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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices in all regions remained unchanged throughout the period. Prices in New York were unchanged during the period showing a firm undertone at the close. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on all sizes. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged at all markets. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate to at times good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and egg sizes (EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM) with corresponding price ranges.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. However, values were improving on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into most areas was fair, although confidence levels continue to improve.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and egg sizes (EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM) with corresponding price ranges.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL October 19, 2007

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

Table with 4 columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM and corresponding average prices for Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, South Central, and Combined Regional.

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

Table with 4 columns: Egg sizes (LARGE, MEDIUM) and corresponding price ranges for 10-23-07, 10-16-07, and 10-24-06.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 22, 2007
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

Large table showing weekly shell egg inventory for Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, and Atl Pacific 5-Area across various egg sizes (Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total) with current week and change data.

Summary table with 4 columns: TOTAL, Number of Cases, Percent Change, and Number of Cooperators for Shell Egg and Shell Egg Breaking Stock.

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 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.

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.

- List of regions for Northeast, North Central, South Central, South Atlantic, and Pacific.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 20-OCT-2007

|           | Cases<br>Broken | (Lbs In Thousands)<br>(Excludes Ingredients) |                 |                |         |          |
|-----------|-----------------|--|-----------------|----------------|---------|----------|
|           |                 | Liquid<br>Whole                              | Liquid<br>White | Liquid<br>Yolk | Dried   | Inedible |
| CW        | 1,349,860       | 35,232                                       | 11,428          | 6,100          | 2,516   | 4,376    |
| PW        | 1,373,767       | 34,666                                       | 12,613          | 6,547          | 2,599   | 4,583    |
| LY        | 1,288,032       | 32,922                                       | 11,187          | 5,887          | 1,781   | 4,306    |
| % Chg PWK | -2%             | 2%   | -9%             | -7%            | -3%     | -5%      |
| % Chg LY  | 5%              | 7%   | 2%              | 4%             | 41%     | 2%       |
| 2007      | 53,581,515      | 1,333,479                                    | 490,882         | 262,759        | 104,796 | 182,252  |
| 2006      | 54,489,469      | 1,341,138                                    | 507,578         | 268,310        | 118,516 | 183,464  |
| % Chg YTD | -2%             | -1%  | -3%             | -2%            | -12%    | -1%      |

| Average Yield Per Case - | Current<br>Week | Previous<br>Week | Last<br>Year |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| (Inedible Included)      | 42.33           | 42.52            | 42.16        |
| (Inedible Excluded)      | 39.09           | 39.18            | 38.82        |

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  | 643,494      | 47.7%      | 17,121       | 48.6%      |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 651,631      | 47.4%      | 17,281       | 49.8%      |
| LAST YEAR     | 600,338      | 46.6%      | 17,500       | 53.2%      |

**BROILER HATCHERY**

| 19 Selected States<br>STATE | Broiler Eggs Set In |         | Broiler Chicks Placed |         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
|                             | OCT 13              | OCT 20  | OCT 13                | OCT 20  |
|                             | Thousand            |         |                       |         |
| AL                          | *30,320             | 30,682  | *20,896               | 20,528  |
| AR                          | 26,967              | 25,563  | 23,143                | 22,846  |
| DE                          | *4,188              | 4,188   | 4,844                 | 5,451   |
| FL                          | 1,344               | 1,364   | 1,519                 | 1,432   |
| GA                          | 35,144              | 33,967  | *28,985               | 27,222  |
| KY                          | 6,925               | 6,575   | *7,042                | 6,205   |
| LA                          | 3,829               | 3,939   | 3,881                 | 3,576   |
| MD                          | 8,460               | 7,792   | *5,709                | 5,723   |
| MS                          | 17,559              | 17,601  | 16,096                | 15,846  |
| NC                          | 18,702              | 18,702  | 16,579                | 15,516  |
| OK                          | 6,472               | 6,371   | 4,922                 | 4,474   |
| PA                          | 4,175               | 4,132   | *3,255                | 3,286   |
| SC                          | 5,343               | 5,641   | 3,846                 | 5,481   |
| TX                          | 14,476              | 13,373  | 11,816                | 11,919  |
| VA                          | 6,324               | 6,184   | *4,750                | 4,560   |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV            | *19,138             | 18,381  | *16,688               | 16,100  |
| 19 State Total              | *209,366            | 204,455 | *173,971              | 170,165 |
| Previous Year Total         | 203,451             | 196,782 | 167,994               | 165,109 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year          | 103                 | 104     | 104                   | 103     |

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Dec-07 is estimated at 158.4 million head. This compares to 157.7 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.31 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/18/07 - 10/24/07

| CURRENT LDS | 80.25 |        | FUTURE LDS |       | 55.25  |       | TOTAL LDS |  | 135.50 |
|-------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|--|--------|
|             | SE    | NE     | SE         | NE    | MW     | MW    |           |  |        |
| CLASS       | ORG   | DST    | ORG        | DST   | ORG    | DST   | LOADS     |  |        |
| GNR W 1     | 79.50 | --     | 80.80      | 83.00 | 83.00  | 83.00 | 25.00     |  |        |
| GNR W 3     | --    | --     | --         | --    | --     | 62.00 | 1.00      |  |        |
| GNR BR 1    | --    | --     | --         | --    | --     | --    | 1.00      |  |        |
| GL W J      | --    | --     | 96.50      | 98.50 | 97.44  | --    | 6.00      |  |        |
| GL W XL     | --    | 92.75  | 90.38      | 93.94 | 93.42  | 92.00 | 35.75     |  |        |
| GL W LG     | --    | 93.75  | --         | 88.40 | 90.89  | 88.67 | 38.25     |  |        |
| GL W MD     | 81.14 | 83.00  | 80.00      | 82.00 | 74.72  | 77.00 | 23.50     |  |        |
| GL W SM     | 59.50 | 63.25  | --         | --    | --     | 55.00 | 3.00      |  |        |
| GL BR XL    | --    | 123.00 | 115.00     | --    | 108.00 | --    | 1.25      |  |        |
| GL BR LG    | --    | 123.00 | 115.00     | --    | 121.67 | --    | 3.50      |  |        |
| NRBS - 50   | --    | --     | 78.00      | 79.00 | --     | --    | 4.00      |  |        |
| NRBS - 48   | --    | --     | 78.00      | 81.00 | 79.11  | 78.67 | 34.00     |  |        |
| NRBS - 45   | --    | --     | --         | --    | 76.00  | 78.00 | 3.00      |  |        |

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 20-OCT-07

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PCT PW | CHG LY |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| Atlanta                    | 27.1         | 26.8         | 1      | -1     |
| Boston                     | 3.1          | 3.1          | 0      | 7      |
| Chicago                    | 50.7         | 54.0         | -6     | -26    |
| Detroit                    | 10.3         | 11.5         | -10    | 6      |
| Los Angeles                | 102.3        | 116.5        | -12    | -2     |
| New Orleans                | 4.8          | 5.5          | -13    | -11    |
| New York                   | 26.2         | 25.9         | 1      | -3     |
| St. Louis                  | 13.0         | 14.1         | -8     | -29    |
| San Francisco              | 13.7         | 13.8         | -1     | -22    |
| Total                      | 251.2        | 271.2        | -7     | -11    |
| 4 Week Moving Avg.         | 251.7        |              |        |        |

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 20-OCT-07

|                | YOUNG  |         | YOUNG BREEDERS | OLD   | TOTAL TURKEYS |
|----------------|--------|---------|----------------|-------|---------------|
|                | HENS   | TOMS    |                |       |               |
| Head           | 2,190  | 3,089   | 28             | 1     | 5,308         |
| Avg Wt         | 16.07  | 36.82   | 25.99          | 22.65 | 28.20         |
| Last week      | 1,844  | 2,822   | 35             | 11    | 4,712         |
| Same wk yr ago | 2,033  | 2,730   | 30             | 6     | 4,799         |
| Avg Wt         | 16.37  | 36.44   | 26.47          | 47.80 | 27.89         |
| To-date/2007   | 82,726 | 110,359 | 998            | 216   | 194,299       |
| To-date/2006   | 80,961 | 107,923 | 1,050          | 201   | 190,135       |

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

W/E 20-OCT-07

|                | (Preliminary)       |         | Avg Live wt | Old Banded | Total Turkeys |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------|---------------|
|                | ---Young turkeys--- |         |             |            |               |
|                | Thousand            | Pct chg |             |            |               |
| North East     | 873                 | 18      | 24.17       | (A)        | 874           |
| South Atlantic | 762                 | 3       | 32.82       | (A)        | 762           |
| North Central  | 2,266               | -1      | 32.77       | (A)        | 2,266         |
| South Central  | 936                 | 35      | 17.88       | (A)        | 936           |
| West           | 470                 | 97      | 26.75       | (A)        | 470           |
| U.S. total     | 5,307 (B)           | 13      | 28.20       | 1          | 5,308         |
| To-date        |                     |         |             |            |               |
| 2007           | 194,083 (B)         |         |             | 216        | 194,299       |
| To-date        |                     |         |             |            |               |
| 2006           | 189,934 (B)         |         |             | 201        | 190,135       |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 998,000; for last year to date 1,050,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

| (PRELIMINARY) W/E 20-OCT-2007 | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens | Ducks  |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS-----           |                |            |            |            |        |
| Head                          | 169,642        | 1,187      | 1,602      | 2,789      | 484    |
| Avg Wt                        | 5.65           | 3.24       | 8.52       | 6.27       | 6.79   |
| Last week                     | 167,086        | 1,032      | 1,609      | 2,641      | 475    |
| Same wk yr ago                | 165,595        | 1,068      | 1,532      | 2,600      | 497    |
| Avg Wt                        | 5.47           | 3.27       | 8.16       | 6.15       | 6.73   |
| To-date/2007                  | 6,794,622      | 46,374     | 61,450     | 107,824    | 20,985 |
| To-date/2006                  | 6,794,261      | 45,819     | 62,416     | 108,235    | 21,039 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.7 million head, or 5.0 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-OCT-07

| Class                     | Current Week | Previous Week |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                           | 10/27/07 (1) | 10/20/07      |
| ----- Thousand head ----- |              |               |
| Broiler/fryer             | 169,718 (2)  | 169,495       |
| Light hens                | 1,162        | 1,197         |
| Heavy hens                | 1,597        | 1,534         |
| Total                     | 172,477      | 172,226       |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Oct-07 is 166.3 million head compared to 166.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.1 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Nov-07 the estimated available is 166.2 million head.

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

| Week Ending  | Million Head Slaughtered | Million Head Available | Pct  | Avg Wt |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| Sept 15      | 170.4                    | 168.4                  | 101% | 5.48   |
| 22           | 172.4                    | 169.1                  | 102% | 5.58   |
| 29           | 176.0                    | 168.1                  | 105% | 5.43   |
| Oct 6        | 173.3                    | 167.4                  | 104% | 5.59   |
| 13           | 169.1                    | 167.0                  | 101% | 5.52   |
| 20           | 171.7                    | 166.7                  | 103% | 5.65   |
| Year to date | 6876.9                   | 6939.3                 | 99%  |        |
| Oct 27       |                          | 166.3                  |      |        |
| Nov 3        |                          | 166.2                  |      |        |

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT**

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 22-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

|             | U.S. GRADE A |         |     | COMPOSITE |     |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
|             | MAJ          | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG   | LDS |
| Chicago     | 61.00-64.00  | 65.16   | 30  | 60.58     | 65  |
| Los Angeles | 87.00        | 84.97   | 59  | 78.21     | 127 |
| New York    | 67.00-70.00  | 68.45   | 20  | 69.06     | 51  |

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

| WEEKLY          | Change from |             |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 22-OCT-2007     | 15-OCT-2007 | 15-OCT-2007 | 23-OCT-2006 |
| 71.21           | 1.16        | 70.05       | 65.48       |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 503         |             |             |

**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/ 8-16 LB HENS | OFFERS | SALES | WTD AVG | LBS (000) |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|
| EASTERN REGION 3/                 | 94-98  | 96    | 96.00   | 320       |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/                 | 94-98  | 96-98 | 97.64   | 220       |
| WESTERN REGION 5/                 | 94-98  | -     | -       | -         |

**16-24 LB TOMS**

|                |       |    |       |     |
|----------------|-------|----|-------|-----|
| EASTERN REGION | 94-98 | 96 | 96.00 | 320 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 94-98 | -  | -     | -   |
| WESTERN REGION | 94-98 | -  | -     | -   |

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25° 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 -**

| Selected Centers | (Inc. Gov't Stocks) |                       | (In Thousands) Processed other Poultry Lbs |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                  | Frozen Eggs Lbs     | Processed Turkeys Lbs |  |
| AM 10/22/07      | 3,182               | 84,724                | 82,218                                     |
| AM 10/01/07      | 3,226               | 107,745               | 66,944                                     |
| CHG              | -44                 | -23021                | 15274                                      |
| PCT CHG          | -1%                 | -21%                  | 23%  |

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-OCT-07

| REGIONS           | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Southeast (1)     | 7-12 CENTS/LB.    |          | 9.12    |
| Southeast (2)     | TFEWR             |          |         |
| South Central (1) | 6-12.25 CENTS/LB. |          | 8.98    |

(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) 19-OCT-07

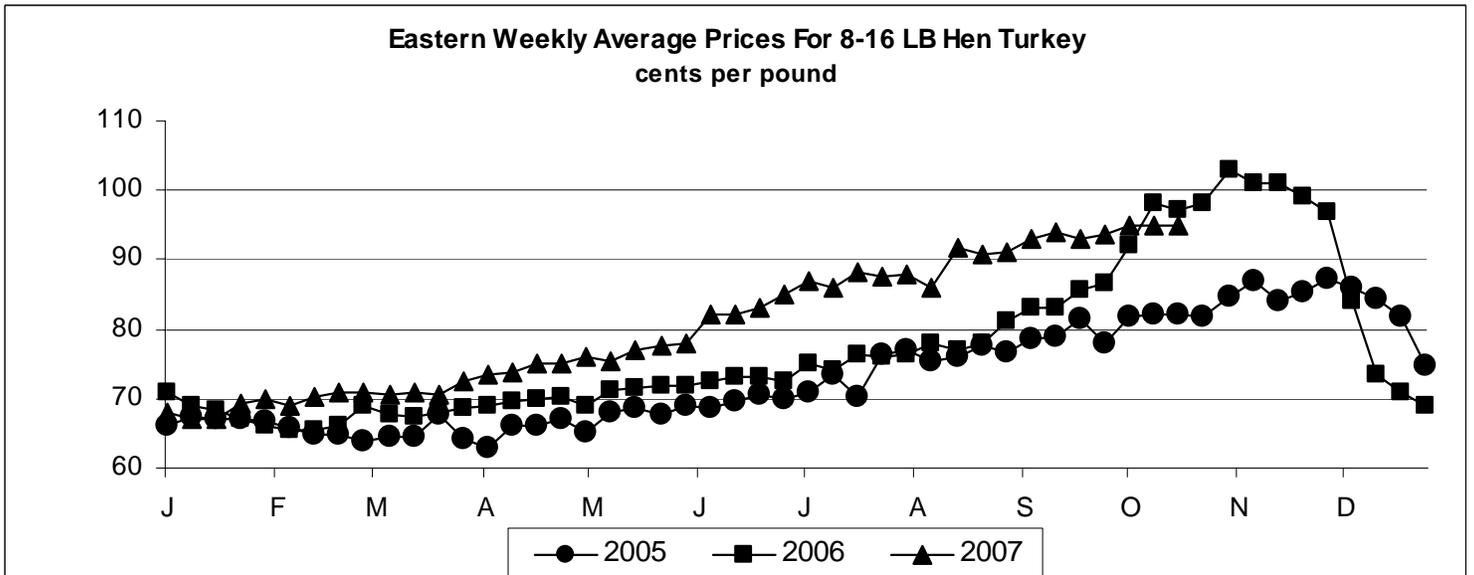
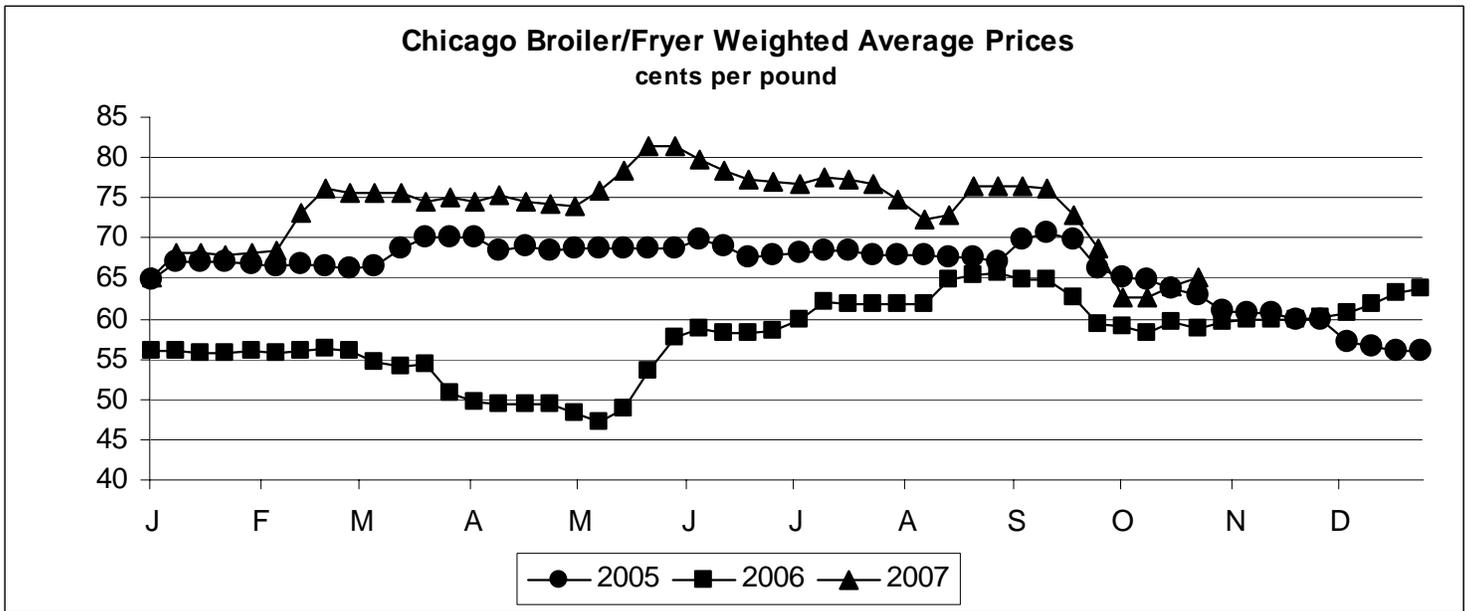
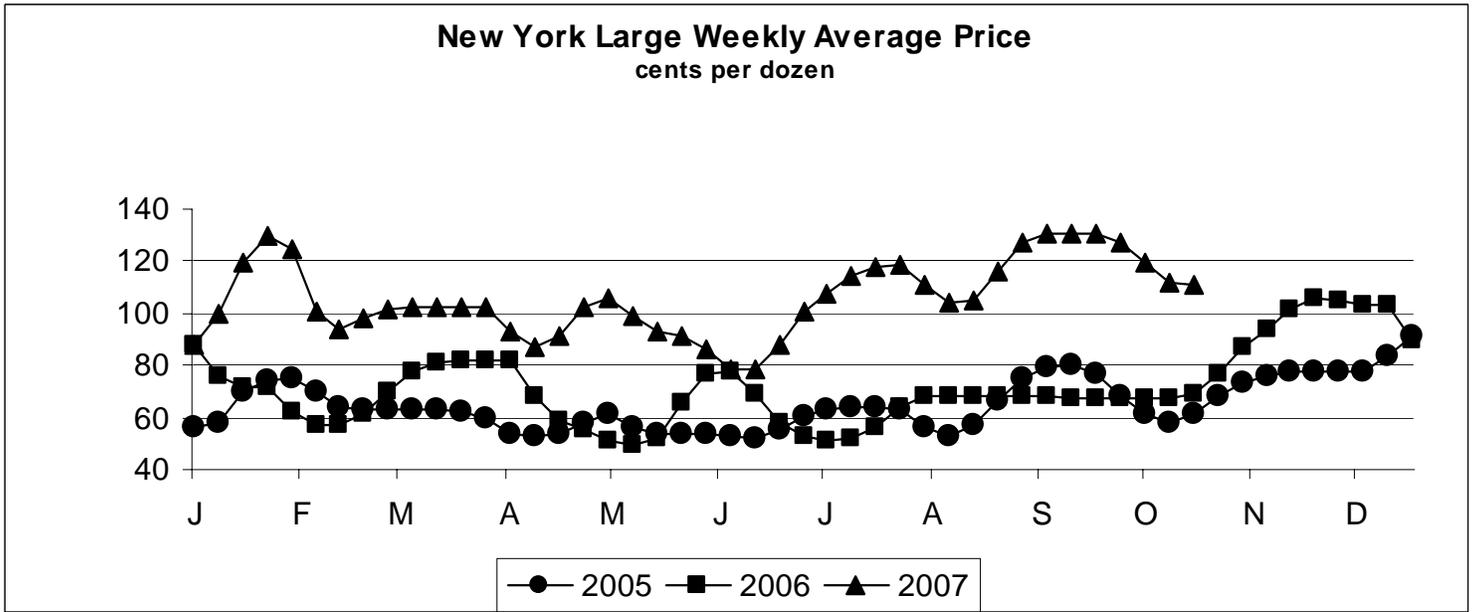
| REGIONS       | RANGE             | MAJORITY |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| Eastern       | 3-12              | 5-8      |
| South Central | Too Few To Report |          |
| North Central | 0-9               | 0-4.5    |

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

| W/E 20-OCT-2007          | Cases (In thousands) | % Change From |    |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----|
| REGIONS                  |                      | LW            | LY |
| North Atlantic           | 178.1                | -1            | 2  |
| East North Central       | 624.2                | 0             | 0  |
| West North Central       | 277.4                | -2            | -2 |
| South Atlantic           | 181.7                | 1             | -2 |
| South Central            | 54.5                 | -10           | -6 |
| West                     | 192.6                | 2             | -4 |
| Total                    | 1508.5               | -1            | -1 |
| Matched plants reporting |                      | 81            | 81 |

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)



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