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### **NATIONAL EGG REVIEW**



In New York prices declined 24 cents on the larger sizes and 16 cents on mediums. In the other regions, prices declined sharply. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand ranged from light to at times moderate. Food service movement was reported as slow. Supplies in all regions were noted as fully adequate to ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were sharply lower. Offerings were light to about adequate with demand usually fair. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Breaking schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. North central regional light hen removal costs continued unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment remained steady.

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 to producers were lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times moderate. Loose egg movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample and continued to build. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were light to about adequate for the usually fair demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSILY	
EXTRA LARGE	141-150	144-147	
LARGE	140-149	142-145	
MEDIUM	119-128	121-124	
MIDWEST AREA: IA	A.IL.IN.KY.MI.MI	N.OH.NE.ND.SD.WI.WV	. wes

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 remained weak. Demand was light to fair. Supplies ranged fully sufficient to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock demand in the Eastern region was moderate for varied offerings. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for less than normal schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	150-164	151-155
LARGE	144-158	149-153
MEDIUM	120-133	125-127

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

#### COMBINED REGIONAL MAR 28, 2008

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

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REGIONS	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM				
NORTHEAST	157.50	156.00	132.00				
SOUTHEAST	158.50	156.50	132.00				
MIDWEST	151.50	149.50	128.50				
SOUTH CENTRAL	158.50	157.50	134.50				
COMBINED REGIONAL	156.55	154.96	131.86				
Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.							

<u>IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN</u> Prices paid to producers for loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen

	04-01-08	03-25-08	04-03-07
Large	117-126	128-137	67-76
Medium	98-102	109-113	49-55

#### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

MAR 31, 2008			No	So	So		
	No	rtheast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	23.7	9.0	8.9	11.3	59.9
	Change	-1.1	2.6	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.8	52.3	16.0	22.9	29.5	141.5
	Change	1.6	17.0	6.4	0.4	1.9	24%
Large	Curr Wk	37.1	102.8	59.3	102.4	91.2	392.8
_	Change	6.6	23.1	1.1	3.8	14.9	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	37.1	16.4	18.6	27.2	111.2
	Change	-1.6	2.3	2.0	2.5	1.8	7%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	4.0	0.4	3.1	3.6	13.7
	Change	0.5	8.0	0.1	-0.6	0.7	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	18.7	8.0	10.4	7.3	47.2
	Change	-0.3	-3.4	-1.1	0.0	-0.2	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.4	43.7	9.8	18.6	25.2	107.7
· ·	Change	0.7	2.2	-5.8	7.3	3.5	8%
Total	Curr Wk	92.6	282.3	118.9	184.9	195.3	874.0
Percent	Change	7%	19%	2%	8%	13%	11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	874.0 < 218.3	11% 7%	152 32
Total Shell For	1092 3	10%	184

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 152 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 29-MAR-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
0144						
CW	1,280,121	31,980	11,829	6,270	2,641	4,461
PW	1,232,354	30,407	11,383	6,097	2,409	4,364
LY	1,259,493	31,524	11,544	6,303	2,493	4,466
% Chg	PWK 4%	5%	4%	3%	10%	2%
% Chg	LY 2%	1%	2%	-1%	6%	0%
2008	16,002,555	400,105	144,916	77,511	33,027	55,755
2007	15,826,982	394,101	147,188	78,747	31,425	55,560
% Chg	YTD 1%	2%	-2%	-2%	5%	0%
Averag	ge Yield Per	Case - C	Current	Previo	us	Last
			Week	We	ek	Year
(Inedib	le Included)		42.61	42.	40	42.74
(Inedib	le Excluded)		39.12	38.	86	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	652,839	51.0%	17,904	56.0%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	633,773	51.4%	17,216	56.6%	
LAST YEAR	617,057	49.0%	17,538	55.6%	

#### **BROILER HATCHERY**

	Broiler E	Eggs Set In	<b>Broiler Chicks Plac</b>		
19 Selected States	MAR 22	MAR 29	MAR 22	MAR 29	
STATE		Thou	usand		
AL	32,257	32,396	*21,579	22,122	
AR	27,080	26,038	23,625	23,607	
DE	3,983	4,005	5,338	5,156	
FL	1,414	1,419	1,305	1,353	
GA	34,444	34,663	*29,748	29,035	
KY	*7,870	8,127	*6,217	5,952	
LA	3,893	3,984	3,883	3,730	
MD	8,833	8,956	5,745	5,652	
MS	18,802	18,863	17,307	17,276	
NC	*20,080	20,130	*16,344	16,182	
OK	6,497	6,135	4,613	4,913	
PA	4,205	4,175	*3,238	3,247	
SC	5,600	5,436	4,438	4,877	
TX	15,541	15,744	13,695	13,549	
VA	6,621	6,350	*5,149	5,448	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,705	20,001	*18,650	18,330	
19 State Total	*216,825	216,422	*180,874	180,429	
Previous Year Total	,	216,641	175,877	175,861	
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	103	103	

\*Revised

Source: NASS, USDA

### WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-May-08 is estimated at 166.4 million head. This compares to 166.2 million head the previous week and to 165.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.25 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/27/08 - 04/02/08 CURRENT LDS 90.25 FUTURE LDS 66.25 TOTAL LDS 156.50

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	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
	GNR W 1	116.50	125.50	117.36	119.00			11.00
	GNR W 4		98.00					3.00
	GL W J					115.79		7.00
	GL W XL		131.43	130.89	128.53	115.82	121.45	53.50
	GL W LG		138.00	117.00	129.20	115.62	129.86	35.25
	GL W MD			93.68	93.66	96.84		20.50
	GL W SM	79.00	82.00	88.50	91.00	88.00		4.50
	GL BR XL							.50
	GL BR LG							.75
	NRBS - 50				106.00	101.00		.75
	NRBS - 48	90.00	92.00	99.17	100.64	95.00	108.46	54.00
	NRBS - 45			93.75	95.75			2.00
	NRBS - 42				97.00	92.00		.25
	NRBS - 39				94.00	89.00		.25

#### **MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-MAR-08** Selected CW PW **PCT CHG Consuming Centers** Cases, in thousands PW LY Atlanta 22.5 34.0 -34 -28 **Boston** 2.4 3.6 -33 -8 Chicago 78.4 104.8 -25 13 Detroit 13.7 14.8 -7 16 Los Angeles 86.2 103.8 -17 -19 **New Orleans** 5.7 6.4 -11 0 New York 26.5 34.4 -23 -27 St. Louis 48.3 50.4 -4 34 San Francisco -6 14.4 15.4 -25 Total 298.1 367.6 -19 -1

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#### LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 29-MAR-08

4 Week Moving Avg.

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREED	TURKEYS	
Head	1,939	2,660	13	14	4,626
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94	26.00	26.72	29.33
Last week	1,809	2,547	11	3	4,370
Same wk yr ago	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Avg Wt	16.43	37.29	27.19	37.99	28.68
To-date/2008	24,330	35,662	201	122	60,315
To-date/2007	23,799	32,693	178	52	56,722

# NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS W/E 29-MAR-08

(Preliminary)

	Old	Total	Turkeys			
Th	ousand Po	ct chg	Avg	Banded		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	l head-	Live wt
North East	791	24	25.10	(A)	794	25.10
South Atlantic	623	-12	32.70	(A)	626	32.70
North Central	2,120	4	34.54	(A)	2,123	34.54
South Central	787	11	18.55	(A)	790	18.55
West	291	4	24.90	(A)	293	24.90
U.S. total	4,612(B)	6	29.33	14	4,626	29.33
To-date						
2008	60,193(B)			122	30,315	
To-date						
2007	56,670(B)			52	56,722	

- (A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
- (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 201,000; for last year to date 178,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION					
(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 29-MAR-2008	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
			-Thousand	ls	
Head	160,207	1,647	1,568	3,215	502
Avg Wt	5.59	3.31	7.99	5.59	6.70
Last week	160,412	1,389	1,392	2,781	432
Same wk yr ago	158,956	1,214	1,412	2,626	510
Avg Wt	5.38	3.31	8.01	5.84	6.70
To-date/2008	2,112,098	17,865	19,311	37,176	5,988
To-date/2007	2,033,059	14,554	17,493	32,047	6,766
(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on					
the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was					
166.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.2					

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

million head, or 4.4 million less than estimated available.

١	Neek	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Er	nding	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
Feb	23	168.7	168.5	100%	5.54
Mar	1	167.9	168.4	100%	5.49
	8	166.5	167.6	99%	5.52
	15	168.4	166.4	101%	5.50
	22	162.4	165.9	98%	5.45
	29	162.2	166.6	97%	5.59
Year t	o date	2137.8	2162.6	99%	
Apr	5		167.4		
-	12		167.4		

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-APR-08

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	Current Week	Previous Week	
	04/05/08 (1)	03/29/08	
Class	Th	nousand head	
Broiler/fryer	166,051 (2)	165,270	
Light hens	1,644	1,638	
Heavy hens	1,471	1,553	
Total	169,166	168,461	
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(1)ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Apr-08 is 167.4 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.4 million head or 1.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Apr-08 the estimated available is 167.4 million head.

#### 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: 31-MAR-2008 (cents per lb)

, ,	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE			
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	W	TD AVG	LDS
Chicago	72.00-75.00	73.81	29	:	69.36	62
Los Angeles	90.00	88.66	59	:	78.78	155
New York	74.00-77.00	75.55	20	:	76.72	44

COMPOSITE WID AVG PRICES FOR RIC BROILER/FRIERS			
WEEKLY	Change from		
31-MAR-2008	24-MAR-2008	24-MAR-2008	02-APR-2007
76.86	-1.30	78.16	78.66
NUMBER OF L	OADS 534		
		WTD AVG	LDS
MONTHLY - Ma	arch	79.51	2,238.80
<b>QUARTERLY</b> -	January - March	78.01	6,853.8

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A,					
CENTS PER LB, DELIV	ERED (MIN	IMUM 10,00	00 LB LOTS	S)	
CURRENT			WTD	LBS	
SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)	
8-16 LB HENS					
EASTERN REGION 3/	83-86	86	86.00	35	
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION 5/	83-86	-	-	-	
16-24 LB TOMS					
EASTERN REGION	83-86	86	86.00	10	
CENTRAL REGION	83-86	-	-	-	
WESTERN REGION	83-86	_	_	_	

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 Ce	nters (Inc. (	Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 03/31/08	2,989	88,930	69,865
AM 03/01/08	3,100	89,106	76,373
CHG	-111	-176	-6508
PCT CHG	-4%	0%	-9%

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

(7 pounds and up)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-08

**REGIONS RANGE MAJORITY** WTD AVG Southeast (1) 7-12.5 CENTS/LB. 9.71 Southeast (2) **TFEWR** South Central (1) 6.75-12.5 CENTS/LB. 9.42

(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) 28-MAR-08

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

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

W/E 29-MAR-2008	Cases	% Change	e From
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.4	-2	4
East North Central	585.4	-12	-6
West North Central	301.8	-9	5
South Atlantic	174.1	-3	-12
South Central	52.3	-8	-19
West	185.8	-13	-11
Total	1481.8	-9	-5

Matched plants reporting 81 81

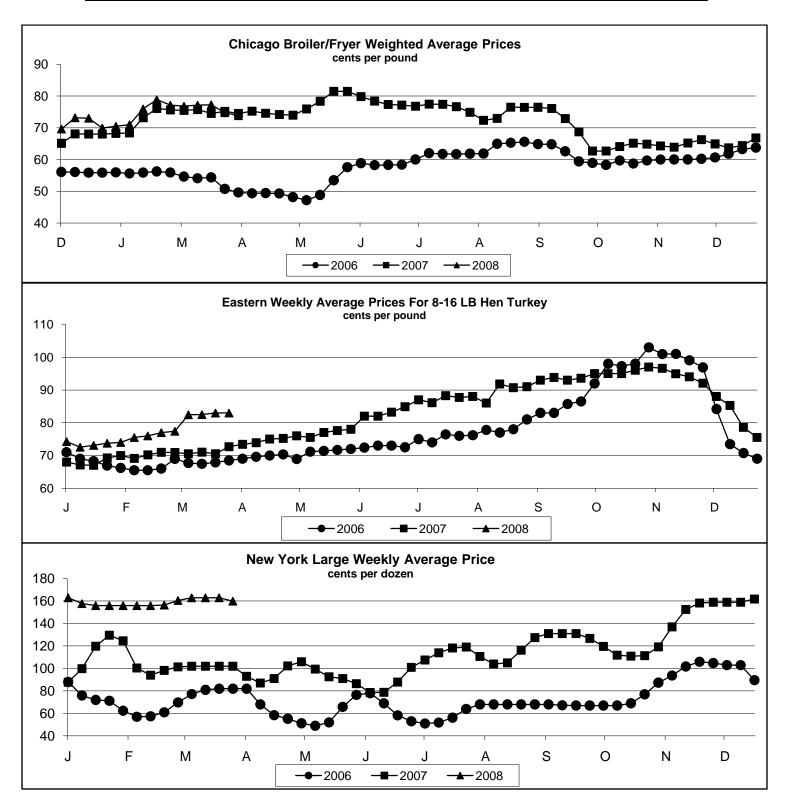
Areas Covered:

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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