



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices increased at the end of the week. Prices were also higher in all other regions. Trade sentiment ranged mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good, mostly light in the Western region. All other regions were reported as moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight in the South Central region, adequate to close in the Midwest, and adequate to fully adequate in the remaining regions. Breaking stock prices were irregular, trading in a narrower range. Checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand quiet to fairly good. Breaking schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Schedules were full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was 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 Producer prices were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to usually fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances very good. Loose egg movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate for the quiet to instances fairly good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and Midwest Area list.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however medium and larger sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good, best where features were factor. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings were sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and Northeast Area list.

COMBINED REGIONAL MAY 23, 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.

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 columns: 05-27-08, 05-20-08, 05-29-07, and rows for Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Main inventory table with columns: MAY 26, 2008, Northeast, Cent, So, So, Atl, Pacific, 5-Area, and rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

TOTAL Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators

Summary table for Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, Total Shell Egg.

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 24-MAY-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,355,898	33,335	13,416	7,198	3,253	4,518
PW	1,344,820	33,189	13,502	7,118	3,259	4,345
LY	1,330,179	32,336	12,602	7,105	3,094	4,526
% Chg PWK	1%	0%	-1%	1%	0%	4%
% Chg LY	2%	3%	6%	1%	5%	0%
2008	26,863,370	666,132	250,279	133,051	58,461	92,012
2007	25,971,419	644,012	242,105	130,387	50,334	90,756
% Chg YTD	3%	3%	3%	2%	16%	1%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Last</b>			
	<b>Week</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>			
(Inedible Included)		43.12	43.24	42.53		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.79	40.01	39.12		

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	657,076	48.5%	17,253	51.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	656,851	48.8%	17,006	51.2%
LAST YEAR	637,853	48.0%	16,780	51.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	MAY 17	MAY 24	MAY 17	MAY 24
	Thousand			
AL	32,089	31,900	21,200	21,743
AR	27,150	27,244	*22,853	24,833
DE	*3,728	3,717	*4,321	4,949
FL	1,331	1,336	1,138	1,136
GA	34,854	34,500	28,094	29,100
KY	8,125	8,110	5,434	6,197
LA	3,650	3,682	3,634	3,474
MD	*8,796	8,771	*5,712	6,008
MS	19,060	18,948	17,383	16,556
NC	19,711	19,815	16,120	16,089
OK	6,859	6,761	*5,136	3,882
PA	*4,345	4,334	*3,298	3,250
SC	5,718	5,556	4,997	4,618
TX	15,477	15,495	12,859	12,535
VA	*6,429	6,257	*5,113	4,976
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,205	20,027	18,014	17,229
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*217,527</b>	<b>216,453</b>	<b>*175,306</b>	<b>176,575</b>
<b>Previous Year Total</b>	<b>219,928</b>	<b>219,527</b>	<b>178,545</b>	<b>179,069</b>
<b>Pct. of Prev. Year :</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>

\*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 05-Jul-08 is estimated at 162.0 million head. This compares to 162.0 million head the previous week and to 169.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.68 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/22/08 - 05/28/08

CURRENT LDS	52.75	FUTURE LDS	79.75	TOTAL LDS	132.50
SE	NE	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	73.50	--	73.33	75.00	-- 77.00 19.00
GNR W 3	--	67.00	--	--	-- -- 2.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	-- -- 1.25
GL W J	--	--	96.25	98.00	86.00 -- 3.00
GL W XL	--	--	87.13	90.50	82.67 92.00 34.50
GL W LG	--	90.00	84.50	83.17	81.09 82.00 27.50
GL W MD	80.00	--	73.00	75.67	75.30 -- 18.00
GL W SM	--	55.00	--	--	47.00 -- 1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	81.00	80.45	-- -- 2.25
GL BR LG	--	--	79.00	84.00	-- -- .50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	68.70	-- 74.12 38.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	59.00	-- 63.00 9.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-MAY-08**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
Atlanta	22.0	23.0	-4 -20
Boston	2.8	2.8	0 0
Chicago	62.1	62.5	-1 10
Detroit	10.8	10.4	4 8
Los Angeles	86.8	90.4	-4 -18
New Orleans	5.1	5.5	-7 -7
New York	31.3	29.4	6 8
St. Louis	43.4	44.3	-2 56
San Francisco	13.1	12.7	3 0
Total	277.4	281.0	-1 5
4 Week Moving Avg.	288.8		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-MAY-08**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	2,036	2,830	11	18	4,895
Avg Wt	16.27	38.24	24.42	28.22	29.03
Last week	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Same wk yr ago	2,392	2,466	23	13	4,894
Avg Wt	16.82	38.38	24.31	30.63	27.76
To-date/2008	40,786	57,166	417	203	98,572
To-date/2007	39,700	53,310	306	103	93,419

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

W/E 24-MAY-08

	(Preliminary)					
	---Young turkeys---			Old	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Banded	Avg	
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt	
North East	751	-6	23.98	(A)	755	23.98
South Atlantic	728	6	33.31	(A)	732	33.31
North Central	2,281	-3	33.72	(A)	2,285	33.72
South Central	761	0	18.21	(A)	764	18.21
West	356	11	24.14	(A)	359	24.14
U.S. total	4,877(B)	-1	29.03	18	4,895	29.03
To-date						
2008	98,369(B)			203	98,572	
To-date						
2007	93,316(B)			103	93,419	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 417,000; for last year to date 306,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 24-MAY-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	167,881	1,444	1,706	3,150	425
Avg Wt	5.54	3.29	7.92	5.80	6.65
Last week	169,562	1,589	1,812	3,401	445
Same wk yr ago	167,665	1,150	1,527	2,677	461
Avg Wt	5.50	3.30	8.05	6.01	6.69
To-date/2008	3,451,580	29,520	32,604	62,124	9,448
To-date/2007	3,327,286	23,460	28,990	52,450	10,895

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.9 million head, or 1.2 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Apr 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
10	171.9	170.0	101%	5.59
17	171.6	169.9	101%	5.49
24	169.9	168.7	101%	5.54
Year to date	3493.5	3513.7	99%	
May 31		167.0		
June 7		167.3		

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-MAY-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/31/08 (1)	05/24/08
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	155,748 (2)	169,043
Light hens	1,109	1,500
Heavy hens	1,355	1,697
Total	158,212	172,240

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-May-08 is 167.0 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.1 million head or 10.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-Jun-08 the estimated available is 167.3 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: 26-MAY-2008

(cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.00	25	75.17	58	
Los Angeles	92.00	91.67	60	89.61	132	
New York	76.00-79.00	77.73	22	79.42	41	

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

WEEKLY	Change from	
26-MAY-2008	19-MAY-2008	28-MAY-2007
82.53	1.75	80.78
82.89		
NUMBER OF LOADS	501	

MONTHLY	WTD AVG	LOADS
May	81.58	2,317.20

**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/	90-91	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	90-91	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	90-92	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

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

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	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands) Processed other Poultry Lbs
	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	
AM 05/26/08	3,046	108,816	79,793
AM 05/01/08	3,029	97,599	79,328
CHG	17	11217	465
PCT CHG	1%	11%	1%

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

(7 pounds and up)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAY-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-14 CENTS/LB.		9.95
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.56

(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) 23-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** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 24-MAY-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	169.9	-1	-5
East North Central	635.1	3	5
West North Central	319.1	3	17
South Atlantic	164.0	-4	-7
South Central	58.4	14	1
West	185.0	2	3
Total	1531.5	2	4
Matched plants reporting		81	81

Areas Covered:

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

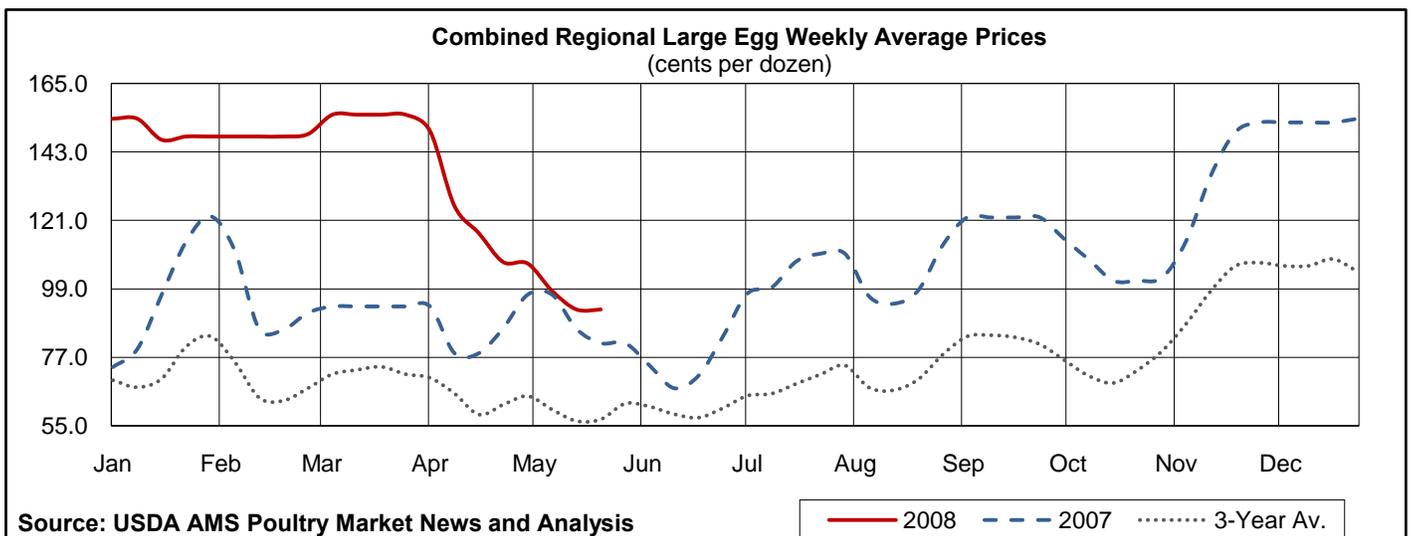
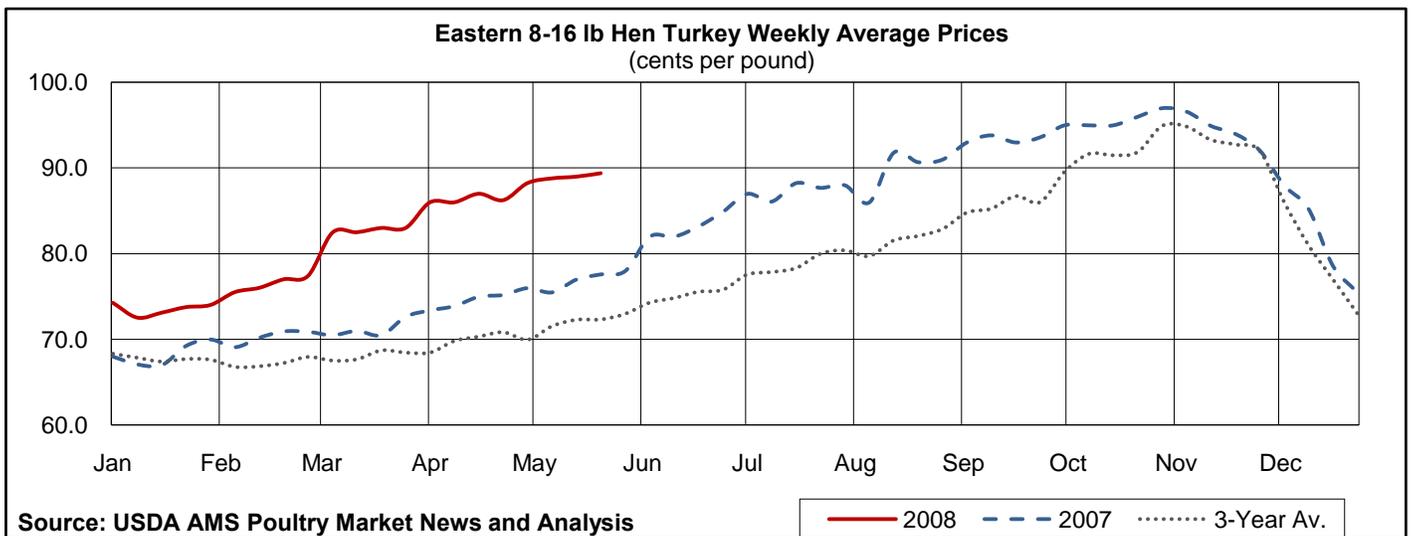
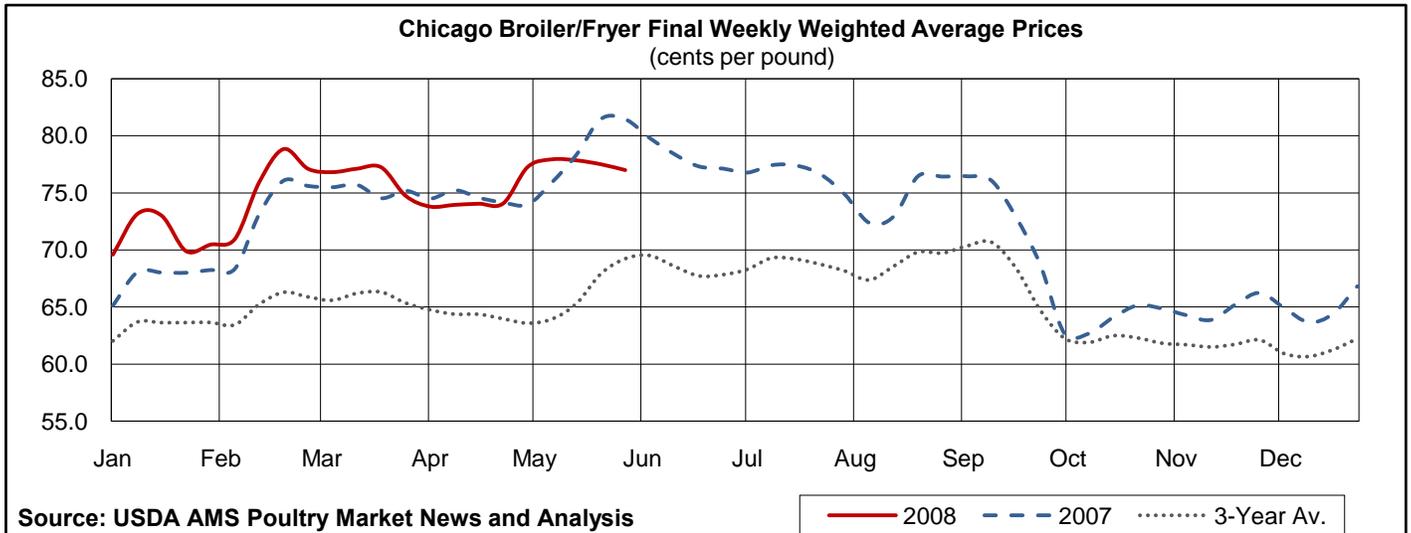
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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