May

April

June

July

August

October

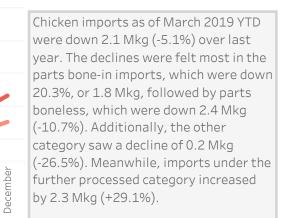
September

November

February

January





	Jan Mar. Kg		Cha	nge
	2018	2019		
Live	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M	
Carcass	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M	22.5%
Parts, Bone-in	8.7M	6.9M	-1.8M	-20.3%
Parts, Boneless	22.9M	20.4M	-2.4M	-10.7%
Other	0.7M	0.5M	-0.2M	-26.5%
Further Processed	8.0M	10.3M	2.3M	29.1%
Total	40.3M	38.2M	-2.1M	-5.1%

	20	18	20	19
	February	March	February	March
Live	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M
Carcass	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M	0.0M
Parts, Bone-in	2.5M	3.7M	1.9M	3.3M
Parts, Boneless	6.9M	9.6M	6.4M	8.3M
Other	0.3M	0.1M	0.1M	0.2M
Further Processed	2.7M	3.1M	3.0M	4.8M
Total	12.4M	16.6M	11.3M	16.6M

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

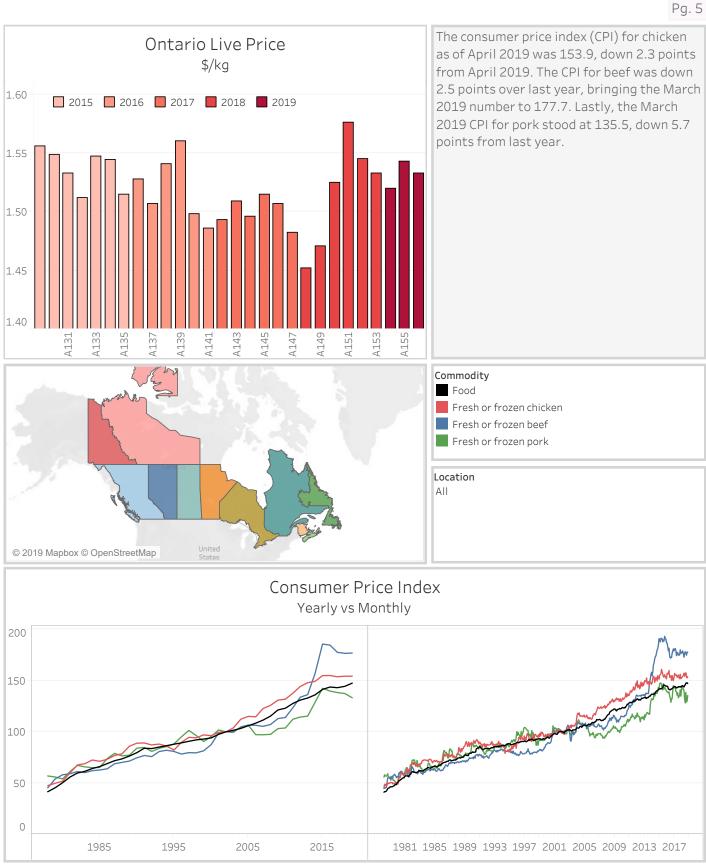
* Chicken imports are reported on eviscerated equivalent basis

Chicken Products Exported

	- Mar. Kg
2018	2019
39.7M	33.9M

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Section 2 - Chicken Prices



Source: Statistics Canada

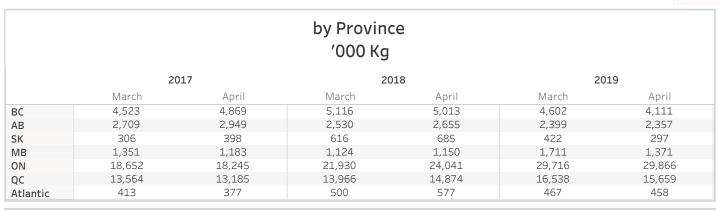
		Canadia	an Wholes		ken Prices			
			¢	/kg				
		2018				2019		
	January	February	March	April	January	February	March	April
Market Composite	369.5	363.2	368.9	369.0	338.7	339.3	354.4	369.3
Whole Bird Complex	371.1	364.1	372.1	365.2	357.7	351.9	367.0	377.8
Breast Complex	572.6	569.2	586.9	572.5	511.0	524.0	553.8	588.9
Wing Complex	551.9	548.3	517.4	466.6	513.1	511.5	493.8	494.6
Leg Complex	261.3	249.3	251.8	238.0	217.2	214.9	229.5	245.2

The monthly average market composite for April 2019 was 3.69/kg, seeing virtually no change from April 2018. Wholesale wing prices have seen the strongest increase over last year, at an average price of \$4.95/kg for April 2019, the complex saw a \$0.28 increase over the same time last year. Meanwhile, breast prices were up \$0.16, bringing the April 2019 price to \$5.89/kg, and whole bird prices were up \$0.13, bringing the price to \$3.78/kg. The leg complex experienced the smallest increase, gaining \$0.07 on the April 2018 wholesale price, which brought the April 2019 price to \$2.45/kg.



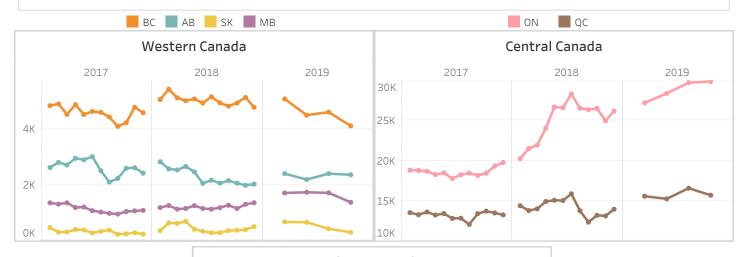
* The Market Composite price is the simple average of 5 sub-composites, which are the weighted average of individual products, further weighted by each product's percentage make-up of WOG

Section 3 - Storage Stocks





Canada Stocks

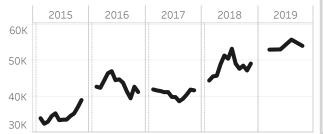




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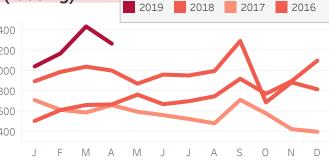




April 2019 storage stock levels stood at 54.1 Mkg, down 1.7 Mkg from last month, yet up 5.1 Mkg from last year. On a volume basis, most of the increase in storage stock volumes over last year came from the cut up and further processed categories, which each respectively saw increases of 2.9 Mkg (+13.3%) and 1.9 Mkg (+8.1%). The whole category also saw a notable increase of 0.6 Mkg (+89.5%). Conversely, storage stocks in the miscellaneous category fell by 0.3 Mkg (-7.8%).

Whole Category ('000 Kg)

1400 2018 2019 1200 March April March April 1000 < 2 kg 382 360 921 833 800 600 282 309 515 435 > 2 kg 400



Cut-up Category ('000 Kg)

	20:	18	20	19	25K
	March	April	March	April	
Legs	4,881	5,194	4,715	4,449	20K-
Breasts	6,453	6,721	8,890	8,279	4.514
Wings	4,379	4,635	4,658	5,145	15K
Other	5,358	5,072	7,483	6,631	10K

Further Processed Category ('000 Kg)

	2018		2019	
	March	April	March	April
Breasts	2,702	2,726	2,466	2,583
Other	18,735	20,672	23,286	22,717



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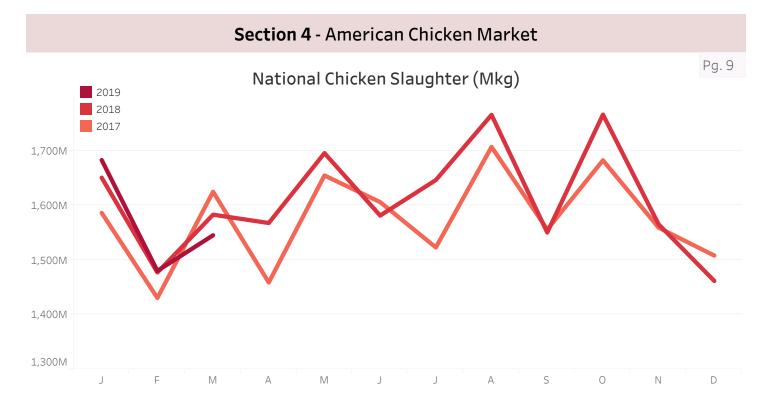
Miscellaneous Category ('000 Kg)

	2018		2019	
	March	April	March	April
Miscellaneous	2,611.6	3,305.4	2,918.5	3,048.9



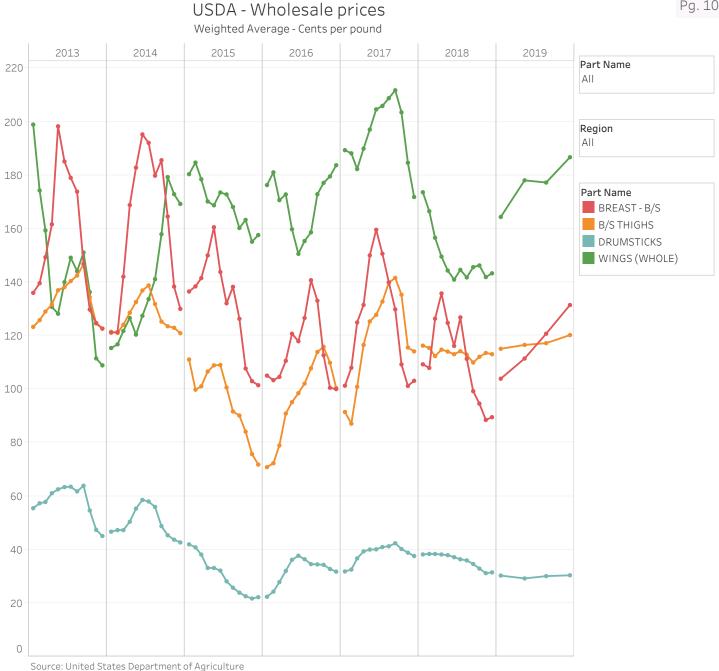
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National Chicken Slaughter (Mkg)					
	2018	2019			
January	1,650.6M	1,682.9M			
February	1,477.2M	1,480.1M			
March	1,582.9M	1,545.3M			
April	1,567.7M				
May	1,695.5M				
June	1,581.3M				
July	1,646.3M				
August	1,765.5M				
September	1,550.3M				
October	1,766.0M				
November	1,565.2M				
December	1,461.6M				

Source: United States Department of Agriculture



US wholesale prices for April 2019 saw strong growth in wings, which were priced at 1.87/lb, an increase of \$0.37 over last year. Boneless thighs were also up by \$0.05, bringing the price to \$1.20/lb. Meanwhile, drumsticks came in at \$0.30/lb, down \$0.08 from last year, and boneless breasts were priced at \$1.31/lb, down \$0.04 from last year.

		American (Chicken Storag Mkg	ge Stocks		
	2018		2019			
	February	March	April	February	March	April
Breast	90.8M	91.4M	83.5M	83.9M	84.4M	80.2M
Leg	40.2M	37.1M	39.4M	25.9M	29.2M	29.1M
Total Stocks	398.0M	408.2M	395.2M	382.0M	394.1M	383.5M
		2017	2018	2019		



Source: United States Department of Agriculture



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