



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices in New York were unchanged on all sizes for this period. Regional prices were sharply lower for both light and heavy eggs. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady early in the period. Improvement was noted ending the period steady to instances fully steady in the South Central and Western regions, steady in the other regions. Retail demand ranged light to good, best where features were planned or active. Food service movement was slow to moderate, instances good. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged for the week, with checks and undergrades down slightly. Demand was quiet to moderate as most breakers work from current supplies or previously acquired shell eggs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs remained unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Processing 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, PRICES DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand ranged from light to good best into planned or ongoing features. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was steady.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and price ranges for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes regional list: 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 steady. Demand was light to instances fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light to fair demand. Light type hen demand was fair to fairly good for about adequate to adequate offerings.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and price ranges for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes regional list: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT.

COMBINED REGIONAL JULY 18, 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. 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: Large, Medium, and price ranges for 07-22-08, 07-15-08, 07-24-07.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: JULY 21, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific 5-Area, and various egg sizes (Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total) with Curr Wk and Change values.

Table with columns: TOTAL, Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators. Rows 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 19-JUL-200	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,398,738	33,726	13,346	7,066	3,417	4,518	
PW	1,381,426	33,137	13,886	6,792	3,463	4,523	
LY	1,271,726	30,622	11,698	6,312	2,703	4,059	
% PW	1%	2%	-4%	4%	-1%	0%	
% LY	10%	10%	14%	12%	26%	11%	
2008	37,456,980	920,819	353,654	186,360	83,194	126,336	
2007	36,290,687	896,423	338,244	181,738	73,069	125,125	
% YTD	3%	3%	5%	3%	14%	1%	
				CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)		41.94	42.23	41.43			
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)		38.71	38.96	38.24			

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	673,143	48.1%	17,357	51.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	681,283	49.3%	17,554	53.0%
LAST YEAR	622,852	49.0%	17,190	56.1%

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 17, 2008-JUL 23, 2008

CLASS	Current Loads 66.00		Future Loads 99.75		Total Loads 165.75		
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	61.50	65.67	62.00	63.83	--	--	12.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	63.00
GL W J	--	--	79.00	81.00	74.00	--	4.00
GL W XL	--	73.00	73.13	73.51	66.43	68.80	44.25
GL W LG	--	73.00	70.50	64.36	61.09	66.50	33.25
GL W MD	--	50.00	51.13	53.00	47.64	--	16.25
GL W SM	--	42.00	45.88	49.13	--	41.00	3.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	70.75	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	70.75	--	1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	56.00	--	56.00	58.41	86.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	55.00	--	56.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-JUL-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	24.7	23.6	5	-8
Boston	2.9	2.5	16	-6
Chicago	47.7	54.8	-13	-20
Detroit	8.0	9.6	-17	-16
Los Angeles	94.3	91.3	3	-10
New Orleans	5.3	5.8	-9	0
New York	32.3	25.9	25	30
St. Louis	43.1	45.1	-4	54
San Francisco	14.4	14.4	0	7
Total	272.7	273.0	0	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	273.0			

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	12-Jul 2008	19-Jul 2008	12-Jul 2008	19-Jul 2008
	Thousands			
AL	*30,699	31,005	*21,476	21,112
AR	*26,089	26,250	*22,289	23,200
DE	3,624	3,629	*4,594	4,388
FL	1,306	1,273	1,160	1,227
GA	33,907	33,591	27,742	27,913
KY	7,909	8,020	6,016	5,466
LA	3,651	3,621	3,543	3,465
MD	*8,852	8,762	*5,922	5,454
MS	17,768	18,560	*16,718	16,553
NC	*18,574	18,739	*15,980	15,849
OK	7,429	7,197	6,113	4,917
PA	*4,378	4,536	*3,462	3,456
SC	5,380	5,659	5,027	4,737
TX	15,608	15,675	13,409	12,345
VA	6,017	6,344	5,423	5,198
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,429	18,983	*16,763	17,167
19 State Total	*210,620	211,844	*175,637	172,447
Previous Year Total	218,175	216,979	177,496	172,031
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	98	99	100

* Revised
Source: NASS, USDA

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 19-JUL-2008 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	-----Young turkeys-----		Old Banded --Thousand head--	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		Avg Live wt		
North East	834	6	23.82	(A)	835	23.82
South Atlantic	738	-9	33.43	(A)	738	33.43
North Central	2,352	-6	32.76	(A)	2,352	32.76
South Central	756	6	17.90	(A)	756	17.90
West	345	-7	26.33	(A)	345	26.33
U.S. total	5,025 (B)	-3	28.71	1	5,026	28.71
To-date 2008	136,597 (B)			274	136,871	
To-date 2007	130,846 (B)			146	130,992	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 639,000; for last year to date 503,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 19-JUL-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys	
	Hens	Toms			
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,230	2,773	22	1	5,026
Avg Wt	16.33	38.68	24.48	58.57	28.71
Last week	2,262	2,912	20	2	5,196
Same wk yr ago	1,934	2,840	29	29	4,832
Avg Wt	16.05	36.50	24.11	27.92	28.19
To-date/2008	57,060	78,898	639	274	136,871
To-date/2007	55,885	74,458	503	146	130,992

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Aug-08 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 161.0 million head the previous week and to 173.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.75 cents per pound.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 19-JULY-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	167,803	1,434	1,873	3,307	416
Avg Wt	5.47	3.34	7.52	5.71	6.57
Last week	171,673	1,352	1,821	3,173	425
Same wk yr ago	165,807	1,045	1,677	2,722	504
Avg Wt	5.46	3.35	8.01	6.22	6.73
To-date/2008	4,760,078	40,585	45,737	86,322	12,783
To-date/2007	4,626,995	32,367	41,111	73,478	14,764

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.8 million head, or 1.8 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
June 14	168.9	167.4	101%	5.41
21	169.0	166.7	101%	5.62
28	170.8	165.6	103%	5.50
July 5	148.0	165.9	89%	5.51
12	173.8	166.7	104%	5.55
19	169.8	168.0	101%	5.47
Year to date	4818.0	4848.3	99%	
July 26		169.1		
Aug 2		168.8		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-JULY-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	07/26/08 (1)	07/19/08
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	168,873 (2)	172,378
Light hens	1,587	1,359
Heavy hens	1,818	1,800
Total	172,278	175,537

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jul-08 is 169.1 million head compared to 166.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Aug-08 the estimated available is 168.8 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: 21-JULY-2008 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	79.00-82.00	78.59	27	75.60	58	
Los Angeles	97.00	96.04	60	88.37	169	
New York	78.00-81.00	79.75	20	81.77	45	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
21-JUL-2008	14-JUL-2008	14-JUL-2008	23-JUL-2007
84.05	-2.17	86.22	80.51
NUMBER OF LOADS	541		

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/	93-95	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	93-95	93-94	93.60	100
WESTERN REGION 5/	93-95	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	93-95	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	93-95	94	94.00	60
WESTERN REGION	93-95	-	-	-

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	Processed other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	07/21/08	3,148	126,067	76,423
AM	07/01/08	3,195	120,838	78,298
CHG		-47	5229	-1875
PCT CHG		-1%	4%	-2%

HEN MARKETS

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-JUL-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-15 CENTS/LB.		10.03
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13 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) 18-JUL-08

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

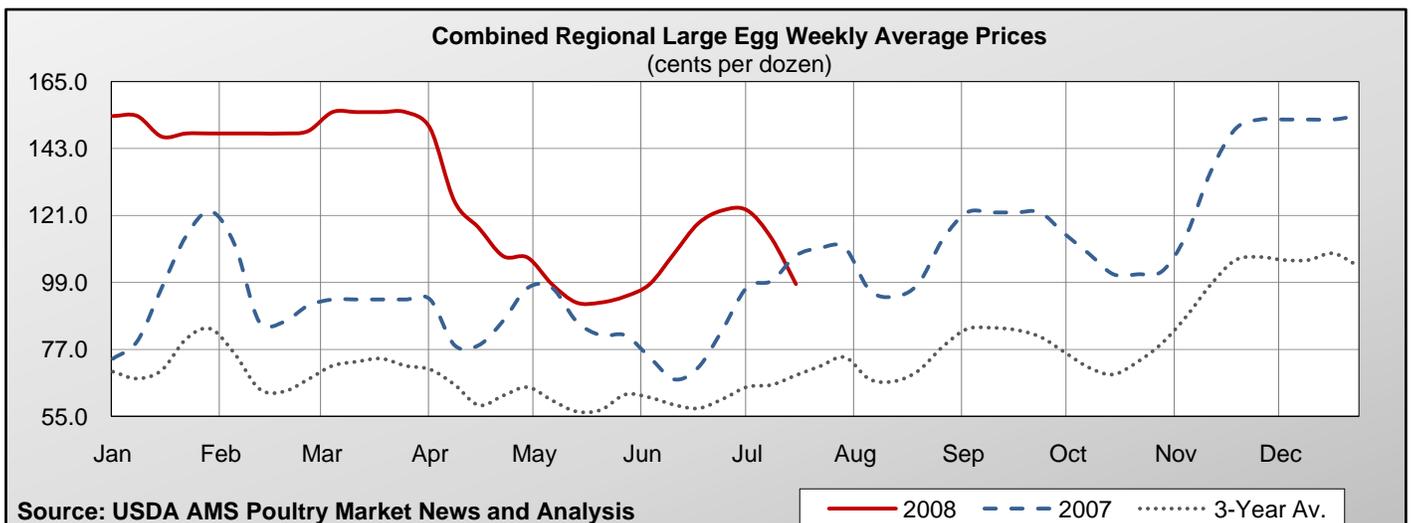
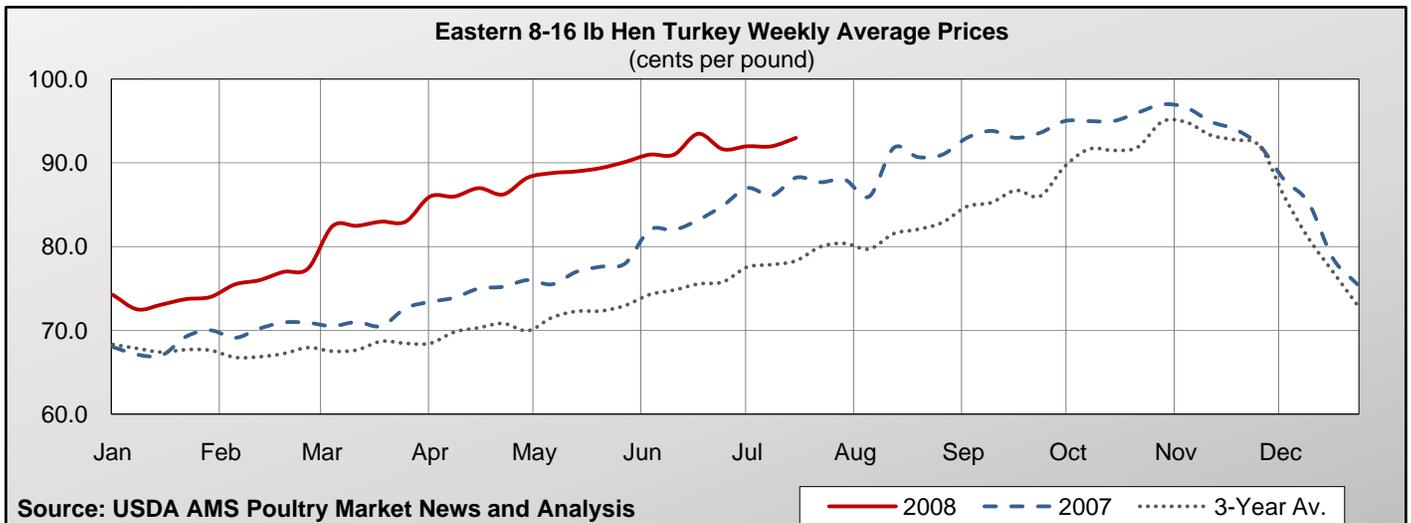
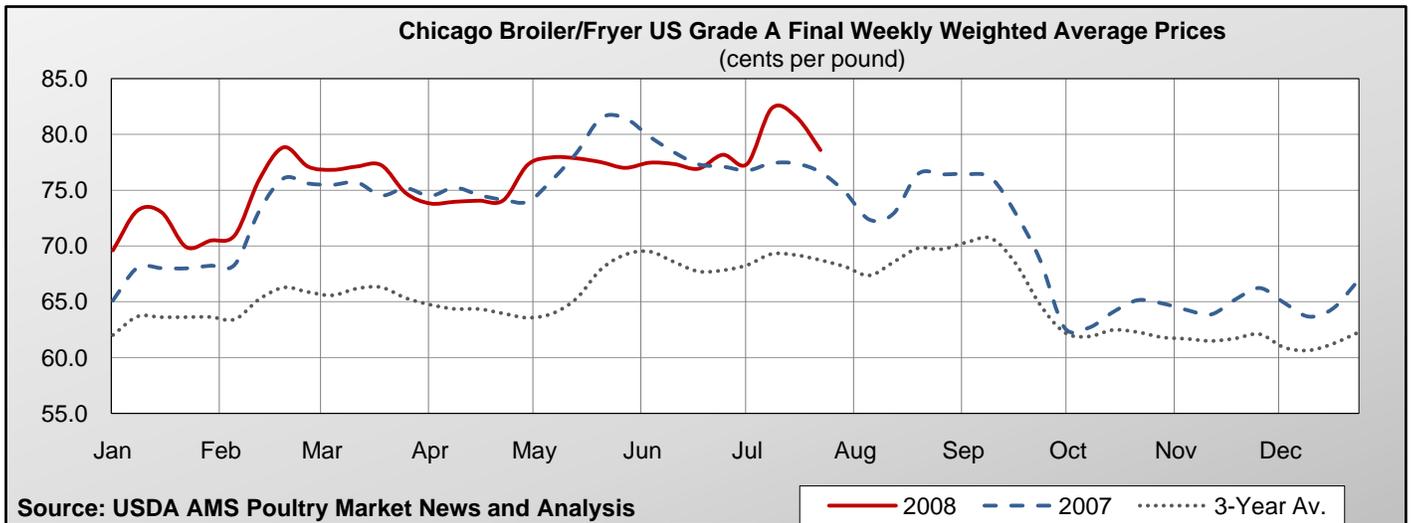
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 19-JULY-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	186.6	6	8
East North Central	654.9	9	4
West North Central	326.8	7	10
South Atlantic	174.4	4	4
South Central	50.9	-4	-15
West	199.7	12	8
Total	1593.3	8	5

Matched plants reporting

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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