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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices were unchanged the entire week. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to very good. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices remain unchanged. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to available. Many potential buyers were waiting for market adjustments before obtaining any products. Schedules were full-time to slightly reduced. Floor stocks were adequate to tight. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with adequate to tight offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 2 to 9, mostly 2 to 5.5 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 steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg sales were reported as usually light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to available offerings. Schedules full-time to slightly reduced. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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. The market tone was steady with some caution. Retail demand was moderately active, best where sporadic features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to sufficient for a moderate demand. Light type hens offerings were usually adequate for a moderate demand.

### 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

Mar 23, 2007

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	95.00	75.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.02	93.38	73.52

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

	03-27-07	03-20-07	03-28-06
Large	67-76	67-76	47-56
Medium	49-55	49-55	24-30

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MAR 26, 2007

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

		North Northeast	Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.5	26.3	9.4	13.3	17.5	73.0
	Change	-0.8	-0.7	0.9	1.9	-2.2	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.2	49.4	16.0	27.1	41.1	162.8
	Change	0.5	-6.3	-3.9	-1.2	1.5	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	46.1	160.8	103.8	125.9	170.2	606.8
	Change	-0.5	-10.5	-7.7	-0.3	8.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	42.0	13.8	22.3	42.1	131.0
	Change	-0.5	-0.1	0.6	2.4	-6.4	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	8.9	2.3	2.9	7.6	25.3
	Change	-2.0	2.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.5	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	24.4	9.7	11.6	6.9	54.8
	Change	-0.2	2.0	0.4	0.2	-0.5	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.2	56.1	22.4	21.5	25.1	144.3
	Change	-2.2	-7.8	3.6	-24.0	0.3	-17%
Total	Curr Wk	117.6	367.9	177.4	224.6	310.5	1198.0
Percent	Change	-5%	-5%	-3%	-9%	0%	-4%

### TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1198.0	-4%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	216.8	-9%	33
Total Shell Egg	1414.8	-5%	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 24-MAR-07

	CASES BROKEN	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	
CW	1,270,007	31,724	11,583	6,431	2,176	4,294
PW	1,242,469	30,858	11,596	6,090	2,339	4,348
LY	1,239,494	31,356	11,055	5,975	2,220	4,254
% Chg PWK	2%	3%	0%	6%	-7%	-1%
% Chg LY	2%	1%	5%	8%	-2%	1%
2007	14,567,489	362,576	135,645	72,443	28,932	51,095
2006	15,175,520	373,676	141,643	77,537	34,986	51,801
% Chg YTD	-4%	-3%	-4%	-7%	-17%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.54	42.57	42.47
(Inedible Excluded)	39.16	39.07	39.04

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	Lbs.
CURRENT WEEK	613,848	48.3%	17,872	56.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	602,097	48.5%	17,048	55.2%
LAST YEAR	583,676	47.1%	17,112	54.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 17	MAR 24	MAR 17	MAR 24
	Thousand			
AL	30,707	31,078	20,132	20,427
AR	28,016	27,095	22,410	24,627
DE	4,043	4,047	4,693	5,861
FL	1,364	1,365	1,440	1,419
GA	*34,875	35,870	*28,389	29,186
KY	*7,497	7,597	*6,545	6,094
LA	3,893	3,909	3,998	3,739
MD	8,975	8,952	5,929	5,572
MS	19,281	19,193	17,397	17,043
NC	19,305	19,326	15,472	15,867
OK	6,689	6,690	5,574	4,548
PA	*3,845	3,733	*2,874	2,861
SC	5,479	5,422	*5,206	4,823
TX	15,169	15,105	12,275	12,302
VA	6,246	6,399	4,901	4,593
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,024	19,631	*16,941	16,510
19 State Total	*215,408	215,412	*174,176	175,472
Previous Year Total	213,555	211,053	177,396	176,996
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	98	99

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 05-May-07 is estimated at 160.8 million head. This compares to 160.4 million head the previous week and to 166.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 57.86 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/22/07-03/28/07  
CURRENT LDS 71.50 FUTURE LDS 57.00 TOTAL LDS 128.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	69.83	—	70.70	72.27	62.00	73.00	31.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	4.00
GL W J	—	—	86.00	88.00	63.17	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	77.38	79.20	77.31	64.28	65.89	23.00
GL W LG	—	86.00	53.50	64.96	59.75	81.50	24.50
GL W MD	68.00	62.00	61.50	62.84	53.08	—	20.50
GL W SM	—	51.50	49.00	51.50	46.25	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	55.20	—	54.95	58.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 24-MAR-07

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	30.0	25.3	19	16
Boston	2.6	2.6	0	-13
Chicago	80.0	76.3	5	-12
Detroit	19.8	14.5	37	-15
Kansas City	5.1	5.6	-9	11
Los Angeles	98.3	101.0	-3	-13
New Orleans	5.4	5.7	-5	-2
New York	30.4	27.2	12	-6
St. Louis	13.3	12.9	3	-28
San Francisco	17.4	17.2	1	-4
Total	302.3	288.3	5	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 24-MAR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,047	2,538	18	0	4,603
Avg Wt	17.05	38.39	24.13	0.00	28.84
Last week	2,112	2,486	15	3	4,616
Same wk yr ago	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96	26.86	31.77	28.88
To-date/2007	21,884	29,972	174	47	52,077
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649	279	72	50,488

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

	Week ending 24-MAR-07 (Preliminary)						
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS		
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD	AVG	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	--THOUSAND	HEAD--	LIVE WT	
North East	746	-2	24.14	(A)	764	24.14	
South Atlantic	656	-17	32.78	(A)	788	32.78	
North Central	2,133	6	33.40	(A)	2,020	33.40	
South Central	708	-3	18.35	(A)	730	18.35	
West	360	15	25.06	(A)	314	25.06	
U.S. total	4,603(B)	0	28.84	0	4,603	28.84	
To-date							
2007	52,030(B)			47	52,077		
To-date							
2006	50,416(B)			72	50,488		

(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 174,000; for last year to date 279,000.

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

W/E 24-Mar-2007	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253	532
Avg Wt	5.45	3.38	8.14	5.78	6.44
Last week	158,088	1,223	1,220	2,443	535
Same wk yr ago	162,089	1,082	1,562	2,644	513
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	8.11	6.19	6.65
To-date/2007	1,874,103	13,340	16,081	29,421	6,256
To-date/2006	1,926,751	14,597	17,219	31,816	6,064

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.4 million head, or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-07

CLASS	CW - 03/31/07(1)	PW - 03/24/07
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	160,388(2)	158,617
Light hens	1,257	1,336
Heavy hens	1,442	1,369
Total	163,087	161,322

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Mar-07 is 161.1 million head compared to 163.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Apr-07 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
February	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
	10	163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
	17	160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
	24	160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
Year to date		1896.9	1920.2	99%	
March	31		161.1		
April	7		162.0		

**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:

26-Mar-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.19	36	74.83	73
Los Angeles	84.00	83.33	63	83.93	124
New York	74.00-77.00	76.83	23	76.80	50

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

	Change from		
26-MAR-2007	19-MAR-2007	19-MAR-2007	27-MAR-2006
78.71	.70	78.01	60.55
NUMBER OF LOADS	509		

**MONTHLY**

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
March	78.66	2,274.20

**QUARTERLY**

January - March	74.76	7,000.00
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**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/	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-

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 03/26/07	3,295	72,535	51,763
AM 03/01/07	3,312	69,187	54,570
CHG	-17	3348	-2807
PCT CHG	-1%	5%	-5%

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

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 26Mar-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	5-10 CENTS/LB.		7.08
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	4.5-10 CENTS/LB.		6.94

(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) 23-Mar-07

**REMOVAL COST**

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	2-9	2-5.5

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

W/E 24-Mar-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	180.8	2	-8
East North Central	628.9	-7	0
West North Central	275.1	-6	-3
South Atlantic	195.7	-6	0
South Central	64.8	2	-10
West	190.8	-3	2
Total	1536.1	-5	-2
Matched plants reporting		82	82

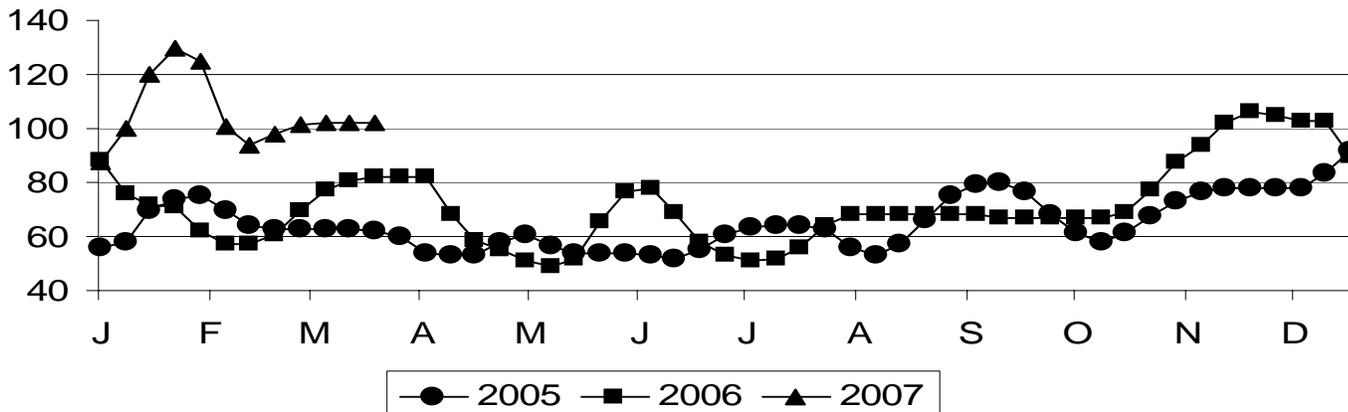
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

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

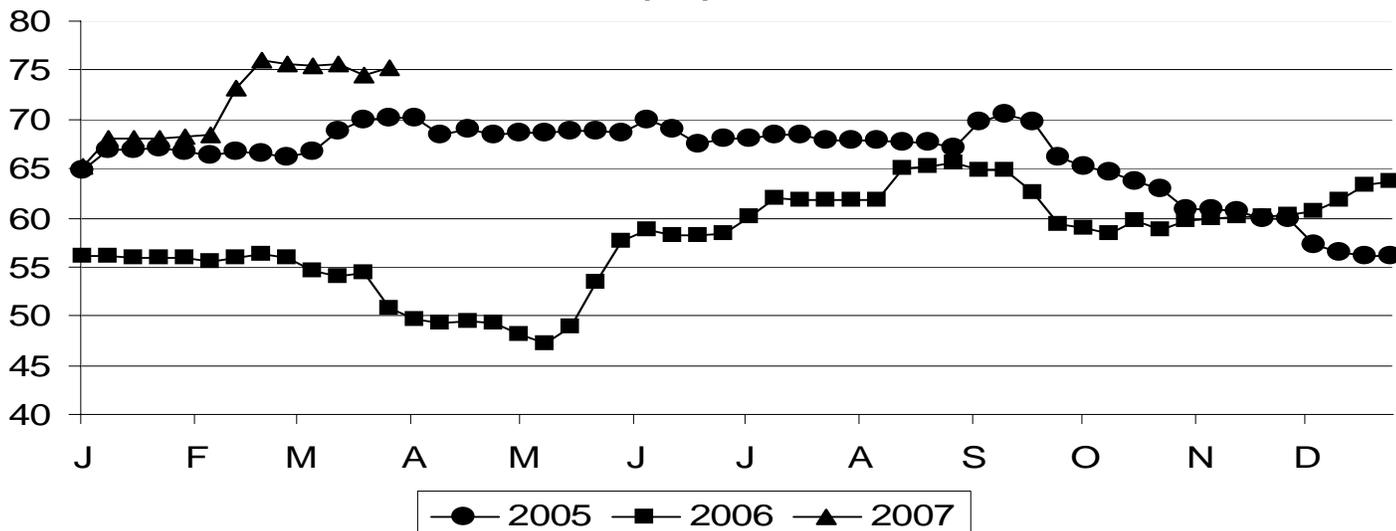
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

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

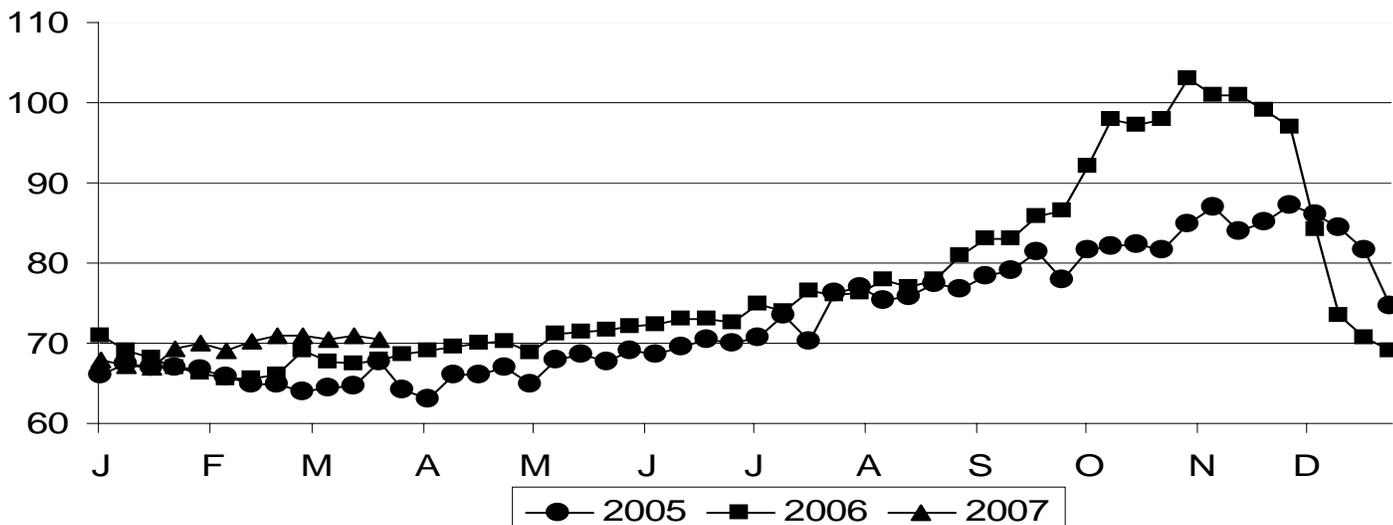
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



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



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



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