



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices increased sharply this period on all sizes. This week's regional prices were significantly higher on all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending upward. The trade sentiment was steady to instances firm, mostly fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually fairly good to good. Food service demand was moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight and at times held with confidence. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were higher. Demand was fairly good to mostly good. Offerings were tight to short and confidently held. Floor stocks were balanced to tight. Processing schedules were currently full-time. The trade sentiment was firm. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were reported as adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment continued 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 with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Retail demand was fairly good to instances good with loose egg sales moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight for the larger sizes and adequate for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were inadequate to tight and confidently held. Schedules currently full-time. Supplies balanced to short. Trade sentiment firm.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and values for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but all sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was mixed and ranged steady to firm. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Present supplies were at best adequate for trading needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a fair to fairly good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and values for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT.

COMBINED REGIONAL AUGUST 15, 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 4 columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Rows for NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, MIDWEST, SOUTH CENTRAL, COMBINED REGIONAL. Includes note: 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 4 columns: 08-19-08, 08-12-08, 08-21-07, and values for Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: AUGUST 18, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific 5-Area, and values for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total. Includes Percent Change for Total.

Table with 4 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 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 16-AUG-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,323,479	33,298	11,942	6,094	2,795	4,503
PW	1,350,065	34,045	12,034	6,260	3,104	4,471
LY	1,332,031	32,753	12,347	6,498	2,763	4,474
% Chg PWK	-2%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-10%	1%
% Chg LY	-1%	2%	-3%	-6%	1%	1%
2008	42,883,298	1,053,655	404,010	212,506	95,834	144,286
2007	41,677,613	1,027,627	387,625	208,584	83,977	142,906
% Chg YTD	3%	3%	4%	2%	14%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.19	42.08	42.10
(Inedible Excluded)	38.79	38.77	38.74

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	661,023	49.9%	18,560	55.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	657,905	48.7%	18,264	53.6%
LAST YEAR	616,012	46.2%	16,302	49.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	AUG 09	AUG 16	AUG 09	AUG 16
	Thousand			
AL	29,855	29,845	*21,452	21,466
AR	*24,801	24,608	*21,884	23,324
DE	3,644	3,631	*4,959	5,213
FL	1,306	1,316	1,134	1,032
GA	32,918	32,590	*27,630	27,736
KY	7,739	7,789	6,115	6,115
LA	3,470	3,470	3,757	3,269
MD	*8,811	8,871	*5,555	5,866
MS	18,598	18,160	16,845	16,794
NC	*19,055	19,101	15,566	15,725
OK	*6,658	6,998	*5,155	3,618
PA	*4,239	4,066	*3,381	3,421
SC	5,309	5,645	4,789	4,676
TX	15,034	15,489	13,113	12,493
VA	6,250	6,325	5,080	5,283
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,105	19,092	*16,756	17,085
19 State Total	*206,792	206,996	*173,171	173,116
Previous Year Total	217,312	216,594	177,691	178,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	96	97	97

*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 27-Sep-08 is estimated at 159.4 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 176.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.12 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/14/08 - 08/20/08

CURRENT LDS	82.00		FUTURE LDS		80.00		TOTAL LDS		162.00	
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	87.83	95.69	88.33	90.17	87.00	--	34.00			
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00			
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.25			
GL W J	--	--	110.00	112.00	103.17	110.00	4.00			
GL W XL	107.00	105.80	106.63	108.77	98.91	--	32.75			
GL W LG	--	106.24	100.46	101.13	92.59	102.00	63.25			
GL W MD	66.00	--	64.29	63.30	60.55	66.00	15.75			
GL W SM	44.67	48.00	44.33	47.67	47.00	50.50	7.00			
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50			
GL BR LG	--	--	98.50	--	--	--	2.00			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	78.50	10.00			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	67.00	74.00	1.00			
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	67.67	--	--	3.00			
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	43.00	50.00	2.00			
NRBS - 36	--	--	45.00	47.00	--	--	1.00			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-AUG-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		PCT PW	CHG LY
	Cases	% of Total	Cases	% of Total		
Atlanta	24.6	49.9%	24.2	48.7%	2	-6
Boston	2.9	46.2%	2.9	45.6%	0	-3
Chicago	70.0	49.9%	70.5	49.8%	-1	26
Detroit	8.3	49.9%	8.6	49.8%	-3	-31
Los Angeles	93.9	49.9%	93.0	49.8%	1	24
New Orleans	6.1	49.9%	5.7	49.8%	7	3
New York	27.9	49.9%	29.1	49.8%	-4	9
St. Louis	43.2	49.9%	41.9	49.8%	3	98
San Francisco	14.0	49.9%	14.0	49.8%	0	2
Total	290.9	49.9%	289.9	49.8%	0	27
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.8					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-AUG-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,076	2,864	28	27	4,995
Avg Wt	15.76	37.21	24.11	26.60	28.16
Last week	2,186	2,853	30	1	5,070
Same wk yr ago	2,041	2,657	43	1	4,742
Avg Wt	15.90	36.08	26.22	48.86	27.31
To-date/2008	65,572	90,473	775	328	157,148
To-date/2007	64,079	85,506	684	171	150,440

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	26,338	85,788	520	553	113,199
Last week	28,156	86,286	554	49	115,045
Same wk yr ago	26,124	77,171	868	38	104,201

Dressing % 80.5% 80.5% 77.0% 77.0%

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 16-AUG-08	---Young turkeys---		Avg Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	772	-9	24.40	(A)	778 24.40
South Atlantic	727	9	32.22	(A)	733 32.22
North Central	2,457	1	31.41	(A)	2,462 31.41
South Central	700	-6	17.62	(A)	705 17.62
West	312	-20	26.16	(A)	317 26.16
U.S. total	4,968(B)	-2	28.16	27	4,995 28.16
To-date					
2008	156,820(B)			328	157,148
To-date					
2007	150,269(B)			171	150,440

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 775,000; for last year to date 684,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 16-AUG-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	167,289	1,460	1,728	3,188	453
Avg Wt	5.51	3.24	7.94	5.79	6.55
Last week	167,406	1,272	1,804	3,076	402
Same wk yr ago	165,682	1,045	1,524	2,569	474
Avg Wt	5.40	3.19	8.04	6.07	6.16
To-date/2008	5,424,452	46,202	52,828	99,030	14,517
To-date/2007	5,286,263	36,867	47,692	84,559	16,670
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	686,713	2,413	8,918	11,331	2,166
Last week	679,710	2,095	9,393	11,488	1,863
Same wk yr ago	666,539	1,700	7,964	9,664	2,131
Dressing %	74.5%	51.0%	65.0%		73.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.3 million head, or 2.6 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
July 12	173.8	166.7	104%	5.55
19	169.8	168.0	101%	5.47
26	165.0	169.1	98%	5.48
Aug 2	168.7	168.8	100%	5.56
9	169.4	168.7	100%	5.45
16	169.3	166.7	102%	5.51
Year to date	5490.4	5521.6	99%	
Aug 23		165.0		
30		163.7		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-AUG-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/23/08(1)	08/16/08
Broiler/fryer	169,331 (2)	170,013
Light hens	1,526	1,592
Heavy hens	1,835	1,757
Total	172,692	173,362

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Aug-08 is 165.0 million head compared to 168.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.7 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Aug-08 the estimated available is 163.7 million head.

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 18-AUGUST-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	69.00-73.00	70.59	29	69.37
Los Angeles	97.00	95.83	66	90.10
New York	70.00-73.00	71.82	22	74.38

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
18-AUG-2008	11-AUG-2008	11-AUG-2008	20-AUG-2007
79.95	.63	79.32	79.97
NUMBER OF LOADS	545		

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

CURRENT	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	96-99	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	96-99	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	96-99	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	96-99	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	96-99	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	96-99	-	-	-

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)		Frozen	Processed	(In Thousands)
		Eggs Lbs	Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM	08/18/08	3,103	133,960	80,820
AM	08/01/08	3,186	131,834	74,868
CHG		-83	2126	5952
PCT CHG		-3%	2%	8%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-AUG-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		9.87
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.67

(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) 15-AUG-08

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

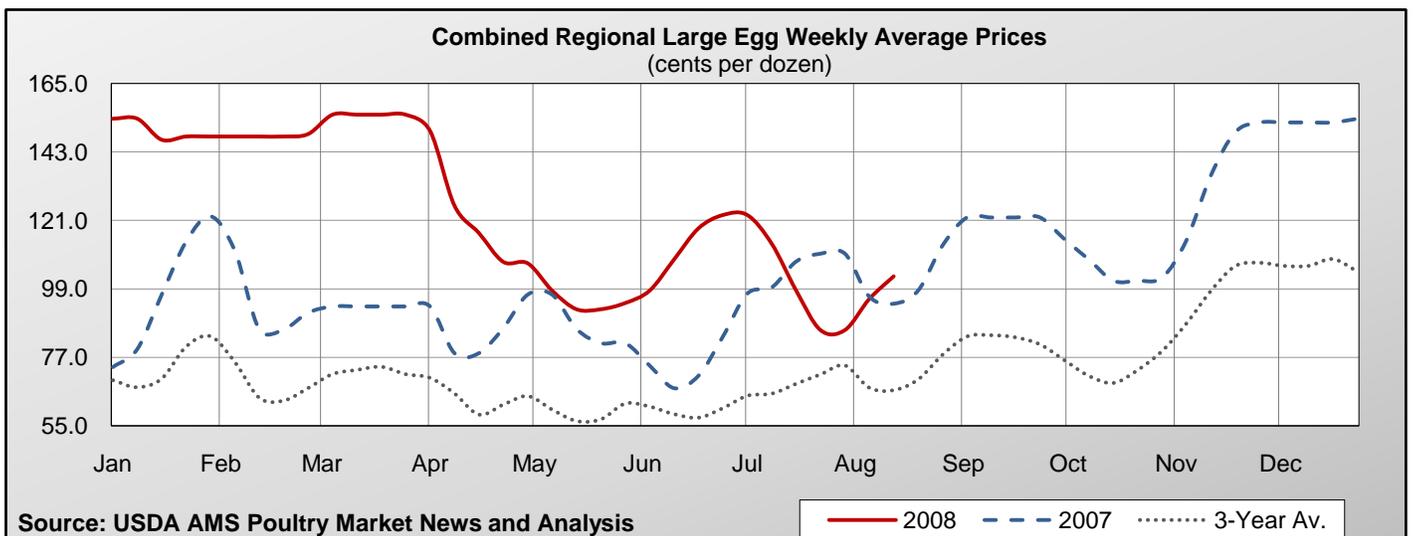
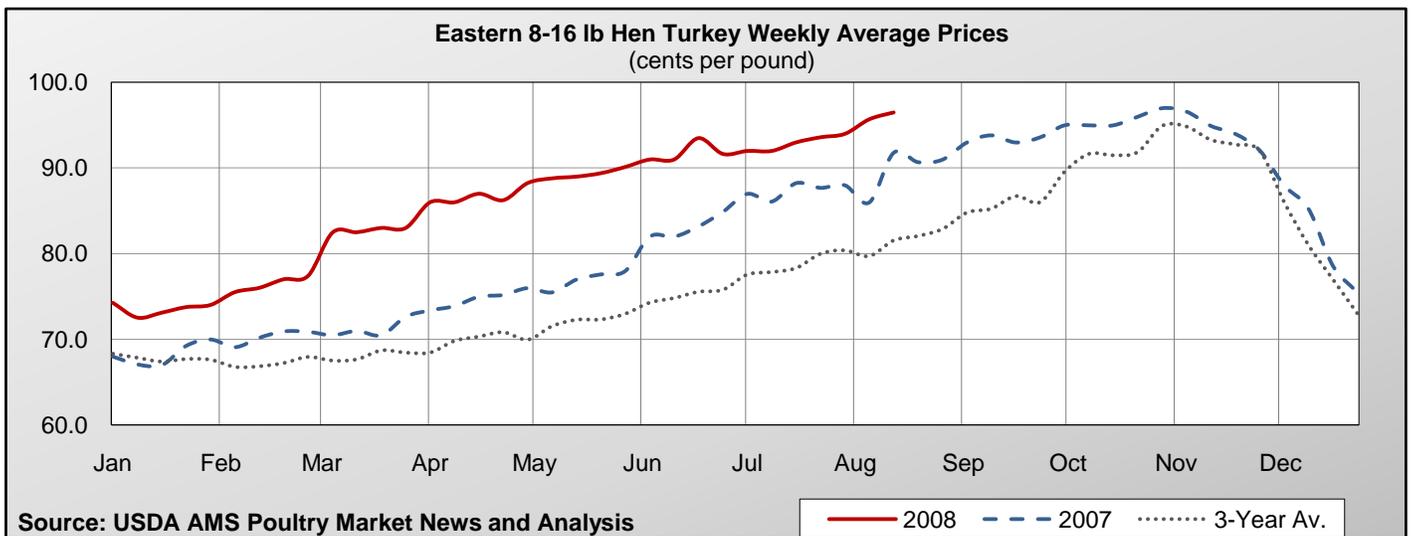
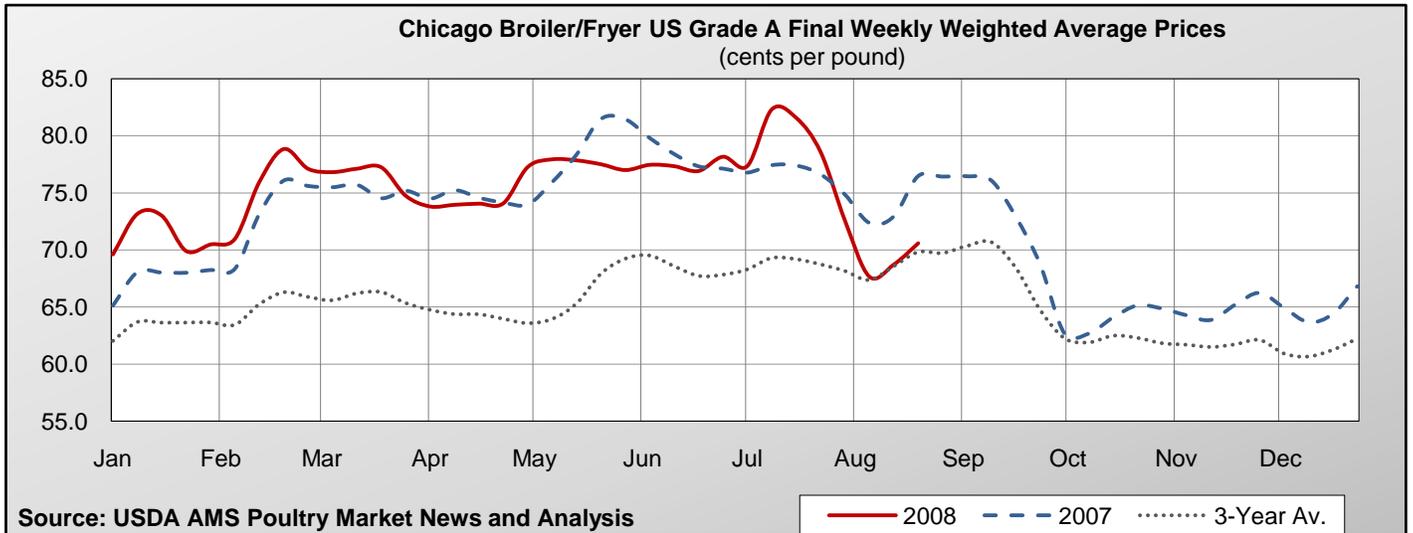
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 16-AUG-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	178.2	1	8
East North Central	652.9	0	3
West North Central	321.6	1	14
South Atlantic	158.9	-1	-6
South Central	55.3	9	4
West	177.8	-13	-8
Total	1544.7	-1	3

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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