



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were sharply lower in New York and all other regions this week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand ranged from light to instances moderate where feature activity was a factor. Food service movement remained slow. Supplies in all regions were fully adequate for trade requirements. This week breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, declined sharply. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Breaking schedules were full-time to longer. The trade sentiment remained steady to barely steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs continued unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to over-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 in IA-MN-WI were lower. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were usually light to instances moderate where features were a driving factor. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades also lower. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate for the light to instances moderate demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and MIDWEST AREA.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mixed processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate to sufficient for normal schedules.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and NORTHEAST AREA.

COMBINED REGIONAL April 11, 2008
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

Table with columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and rows for NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, MIDWEST, SOUTH CENTRAL, COMBINED REGIONAL.

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

Table with columns: Large, Medium, 04-15-08, 04-08-08, 04-17-07.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: APR 14, 2008, Northeast, Cent, So, So, Atl Pacific 5-Area, and rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total Percent.

TOTAL Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators

Table with columns: Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, Total Shell Egg, and rows for cases, percent change, cooperators.

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.

Table with columns: Northeast, North Central, South Central, South Atlantic, Pacific, and rows for state abbreviations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 12-APR-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,363,703	33,482	12,799	6,944	3,032	4,622
PW	1,344,132	33,480	12,372	6,781	2,722	4,566
LY	1,301,977	31,520	12,655	6,948	2,490	4,322
% Chg PWK	1%	0%	3%	2%	11%	1%
% Chg LY	5%	6%	1%	0%	22%	7%
2008	18,710,390	467,067	170,087	91,235	38,781	64,943
2007	18,383,442	456,645	171,598	92,035	36,207	64,417
% Chg YTD	2%	2%	-1%	-1%	7%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.42	42.55	42.59		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.03	39.16	39.27		

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	675,588	49.5%	17,613	52.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	666,344	49.6%	17,745	53.0%
LAST YEAR	618,768	47.5%	17,113	54.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set In		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	APR 05	APR 12	APR 05	APR 12
	Thousand			
AL	*32,574	31,927	*21,853	21,317
AR	26,530	27,136	*23,889	23,223
DE	*4,090	4,027	*4,902	4,804
FL	1,413	1,413	1,291	1,333
GA	*34,911	34,137	*28,899	28,216
KY	*7,909	7,902	*6,229	6,316
LA	3,937	3,712	3,715	3,726
MD	*9,106	8,779	*6,917	6,095
MS	18,926	19,242	17,340	17,375
NC	20,312	20,370	16,072	16,658
OK	*6,368	6,580	5,173	5,632
PA	*4,265	4,358	*3,435	3,362
SC	5,501	5,611	*5,159	4,776
TX	15,683	15,574	*13,109	13,010
VA	6,269	6,416	*5,069	5,720
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,145	20,281	*17,862	17,031
19 State Total	*217,939	217,465	*180,914	178,594
Previous Year Total	218,877	219,385	177,141	177,312
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	99	102	101

*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 24-May-08 is estimated at 165.5 million head. This compares to 166.0 million head the previous week and to 166.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.87 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/10/08 - 04/16/08

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	88.75	93.00	89.67	91.14	--	--	11.00
GNR W 3	--	84.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	100.50	102.00	89.23	--	4.25
GL W XL	100.81	105.78	99.41	101.36	92.60	94.75	38.50
GL W LG	--	102.41	98.50	97.38	88.00	--	16.50
GL W MD	97.00	90.31	87.00	82.33	78.12	71.00	26.25
GL W SM	--	--	67.33	68.50	74.50	77.03	3.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
NRBS - 48	73.50	75.00	80.30	81.60	80.00	81.86	47.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	72.50	74.00	--	--	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-APR-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	Cases, in thousands		PW	LY		
Atlanta	25.0		19.6	28	8	
Boston	3.0		2.6	15	7	
Chicago	50.9		55.5	-8	-21	
Detroit	9.6		11.9	-19	-13	
Los Angeles	90.3		89.4	1	-12	
New Orleans	5.4		5.8	-7	0	
New York	33.0		31.5	5	21	
St. Louis	39.2		36.5	7	29	
San Francisco	14.7		14.5	1	-11	
Total	271.1		267.3	1	1	
4 Week Moving Avg.	301.0					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 12-APR-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67
Last week	1,923	2,646	37	25	4,631
Same wk yr ago	1,983	2,524	24	15	4,546
Avg Wt	16.64	37.61	25.80	31.11	28.38
To-date/2008	28,125	40,966	274	147	69,512
To-date/2007	27,647	37,497	213	70	65,427

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 12-APR-08

	(Preliminary)				Total Turkeys
	---Young turkeys---		Avg	Old Banded	
	Thousand	Pct chg			
North East	785	-3	24.83	(A)	785
South Atlantic	657	-5	32.53	(A)	657
North Central	2,082	3	34.99	(A)	2,082
South Central	786	-3	18.98	(A)	786
West	256	-6	26.66	(A)	256
U.S. total	4,566(B)	-1	29.67	0	4,566
To-date					
2008	69,365(B)			147	69,512
To-date					
2007	65,357(B)			70	65,427

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date 274,000; for last year to date 213,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 12-APR-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043	453
Avg Wt	5.57	3.32	8.01	5.62	6.72
Last week	166,456	1,561	1,482	3,043	413
Same wk yr ago	159,407	1,114	1,376	2,490	516
Avg Wt	5.39	3.14	8.02	5.84	6.76
To-date/2008	2,444,531	20,975	22,287	43,262	6,854
To-date/2007	2,346,495	16,785	20,291	37,076	7,833

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 167.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.0 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Mar 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
Apr 5	168.5	167.4	101%	5.56
12	168.0	167.4	100%	5.57
Year to date	2474.3	2497.4	99%	
Apr 19		168.1		
26		169.5		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-APR-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/19/08 (1)	04/12/08
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	168,876 (2)	168,048
Light hens	1,666	1,696
Heavy hens	1,558	1,503
Total	172,100	171,247

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Apr-08 is 168.1 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 1.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Apr-08 the estimated available is 169.5 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: 14-APR-2008 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	72.00-75.00	74.06	30	71.38	62	
Los Angeles	90.00	89.41	54	86.16	131	
New York	73.00-76.00	74.76	21	76.97	48	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
14-APR-2008	07-APR-2008	07-APR-2008	16-APR-2007
	78.78	.92	77.86
NUMBER OF LOADS	518		

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/	85-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85-87	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	85-87	-	-	-

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	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 04/14/08	2,952	93,031	76,890
AM 04/01/08	2,959	90,808	72,309
CHG	-7	2223	4581
PCT CHG	0%	2%	6%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-APR-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.76
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	6.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.59

(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) 11-APR-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 12-APR-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	174.0	1	-8
East North Central	614.3	9	1
West North Central	304.9	4	14
South Atlantic	170.9	0	-4
South Central	48.9	-1	-14
West	179.9	-4	2
Total	1492.9	4	1

Areas Covered:

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

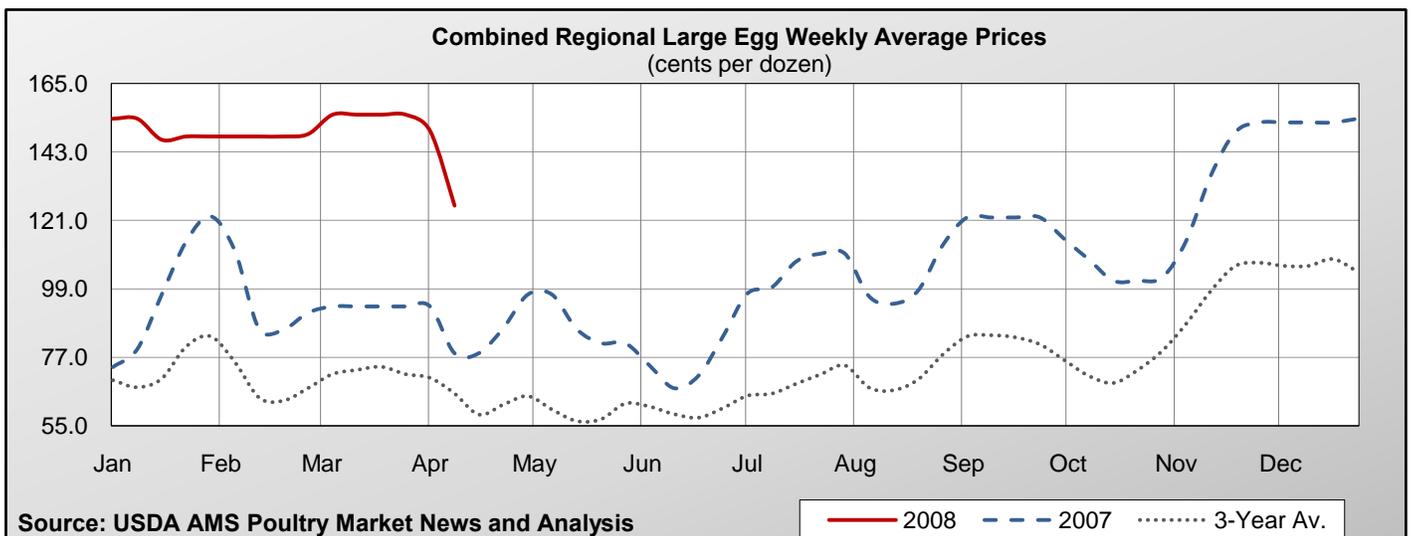
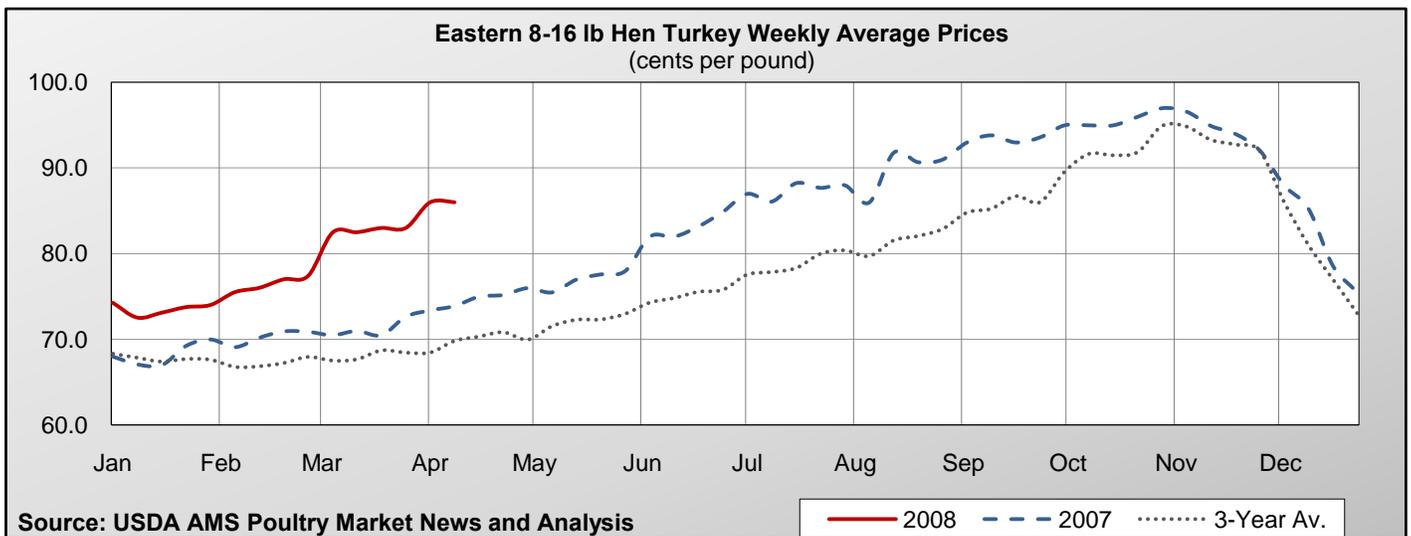
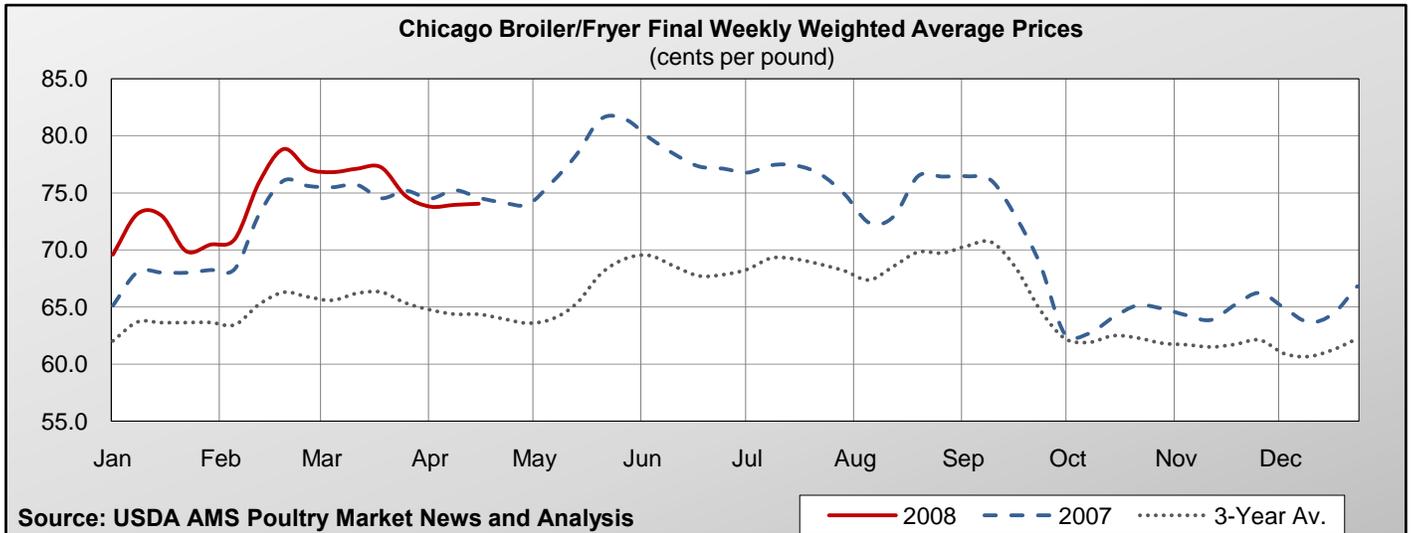
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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