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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices were unchanged in New York, while prices in the rest of the nation were slightly higher for all sizes. Prices remained unchanged during the week. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady to begin the week and was reported as mostly steady by the week's close. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet while offerings were reported as tight. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good while offerings were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 9, mostly 5 to 9 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good, usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate as a few sellers begin to hold product in an attempt to build inventories. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were reported as quiet. Offerings were tight in most locations. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-94	87-90
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were about sufficient to sufficient for normal schedules. Light hen demand was fair to fairly good for usually adequate offerings.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	94-108	94-97
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

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Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	95.50	93.00	74.00
SOUTHEAST	95.50	93.50	73.00
MIDWEST	88.50	86.50	68.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.50	92.50	73.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	93.50	91.37	72.27

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	03-06-07	02-27-07	03-07-06
Large	67-76	65-74	40-49
Medium	49-55	47-53	19-25

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAR 05, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North	South	South		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.2	26.1	8.8	16.1	15.7	74.9
	Change	-0.4	2.6	-0.7	5.9	-0.8	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	46.8	16.6	21.4	46.7	156.0
	Change	2.4	2.4	-2.4	-1.1	2.4	2%
Large	Curr Wk	32.8	133.9	100.2	120.4	138.2	525.5
	Change	-0.6	21.7	10.1	15.5	4.6	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	53.4	15.3	19.6	42.7	141.0
	Change	-1.5	3.1	-3.4	-1.2	4.0	1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.7	8.4	3.3	5.0	7.7	28.1
	Change	-1.2	-1.1	-1.6	2.2	2.2	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.2	23.6	10.1	13.3	5.5	55.7
	Change	1.0	2.4	3.4	4.4	-0.5	24%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.6	57.3	14.3	28.0	32.4	152.6
	Change	8.1	-15.8	-2.5	-1.9	3.8	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	103.0	349.5	168.6	223.8	288.9	1133.8
	Change	8%	5%	2%	12%	6%	6%

### TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1133.8	6%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	246.4	-8%	33
Total Shell Egg	1380.2	3%	190

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 03-MAR-07

	CASES BROKEN	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				DRIED	INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK			
CW	1,244,556	30,640	12,266	6,505	2,050	4,398	
PW	1,243,214	30,911	11,716	6,095	2,651	4,185	
LY	1,244,799	31,424	11,087	6,113	2,506	4,284	
% Chg PWK	0%	-1%	5%	7%	-23%	5%	
% Chg LY	0%	-2%	11%	6%	-18%	3%	
2007	10,789,854	268,511	100,625	53,703	21,845	37,850	
2006	11,495,696	280,521	109,001	60,101	28,042	39,405	
% Change YTD-6%		-4%	-8%	-11%	-22%	-4%	

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	43.24	42.56	42.50
(Inedible Excluded)	39.70	39.19	39.06

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	576,489	46.3%	16,022	52.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	576,025	46.3%	16,225	52.5%
LAST YEAR	572,795	46.0%	16,436	52.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	FEB 24	MAR 03	FEB 24	MAR 03
	Thousand			
AL	*30,731	30,944	*20,504	20,640
AR	*27,872	28,089	*23,169	22,890
DE	3,994	4,021	4,190	4,407
FL	1,365	1,366	1,592	1,736
GA	35,637	35,732	*28,793	28,796
KY	7,607	7,666	*6,099	5,844
LA	3,802	3,786	3,592	3,890
MD	8,743	8,958	5,778	5,890
MS	19,044	19,135	16,956	17,131
NC	18,708	19,624	15,494	15,638
OK	6,542	6,684	*5,252	5,100
PA	*3,914	3,839	*2,852	2,854
SC	*5,452	5,616	*4,303	4,185
TX	*14,639	14,639	*11,967	12,182
VA	6,179	6,184	*5,011	5,125
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,122	20,008	*17,130	17,251
19 State Total	*214,351	216,291	*172,682	173,559
Previous Year Total	216,954	216,951	173,142	173,663
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	100	100	100

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Apr-07 is estimated at 159.1 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 163.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 59.37 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/01/07-03/07/07

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 64.25		FUTURE LDS 26.75		TOTAL LDS 91.00		LOADS
	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	70.50	79.00	71.40	73.00	—	70.00	24.00
GNR W 4	—	56.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	97.00	—	—	84.00	89.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	87.50	89.00	70.77	—	3.75
GL W XL	—	—	82.67	84.75	75.28	76.00	24.50
GL W LG	—	—	81.50	80.60	73.58	75.00	26.25
GL W MD	68.00	64.00	—	—	58.00	—	6.50
GL W SM	56.00	59.00	54.40	56.90	52.00	58.00	8.25
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	93.00	—	2.75
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	93.00	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	55.50	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	48.00	2.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	34.00	36.00	—	—	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 03-MAR-2007

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
Atlanta	30.2	30.5		-1	6
Boston	3.3	3.2		3	14
Chicago	49.8	51.7		-4	-41
Detroit	18.4	16.3		13	10
Kansas City	3.9	4.0		-3	3
Los Angeles	99.6	104.4		-5	-4
New Orleans	5.2	5.5		-5	8
New York	26.7	27.0		-1	-20
St. Louis	11.5	15.4		-25	-38
San Francisco	17.5	17.9		-2	-3
Total	266.1	275.9		-4	-15
4 Week Moving Avg.	270.2				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 03-MAR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,688	2,423	18	12	4,141
Avg Wt	17.44	38.41	28.13	24.66	29.78
Last week	1,915	2,566	7	5	4,493
Same wk yr ago	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Avg Wt	17.59	38.14	25.66	28.67	28.80
To-date/2007	15,924	22,278	119	40	38,361
To-date/2006	14,742	22,111	185	32	37,070

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

	Week ending 03-MAR-07					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD--	LIVE WT
North East	736	-1	24.37	(A)	739	24.37
South Atlantic	652	-8	32.87	(A)	655	32.87
North Central	1,892	-10	34.59	(A)	1,894	34.59
South Central	585	-18	18.41	(A)	587	18.41
West	264	15	28.20	(A)	266	28.20
U.S. total	4,129 (B)	-8	29.78	12	4,141	29.78
To-date						
2007	38,321 (B)			40	38,361	
To-date						
2006	37,038 (B)			32	37,070	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date 119,000; for last year to date 185,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 03-Mar-2007	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	160,025	1,085	1,465	2,550	528
Avg Wt	5.37	3.16	8.05	5.97	6.39
Last week	159,231	1,142	1,427	2,569	515
Same wk yr ago	158,348	1,095	1,527	2,622	503
Avg Wt	5.34	3.33	7.96	6.03	6.56
To-date/2007	1,396,222	9,820	12,367	22,187	4,642
To-date/2006	1,441,743	11,537	12,636	24,173	4,506

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-07

CLASS	CW - 03/10/07(1)	PW - 03/03/07
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	159,281(2)	161,688
Light hens	1,300	1,147
Heavy hens	1,382	1,409
Total	161,963	164,244

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Mar-07 is 162.0 million head compared to 162.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 2.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.6 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January 27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February 3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
10	159.4	160.9	99%	5.35
17	160.8	160.7	100%	5.40
24	161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March 3	162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
Year to date	1413.2	1435.3	98%	
March 10		162.0		
17		161.6		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of:

05-Mar-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.40	36	76.20	66
Los Angeles	83.00	82.67	63	81.74	125
New York	76.00-79.00	78.82	22	75.36	66

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

05-MAR-2007	Change from 26-FEB-2007	26-FEB-2007	06-MAR-2006
78.33	-1.68	80.01	62.55

NUMBER OF LOADS 523

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	70.5	70.50	80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	70-72	70.5	70.50	40
CENTRAL REGION	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-72	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
	(THOUSANDS)		
AM 03/05/07	3,299	70,542	54,973
AM 02/01/07	3,281	53,819	56,977
CHG	18	16723	-2004
PCT CHG	1%	31%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2007 are:

Frozen Eggs	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	391 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	662 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 05-Mar-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	4-9 CENTS/LB.		6.68
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	4-9.75 CENTS/LB.		6.48

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 02-Mar-07

**REMOVAL COST**

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-9	5.5-9

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 03-Mar-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
<b>REGIONS</b>			
North Atlantic	170.6	-2	-11
East North Central	694.7	7	7
West North Central	272.3	-2	-6
South Atlantic	199.6	1	3
South Central	60.4	-12	0
West	192.0	-3	2
Total	1589.6	1	1
Matched plants reporting		82	82

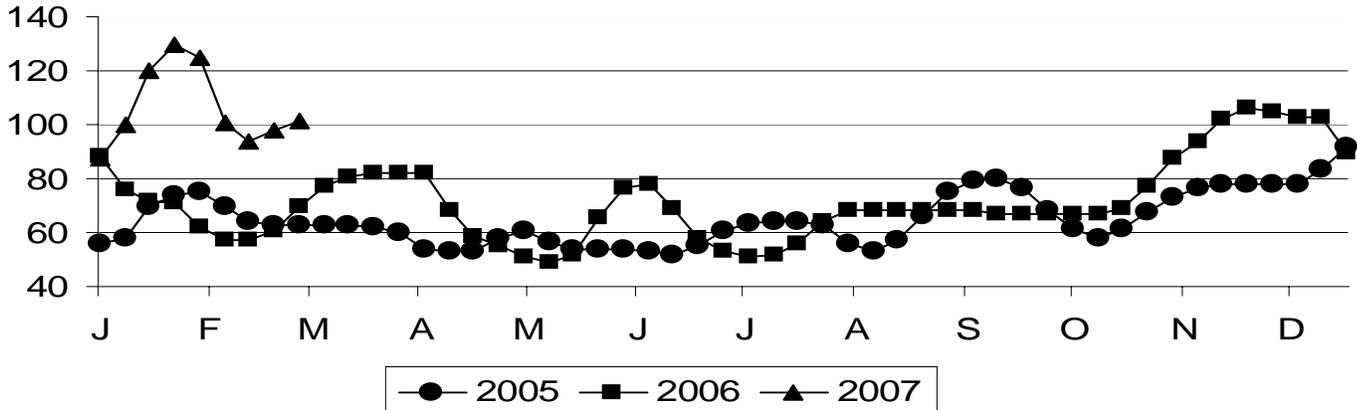
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

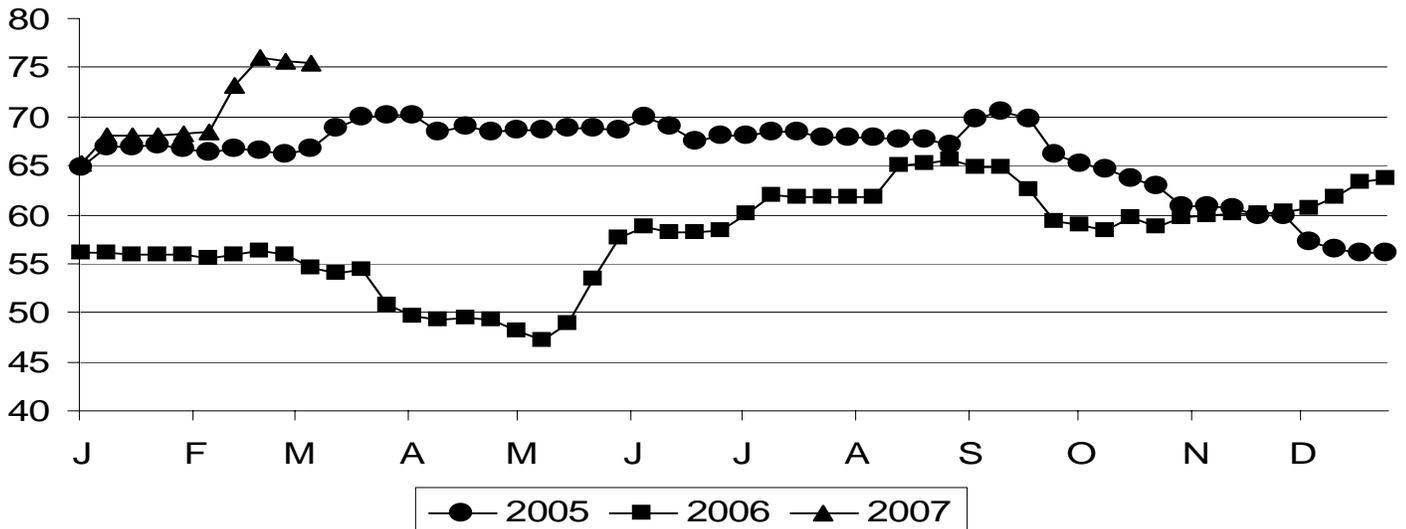
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**New York Large Weekly Average Price**  
cents per dozen



**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices**  
cents per pound



**Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey**  
cents per pound

