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Early week prices were higher for all sizes except in New York where prices were unchanged. For the remainder of the week prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady while demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to instances ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good while offerings were adequate to available and included graded loose shell eggs. Schedules were full-time or less. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to fully adequate. Demand remained moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 0 to 9, mostly 0 to 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 to usually barely steady. Retail demand was usually light to moderate. Food service movement was slow to at times fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good. Offerings were adequate to available and included graded loose shell eggs. Schedules were full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment steady to at least steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
MEDIUM	79-88	81-84

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at times steady to mostly barely steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Supplies ranged fully adequate to available for immediate trade needs. The Eastern region breaking stock demand was moderate to good for barely sufficient offerings. Light type hens were adequate to fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-112	98-101
LARGE	92-106	97-101
MEDIUM	83-96	87-90

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

COMBINED REGIONAL April 27, 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	88.50	88.00	73.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	73.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	67.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	88.50	73.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.08	86.43	71.80

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

	05-01-07	04-24-07	05-02-06
Large	69-78	60-69	18-27
Medium	61-67	48-54	15-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-APR 30, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	Atl Pacific 5-Area		
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	17.7	7.6	9.2	10.8	54.6
	Change	1.8	0.8	1.4	-0.4	0.0	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.4	37.5	12.5	21.8	35.0	131.2
	Change	9.4	-0.3	2.5	2.5	3.1	15%
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	98.2	78.6	96.2	109.1	413.5
	Change	5.9	14.4	20.9	11.3	18.2	21%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.0	36.7	14.4	15.1	27.3	102.5
	Change	2.0	6.0	1.5	3.3	-2.9	11%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	7.7	2.0	3.9	5.4	21.6
	Change	0.5	-1.0	1.1	1.0	2.4	23%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	19.7	11.1	10.5	6.4	50.2
	Change	-0.1	1.3	1.4	-1.6	0.4	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.5	37.1	13.3	24.9	28.8	117.6
	Change	4.1	0.8	2.3	9.1	1.1	17%
Total	Curr Wk	92.7	254.6	139.5	181.6	222.8	891.2
	Percent Change	34%	9%	29%	16%	11%	16%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	891.2	16%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.3	-13%	33
Total Shell Egg	1095.5	9%	189

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY		
	69.1	232.6	108.4	156.4	200.5	767.0

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 28-APR-2007

	Cases	(Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)				
		Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,204,213	30,394	11,336	5,811	2,031	4,182
PW	1,231,747	30,019	11,220	6,056	2,340	4,200
LY	1,344,598	33,856	12,383	6,466	3,082	4,463
% Chg PWK	-2%	1%	1%	-4%	-13%	0%
% Chg LY	-10%	-10%	-8%	-10%	-34%	-6%
2007	20,819,402	517,057	194,155	103,901	40,578	72,799
2006	21,598,463	535,107	201,279	108,826	48,866	73,694
% Chg YTD	-4%	-3%	-4%	-5%	-17%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.95	41.81	42.52
(Inedible Excluded)	39.48	38.40	39.20

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	594,353	49.4%	16,562	54.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	593,796	48.2%	16,174	53.9%
LAST YEAR	619,134	46.0%	17,297	51.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed In 19 Selected States	
	APR 21	APR 28	APR 21	APR 28
	Thousand			
AL	31,737	31,504	20,652	20,668
AR	28,327	28,086	23,531	24,030
DE	4,064	4,064	5,507	5,599
FL	1,383	1,384	1,497	1,555
GA	37,540	36,542	*28,445	30,063
KY	7,767	7,823	*6,549	6,230
LA	3,924	3,924	3,765	3,901
MD	8,941	8,932	*5,833	5,980
MS	19,090	18,856	17,370	17,549
NC	19,625	19,856	15,907	16,434
OK	6,771	6,583	5,298	5,038
PA	*4,152	3,890	*2,990	2,928
SC	5,775	5,659	4,971	4,999
TX	15,069	15,142	12,709	12,670
VA	6,540	6,478	*5,203	5,225
CA,MO,TN,WV	*20,278	19,595	*18,034	17,900
19 STATE TOTAL	*220,983	218,318	*178,261	180,769
PREV YR TOTAL	212,327	210,570	175,809	177,833
% OF PREV YR	104	104	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Jun-07 is estimated at 165.0 million head. This compares to 163.2 million head the previous week and to 165.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.81 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/26/07-05-02-07
CURRENT LDS 79.25 FUTURE LDS 101.75 TOTAL LDS 181.00

CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	74.50	86.17	76.00	77.67	--	75.00	23.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	84.00	--	--	1.00	
GL W J	--	--	88.00	90.00	87.57	--	3.75	
GL W XL	--	85.65	86.63	91.28	79.53	--	63.25	
GL W LG	50.00	87.57	88.50	89.12	83.60	87.17	62.50	
GL W MD	83.00	89.00	68.25	75.50	67.95	--	10.50	
GL W SM	--	--	50.00	51.67	45.64	46.50	5.75	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	77.50	--	1.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	.25	
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	.50	
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	60.00	63.00	66.00	2.75	
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	60.00	--	60.10	32.00	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-APR-07

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	27.0	29.5	-8	1
Boston	3.0	2.9	3	-3
Chicago	51.5	50.5	2	-20
Detroit	10.3	12.6	-18	-55
Kansas City	0.7	2.0	-65	-86
Los Angeles	100.4	98.5	2	-9
New Orleans	5.6	5.4	4	-5
New York	26.8	26.5	1	-9
St. Louis	15.3	14.9	3	11
San Francisco	16.5	16.5	0	-6
Total	257.1	259.3	-1	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-APR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,951	2,594	12	3	4,560
Avg Wt	16.55	38.02	24.16	31.03	28.79
Last week	2,039	2,597	12	0	4,648
Same wk yr ago	2,308	2,590	34	8	4,940
Avg Wt	17.39	37.95	22.93	27.02	28.22
To-date/2007	31,637	42,688	237	73	74,635
To-date/2006	31,038	41,867	420	99	73,424

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 28-Apr-07 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---		Avg	Old Banded	Total Turkeys Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg			
North East	769	2	23.63	(A)	770
South Atlantic	728	8	32.73	(A)	729
North Central	2,041	-2	33.23	(A)	2,042
South Central	691	-18	18.71	(A)	691
West	328	12	25.77	(A)	328
U.S. total	4,557(B)	-2	28.79	3	4,560
To-date					
2007	74,562(B)				73
To-date					
2006	73,325(B)				99

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date 237,000; for last year to date 420,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 28-Apr-07	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,364	1,156	1,432	2,588	532
Avg Wt	5.50	3.29	8.14	5.97	5.81
Last week	159,610	1,026	1,280	2,306	525
Same wk yr ago	167,199	1,110	1,456	2,566	542
Avg Wt	5.47	3.32	8.03	5.99	6.82
To-date/2007	2,667,469	18,967	23,003	41,970	8,890
To-date/2006	2,736,169	20,284	24,378	44,662	8,717

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.3 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 05-May-07

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/05/07 (1)	04/28/07
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	164,960 (2)	162,674
Light hens	1,340	1,293
Heavy hens	1,327	1,393
Total	167,627	165,360

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-May-07 is 164.6 million head compared to 156.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-May-07 the estimated available is 165.3 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD				
	SLTRD	AVAIL	PCT	AVG WT	
March	24	160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
	31	160.9	161.1	100%	5.38
April	7	155.9	162.0	96%	5.43
	14	161.3	162.8	99%	5.39
	21	161.5	163.9	99%	5.50
	28	163.3	164.3	99%	5.50
Year to date	2699.8	2734.3	99%		
May	5	164.6			
	12	165.3			

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: 30-Apr-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	73.00-76.00	73.99	38	74.60	69	
Los Angeles	86.00	84.86	63	81.80	152	
New York	72.00-75.00	74.55	22	76.76	52	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

30-APR-2007	Change from		01-MAY-2006
	23-APR-2007	23-APR-2007	
78.35	-0.02	78.37	57.86
NUMBER OF LOADS	543		

MONTHLY

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
April	78.63	2,166.60

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)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	75.5	75.50	320
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-77	75.5	75.50	160
WESTERN REGION	75-77	-	-	-

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.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

(Incl. Gov't stocks) Selected Storage Centers (In Thousands)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM0	4/30/07	3,312	70,293	51,826
AM0	4/01/07	3,240	69,750	47,359
CHG		72	543	4467
PCT CHG		2%	1%	9%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-APR-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	6-12 CENTS/LB.		8.99
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	6-11.25 CENTS/LB.		8.42
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading			
*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.			

LIGHT TYPE - REMOVAL COSTS

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 27-APR-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12	6-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

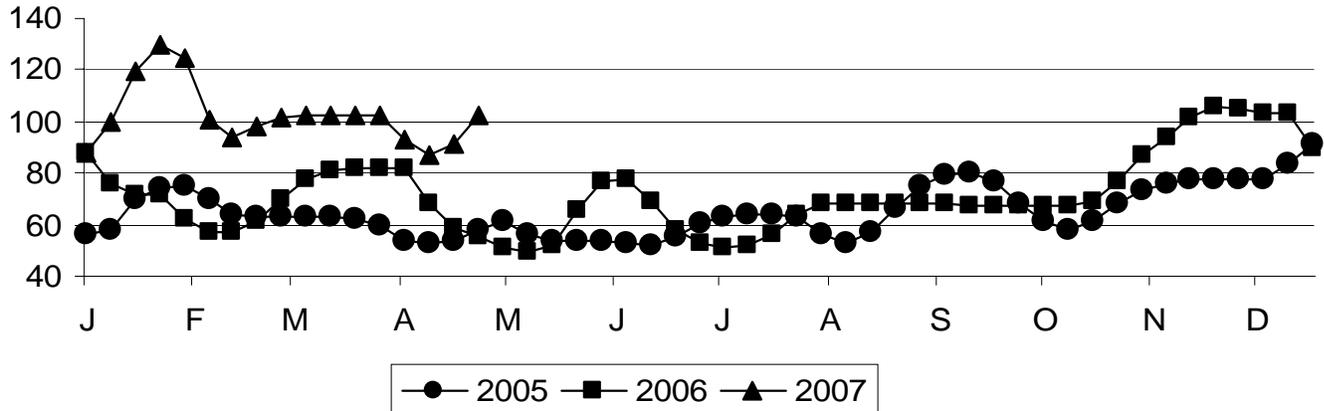
W/E 28 - Apr-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	% CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	170.7	-1	-8
East North Central	623.1	-8	7
West North Central	287.3	-1	-1
South Atlantic	181.1	5	0
South Central	51.5	-7	-7
West	175.1	-3	1
Total	1488.8	-4	1

Matched plants reporting

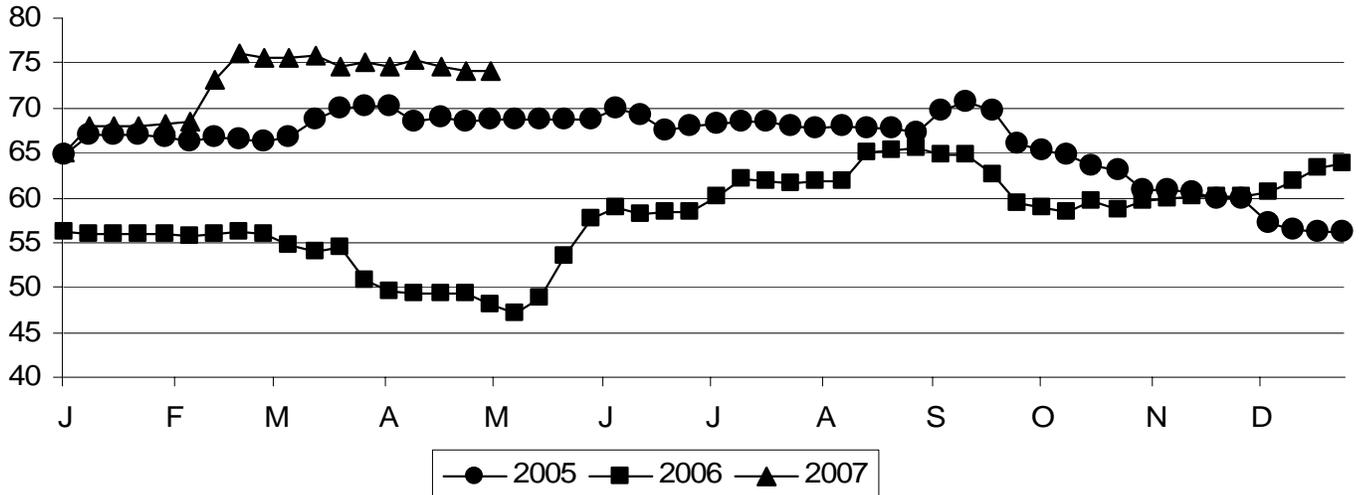
Areas Covered:

- 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)

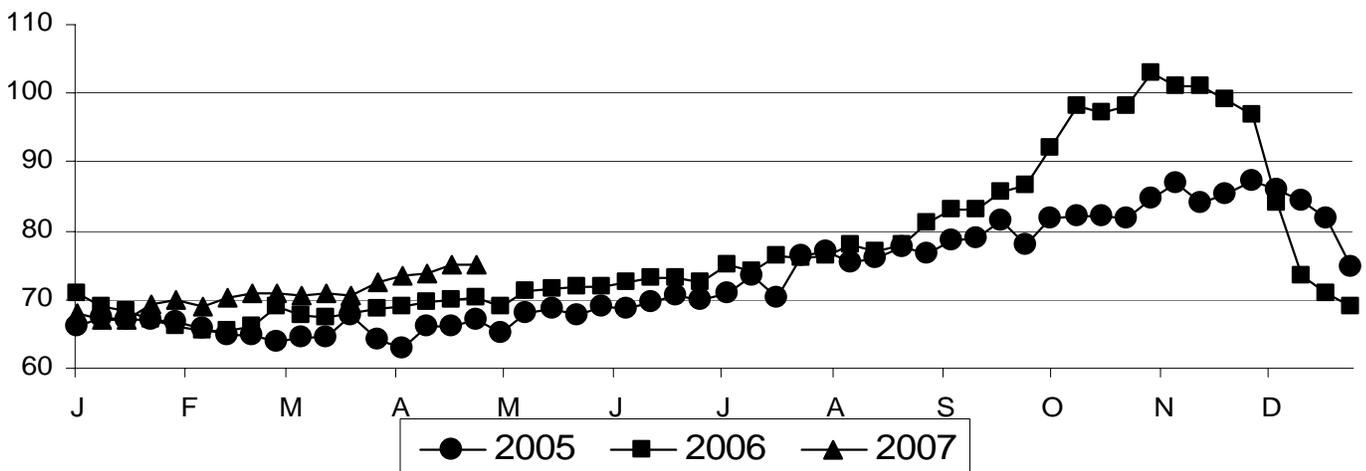
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



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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