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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



At the beginning of the period, prices in all regions were higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Prices in New York were unchanged throughout the period. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady on all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for the larger sizes and closely balanced to short for the lighter weight sizes. Breaking stock prices were higher during the period. Offerings in close balance to short for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules full-time. Floor stocks about adequate to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the north central region spent hen removal costs remained unchanged. Demand was at least moderate. Offers were barely adequate. Some processors beginning to pay for birds in order to secure needs. The trade sentiment was steady.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes in all markets. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for the larger sizes and close to tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices continued higher. Offerings were closely balanced to short for the fairly good to good demand. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150
LARGE	143-152	145-148
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140

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 mostly steady. Demand was generally moderate, but unaggressive in most areas. Supplies continue to be in very close balance to adequate with mediums being reported in the best position. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were limited and often short for normal processing schedules. Spent light type hen offerings were barely adequate to adequate for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	137-150	142-144

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

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** 07-DEC-07  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	154.50	152.00	138.00
SOUTHEAST	157.50	155.50	137.00
MIDWEST	148.50	146.50	133.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	157.50	155.50	137.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	154.59	152.49	136.51

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

## IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-11-07	12-04-07	12-12-06
Large	125-134	125-134	68-77
Medium	119-123	114-118	49-55

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT DEC 10, 2007

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

		NO				5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	20.8	8.9	10.8	12.2	62.1
	Change	1.0	-0.5	2.1	0.2	-0.7	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	41.8	17.5	28.2	43.3	155.3
	Change	0.5	-8.3	3.8	3.6	3.0	2%
Large	Curr Wk	43.6	137.5	119.3	139.3	123.7	563.4
	Change	0.3	9.6	20.1	19.0	-5.6	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.0	38.5	17.2	16.3	38.4	119.4
	Change	-1.5	-2.6	-0.7	-3.1	4.0	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	1.6	4.8	1.2	2.3	3.0	12.9
	Change	-0.9	0.6	0.4	0.0	-3.0	-18%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	22.7	8.5	10.3	8.2	51.7
	Change	0.4	2.7	-1.9	0.5	-1.5	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.2	40.7	23.3	13.8	29.1	123.1
	Change	-2.4	-5.2	-1.5	-2.1	1.4	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	106.3	306.8	195.9	221.0	257.9	1087.9
	Percent Change	-2%	-1%	13%	9%	-1%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,087.9	3%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	203.6	0%	33
Total Shell Egg	1,291.5	2%	187

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. 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 08-DEC-2007	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,276,968	33,222	10,488	5,588	2,067	4,504
PW	1,283,440	33,508	10,468	5,527	2,808	4,433
LY	1,274,340	33,325	10,691	5,605	2,283	4,186
% Chg PWK	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-26%	2%
% Chg LY	0%	0%	-2%	0%	-9%	8%
2007	62,318,489	1,561,829	563,427	302,132	121,798	212,129
2006	63,218,280	1,570,437	580,357	307,107	132,685	212,569
% Chg YTD	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-8%	0%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.13	42.02	42.22
(Inedible Excluded)	38.61	38.57	38.94

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	634,721	49.7%	17,752	53.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	650,338	50.7%	17,965	53.6%
LAST YEAR	615,480	48.3%	17,959	53.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	DEC 01	DEC 08	DEC 01	DEC 08
	Thousand			
AL	*32,561	32,178	*20,717	20,502
AR	28,947	27,993	*24,712	25,747
DE	4,163	4,160	4,959	5,106
FL	1,362	1,343	1,291	1,341
GA	*36,181	35,206	28,675	29,179
KY	7,436	7,487	*5,898	6,108
LA	3,877	3,923	4,114	3,864
MD	8,821	8,707	6,224	5,607
MS	19,151	18,720	17,201	16,461
NC	*19,743	18,746	*16,522	16,272
OK	*6,709	6,013	4,147	4,308
PA	4,388	4,188	3,208	3,278
SC	5,690	5,156	4,764	4,985
TX	*15,390	15,315	*13,043	12,135
VA	6,353	6,239	4,967	4,862
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,494	18,921	*18,064	17,630
19 State Total	*221,266	214,295	*178,506	177,385
Previous Year Total	212,782	207,215	168,076	171,423
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	106	103

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 19-Jan-08 is estimated at 163.8 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 159.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.59 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/06/07 - 12/12/07						
CURRENT LDS 76.00		FUTURE LDS 51.00		TOTAL LDS 127.00		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST LOADS
	SE		NE		MW	
GNR W 1	128.50	--	129.25	131.00	136.50	132.22 38.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	166.75	155.00	-- 2.00
GL W J	--	--	144.50	146.00	137.50	-- 4.00
GL W XL	137.00	144.11	139.90	143.78	136.47	-- 18.25
GL W LG	--	146.75	138.00	138.93	135.08	141.00 30.25
GL W MD	130.00	130.80	131.00	135.67	127.28	131.89 26.00
GL W SM	--	--	88.50	88.00	87.00	92.25 2.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	133.00	-- .25
GL BR XL	--	171.00	--	--	165.00	-- .75
GL BR LG	--	171.57	--	--	--	-- 2.25
NRBS - 50	--	--	112.00	--	--	-- .50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	111.00	110.75 16.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	-- 2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-DEC-07**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	28.5	30.4	-6	-3
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	0
Chicago	83.6	85.7	-2	-2
Detroit	12.5	11.6	8	17
Los Angeles	77.3	110.3	-30	-29
New Orleans	6.8	6.2	10	15
New York	23.6	23.5	0	-16
St. Louis	19.0	16.5	15	-19
San Francisco	14.4	14.5	-1	-19
Total	268.7	301.7	-11	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 08-DEC-07**

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95	26.72	43.74	28.99
Last week	2,163	2,827	49	7	5,046
Same wk yr ago	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294	1,213	259	229,917
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608

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

W/E 08-DEC-07 (Preliminary)						
	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		Thousand	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head- Live wt	
North East	864	15	24.50	(A)	866 24.50	
South Atlantic	713	-13	35.27	(A)	715 35.27	
North Central	2,245	5	33.76	(A)	2,247 33.76	
South Central	890	9	18.76	(A)	892 18.76	
West	475	-7	24.13	(A)	476 24.13	
U.S. total	5,187(B)	3	28.99	9	5,196 28.99	
To-date						
2007	229,658(B)			259	229,917	
To-date						
2006	224,403(B)			205	224,608	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 33,000; for the current year to date 1,213,000; for last year to date 1,334,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 08-DEC-2007 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	169,272	1,306	1,586	2,892	524
Avg Wt	5.61	3.65	7.36	5.68	6.89
Last week	169,092	1,228	1,418	2,646	500
Same wk yr ago	163,326	1,157	1,529	2,686	567
Avg Wt	5.49	3.28	8.02	5.98	6.68
To-date/2007	7,936,278	53,968	71,800	125,768	24,266
To-date/2006	7,897,646	52,408	72,909	125,317	24,506

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.3 million head, or 9.2 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Dec-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK 12/15/07 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/08/07
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	171,706 (2)	171,618
Light hens	1,565	1,354
Heavy hens	1,420	1,477
Total	174,691	174,449

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Dec-07 is 163.0 million head compared to 162.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 9.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Dec-07 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MILLION HEAD				
Nov	3	171.0	166.2	5.56
	10	172.0	164.0	5.61
	17	169.4	160.5	5.51
	24	131.1	161.4	5.64
Dec	1	171.1	161.8	5.66
	8	171.3	162.1	5.61
Year to date		8,032.4	8,081.6	99%
Dec	15		163.0	
	22		159.6	

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

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 10-DEC-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	61.00-64.00	63.69	32	61.33	62
Los Angeles	84.00	82.16	58	77.51	126
New York	65.00-68.00	66.50	20	68.05	53

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

Change from				
10-DEC-2007	03-DEC-2007	03-DEC-2007	11-DEC-2006	
70.40	.04	70.36	66.13	

NUMBER OF LOADS 508

**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/	80-89	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-89	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-89	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	80-89	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	80-89	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-89	-	-	-

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** - SELECTED CENTERS (INCL GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Poultry LBS
AM	12/10/07	3,076	39,399	89,139
AM	12/01/07	3,052	37,974	89,689
CHG		24	1425	-550
PCT CHG		1%	4%	-1%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-DEC-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.40
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.25-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.21

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

**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) 07-DEC-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	5-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10.5	0-5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 08-DEC 07

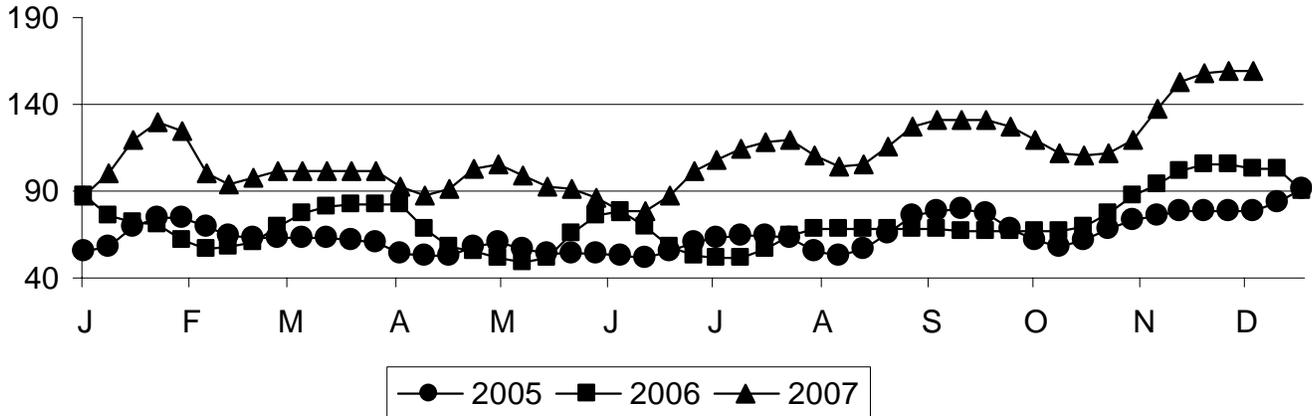
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	186.1	2	4
East North Central	628.3	0	-3
West North Central	279.9	0	0
South Atlantic	187.8	-4	-9
South Central	61.7	7	3
West	197.0	3	-1
Total	1,540.8	0	-2
Matched plants reporting		81	81

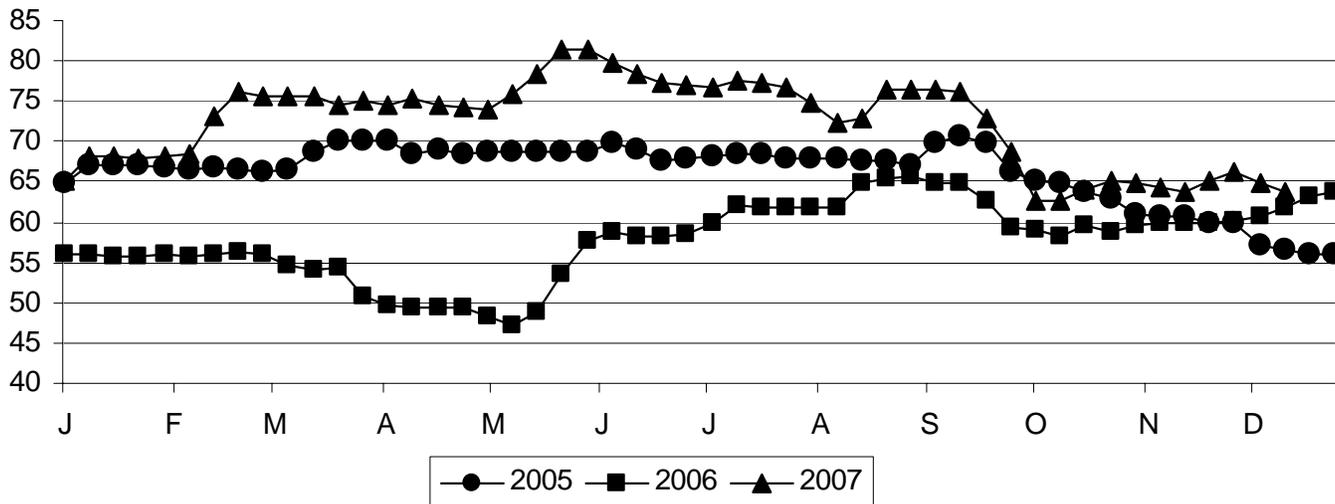
Areas Covered:

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)

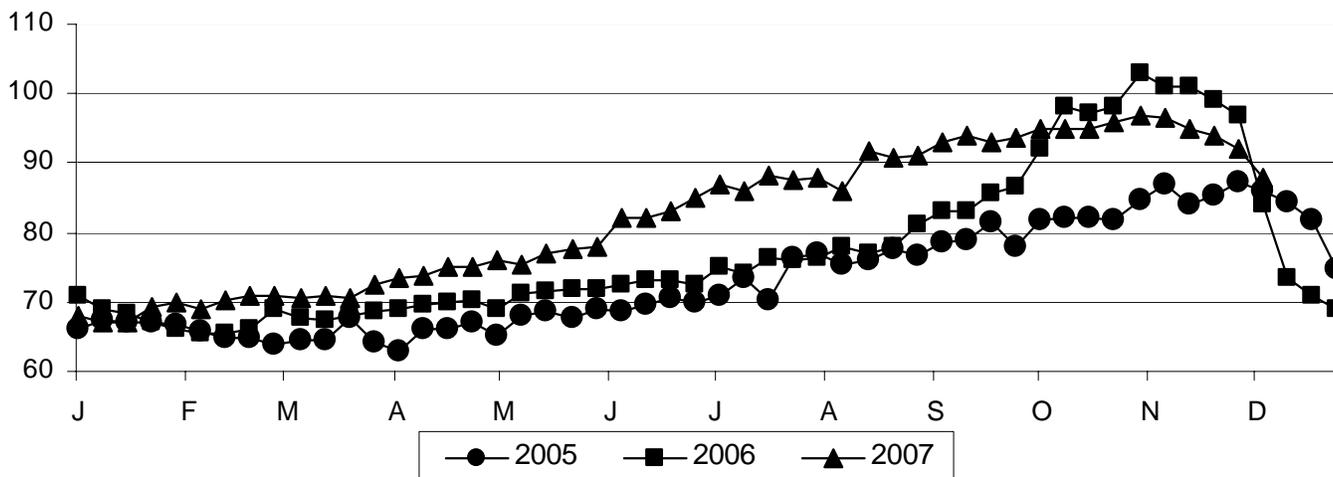
**New York Large Weekly Average Price**  
cents per dozen



**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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