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At the beginning of the week prices were lower in all regions except New York. During the week, prices in New York were slightly lower with all other reported regions unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to instances fairly good where feature activity was a driving factor. Food service movement was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Breaking schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady. North central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings continued adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were full-time. 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent lower for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week slightly lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales ranged from light to fairly good where features were a driving factor. Loose egg movement was usually light to a times moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90-99	93-96
LARGE	89-98	91-94
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

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 usually steady to barely steady. Demand was fair. Supplies were adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were fully sufficient to for a moderate demand. Light hen offerings were fully adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100-116	102-105
LARGE	94-108	99-103
MEDIUM	82-95	86-89

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 02-MAY-08
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	111.50	110.00	94.50
SOUTHEAST	110.50	108.50	95.00
MIDWEST	102.50	100.50	88.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	113.50	109.50	96.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	109.67	107.20	93.74

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

	05-06-08	04-29-08	05-08-07
Large	68-77	79-88	65-74
Medium	59-63	69-73	59-63

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT MAY 05, 2007

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.6	20.4	6.4	9.3	11.4	53.1
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3	0.9	-0.8	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	39.9	14.2	23.4	34.0	134.6
	Change	3.2	-6.7	2.2	1.6	-3.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	40.1	127.3	68.9	101.7	95.7	433.7
	Change	-5.0	5.3	5.5	3.9	-14.1	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	38.3	17.9	17.2	28.6	114.4
	Change	0.7	-9.6	1.2	-0.8	-5.2	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	6.9	0.7	1.6	4.4	19.4
	Change	2.8	2.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.9	36%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.8	21.0	9.9	10.3	7.9	50.9
	Change	0.2	1.8	3.4	-2.1	-1.1	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.2	59.7	14.8	20.6	26.6	135.9
	Change	-1.1	-6.1	4.5	2.8	4.4	3%
Total	Curr Wk	103.0	313.5	132.8	184.1	208.6	942.0
	Change	0%	-4%	14%	3%	-8%	-1%
TOTAL			Number of	Percent	Number of		
			Cases	Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	942.0	-1%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.3	6%	32

Total Shell Egg 1,206.3 0% 183

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 151 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 03-MAY-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,345,074	33,208	13,025	6,706	3,172	4,477
PW	1,358,641	32,916	13,163	6,844	3,240	4,501
LY	1,226,797	31,085	11,081	6,146	2,087	4,344
% Chg PWK	-1%	1%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%
% Chg LY	10%	7%	18%	9%	52%	3%
2008	22,782,098	566,494	209,442	111,546	48,615	78,588
2007	22,046,199	548,142	205,236	110,047	42,665	77,143
% Chg YTD	3%	3%	2%	1%	14%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.69	42.27	42.92
(Inedible Excluded)	39.36	38.95	39.38

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	677,792	50.4%	18,084	54.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	666,722	49.1%	17,274	52.5%
LAST YEAR	596,766	48.6%	16,966	54.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	APR 26	MAY 03	APR 26	MAY 03
	Thousand			
AL	32,248	31,637	20,738	21,517
AR	27,071	27,317	*23,316	23,873
DE	3,721	3,721	4,584	4,851
FL	1,306	1,346	1,255	1,145
GA	33,997	34,630	29,038	27,781
KY	7,391	8,034	*6,679	6,515
LA	3,712	3,712	3,344	3,784
MD	8,223	8,812	7,121	6,258
MS	18,999	18,266	17,359	17,060
NC	*19,604	19,326	*16,128	16,478
OK	6,252	6,655	5,213	4,447
PA	*4,202	4,148	*3,323	3,207
SC	5,420	5,371	4,434	5,151
TX	*15,346	14,656	*12,730	13,324
VA	6,211	6,369	4,767	4,860
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,433	19,567	*18,127	16,983
19 State Total	*213,136	213,567	*178,156	177,234
Previous Year Total	218,515	218,353	180,188	180,084
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	98

*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 14-Jun-08 is estimated at 163.6 million head. This compares to 163.6 million head the previous week and to 170.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.88 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/01/08 - 05/07/08

CURRENT LDS	76.75	FUTURE LDS	84.50	TOTAL LDS	161.25	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
						ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
CLASS												
GNR W 1	72.17	76.00	71.17	73.67	--	70.00	12.00					
GNR W 2	--	69.00	--	--	--	--	3.00					
GNR W 3	--	--	--	65.00	58.00	--	2.00					
GL W J	--	--	92.17	93.25	80.33	--	9.25					
GL W XL	--	83.06	83.25	85.01	77.24	--	38.75					
GL W LG	--	82.00	--	80.40	66.25	75.00	26.50					
GL W MD	--	72.00	73.42	73.00	68.02	--	23.75					
GL W SM	--	69.00	69.50	71.00	67.00	--	2.25					
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00					
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75					
NRBS - 48	--	62.00	--	66.67	67.39	65.94	52.00					
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	57.50	62.00	7.00					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 03-MAY-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	Cases, in thousands		PW	LY		
Atlanta	21.1	23.8	-11	-21		
Boston	2.7	2.8	-4	-7		
Chicago	57.9	67.9	-15	23		
Detroit	10.3	10.8	-5	3		
Los Angeles	88.8	101.3	-12	-7		
New Orleans	5.9	5.3	11	9		
New York	30.6	29.0	6	21		
St. Louis	39.9	39.7	1	222		
San Francisco	12.5	13.3	-6	-22		
Total	269.7	293.9	-8	12		
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.1					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 03-MAY-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,961	2,710	13	0	4,684
Avg Wt	16.15	38.71	23.50	0.00	29.22
Last week	1,998	2,761	8	1	4,768
Same wk yr ago	1,734	2,667	17	12	4,430
Avg Wt	16.35	38.15	26.12	33.76	29.56
To-date/2008	34,077	49,156	341	160	83,734
To-date/2007	33,371	45,355	254	85	79,065

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 03-MAY-08

	(Preliminary)					
	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	685	-14	25.24	(A)	685	25.24
South Atlantic	711	-4	33.08	(A)	711	33.08
North Central	2,219	5	33.45	(A)	2,219	33.45
South Central	775	-7	18.04	(A)	775	18.04
West	294	3	26.75	(A)	294	26.75
U.S. total	4,684(B)	-2	29.22	0	4,684	29.22
To-date 2008	83,574(B)			160	83,734	
To-date 2007	78,980(B)			85	79,065	

(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 341,000; for last year to date 254,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-MAY-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG		LIGHT HEAVY		TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	168,654	1,226	1,756	2,982	421	
Avg Wt	5.54	3.33	7.81	5.97	6.71	
Last week	165,215	1,182	1,704	2,886	436	
Same wk yr ago	165,839	1,232	1,324	2,556	501	
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.17	5.84	6.71	
To-date/2008	2,944,318	24,950	27,318	52,268	8,153	
To-date/2007	2,833,308	20,199	24,327	44,526	9,391	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.7 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

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

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
Mar 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
19	167.9	168.1	100%	5.59
26	167.2	169.5	99%	5.48
May 3	170.7	170.1	100%	5.54
Year to date	2,980.1	3,005.1	99%	
May 10		170.0		
17		169.9		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-May-08

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/10/08 (1)	05/03/08
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	172,588 (2)	168,746
Light hens	1,604	1,333
Heavy hens	1,715	1,657
Total	175,907	171,736

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-May-08 is 170.0 million head compared to 163.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.9 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-May-08 the estimated available is 169.9 million head.

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

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 05-MAY-2008 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.94	29	76.26	56	
Los Angeles	91.00	90.46	59	87.38	134	
New York	76.00-79.00	78.25	20	79.33	53	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
05-MAY-2008	28-APR-2008	28-APR-2008	07-MAY-2007
82.02	1.45	80.57	79.25

NUMBER OF LOADS 504

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

OFFERS SALES WTD LBS
AVG (000)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	88-90	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	87-90	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	88-92	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	88-90	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	88-90	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	88-91	-	-	-

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	05/05/08	3,034	98,174	78,972
AM	04/01/08	2,959	90,808	72,309
CHG		75	7366	6663
PCT CHG		3%	8%	9%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2008 are:

Frozen Eggs	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	477 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	826 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE

(7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.83
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.52

(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) 02-MAY-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	4-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10.5	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

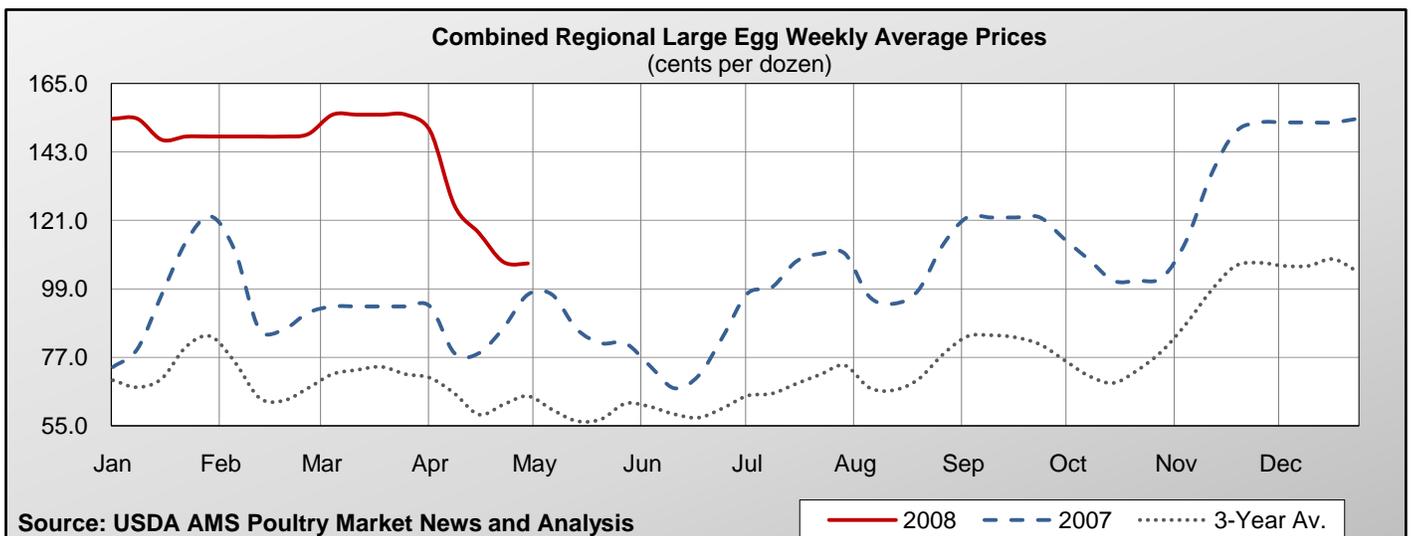
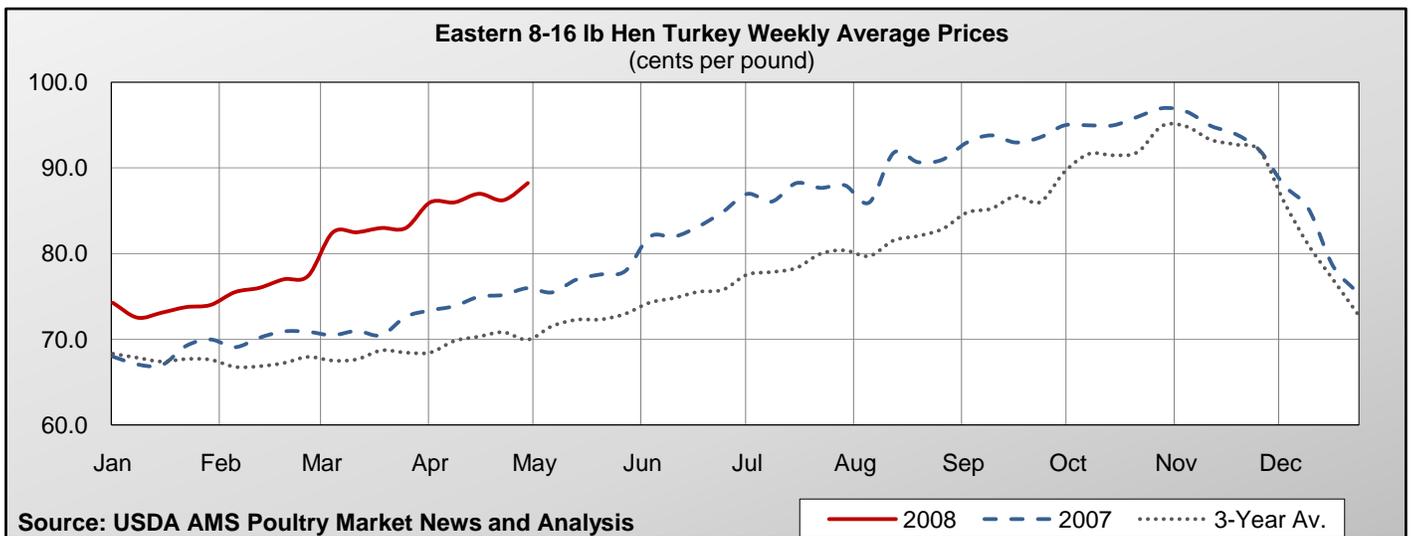
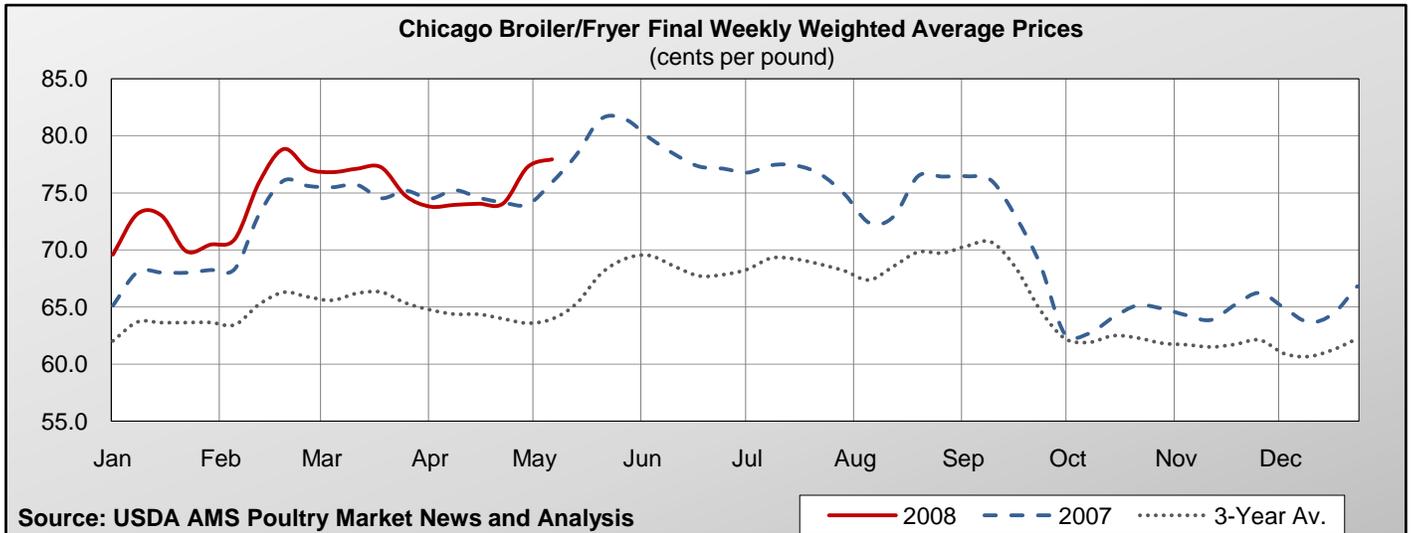
W/E 03-MAY-08

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	Cases	% Change From	
	(In Thousands)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	170.8	-2	-2
East North Central	611.5	4	3
West North Central	311.7	2	19
South Atlantic	173.1	3	-4
South Central	48.1	-7	-5
West	179.0	-4	9
Total	1,494.2	1	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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