



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices were higher this period on all sizes. This week's regional prices were sharply higher on all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices continue trending upward. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to instances tight. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, also increased this week. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate with offerings tight. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Processing schedules were varied. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. 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 Producer prices were higher for large and medium and unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales ranged from light to good. Usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight for the mostly light to instances moderate demand. Schedules varied. Supplies were closely balanced. Trade sentiment fully steady.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were at best adequate for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock processing schedules varied as offerings were limited. Light type hen demand was usually moderate, offerings were at least sufficient for needs.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL AUGUST 22, 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: 08-26-08, 08-19-08, 08-28-07, and rows for Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: AUGUST 25, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, 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

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

- 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 23-AUG-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,345,641	33,411	12,113	6,211	2,822	4,264
PW	1,323,479	33,298	11,942	6,094	2,795	4,503
LY	1,307,180	34,405	10,767	5,753	2,210	4,566
% Chg PWK	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-5%
% Chg LY	3%	-3%	12%	8%	28%	-7%
2008	44,228,939	1,087,065	416,122	218,716	98,656	148,550
2007	42,984,793	1,062,033	398,392	214,338	86,187	147,472
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	4%	2%	14%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.61	42.19	42.45
(Inedible Excluded)	38.45	38.79	38.96

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	672,010	49.9%	18,048	54.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	661,023	49.9%	18,560	55.7%
LAST YEAR	607,715	46.5%	17,257	50.2%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	AUG 16	AUG 23	AUG 16	AUG 23
	Thousand			
AL	*29,846	29,694	*21,432	20,609
AR	24,608	24,764	*23,301	22,247
DE	3,631	3,543	5,213	4,874
FL	1,316	1,306	1,032	1,124
GA	32,590	32,694	*27,560	27,722
KY	*7,790	7,741	*6,512	6,222
LA	3,470	3,501	3,269	3,659
MD	8,871	8,738	*5,933	5,987
MS	18,160	18,428	*16,815	16,632
NC	*19,114	18,856	*15,741	15,557
OK	6,998	7,008	3,618	4,521
PA	*4,002	3,992	*3,408	3,206
SC	5,645	5,735	4,676	4,333
TX	15,489	15,498	12,493	12,318
VA	6,325	6,313	5,283	5,592
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,904	19,006	*16,896	15,925

19 State Total	*206,759	206,817	*173,182	170,528
Previous Year Total	216,594	215,662	178,515	177,243
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	96*	97	96
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 04-Oct-08 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 159.4 million head the previous week and to 167.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 173.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.66 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/21/08 - 08/27/08

CURRENT LDS 84.50 FUTURE LDS 46.75 TOTAL LDS 131.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	94.50	106.05	94.00	96.00	94.50	--	21.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	100.00	97.00	2.25
GL W J	--	--	117.50	119.00	100.50	--	5.00
GL W XL	113.00	107.72	110.00	111.10	95.94	--	27.00
GL W LG	111.00	111.68	103.75	105.36	95.59	109.15	61.75
GL W MD	--	76.00	70.82	69.40	76.14	76.06	26.00
GL W SM	--	--	31.00	28.00	50.00	53.00	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	100.50	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	99.50	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	88.67	85.17	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-AUG-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW PW	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	24.5	24.6	0	-8
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-7
Chicago	68.1	70.0	-3	12
Detroit	8.4	8.3	1	-18
Los Angeles	99.7	93.9	6	-8
New Orleans	5.7	6.1	-7	0
New York	29.9	27.9	7	15
St. Louis	44.2	43.2	2	342
San Francisco	14.0	14.0	0	3
Total	297.3	290.9	2	12
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-AUG-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Avg Wt	16.42	37.30	23.86	57.17	28.45
Last week	2,076	2,864	28	27	4,995
Same wk yr ago	2,162	2,706	27	2	4,897
Avg Wt	16.16	36.47	25.85	25.37	27.44
To-date/2008	67,683	93,369	841	330	162,223
To-date/2007	66,241	88,212	711	173	155,337

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	27,903	86,957	1,213	88	116,161
Last week	26,338	85,788	520	553	113,199
Same wk yr ago	28,125	79,444	537	39	108,145

Dressing % 80.5% 80.5% 77.0% 77.0%

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 23-AUG-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	Avg Live wt
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
	Head	PW	-Thousand head-			
North East	766	-1	24.91	(A)	767	24.91
South Atlantic	815	12	31.61	(A)	816	31.61
North Central	2,370	-4	32.31	(A)	2,370	32.31
South Central	844	21	18.22	(A)	844	18.22
West	278	-11	26.87	(A)	278	26.87
U.S. total	5,073(B)	2	28.45	2	5,075	28.45
To-date						
2008	161,893(B)			330	162,223	
To-date						
2007	155,164(B)			173	155,337	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 66,000; for the current year to date 841,000; for last year to date 711,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 23-AUG-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	167,350	1,401	1,875	3,276	466
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.79	5.90	6.52
Last week	167,289	1,460	1,728	3,188	453
Same wk yr ago	166,796	1,155	1,622	2,777	498
Avg Wt	5.30	3.38	8.07	6.12	6.71
To-date/2008	5,591,802	47,603	54,703	102,306	14,983
To-date/2007	5,453,059	38,022	49,314	87,336	17,168

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	684,470	2,408	9,494	11,902	2,218
Last week	686,713	2,413	8,918	11,331	2,166
Same wk yr ago	658,594	1,991	8,508	10,499	2,439
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 165.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.4 million head, or 4.4 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 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
23	169.4	165.0	103%	5.49
Year to date	5659.8	5686.6	100%	
Aug 30		163.7		
Sept 6		161.6		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-AUG-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/30/08(1)	08/23/08
Broiler/fryer	168,881 (2)	169,331
Light hens	1,322	1,526
Heavy hens	1,704	1,835
Total	171,907	172,692

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Aug-08 is 163.7 million head compared to 173.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 5.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Sep-08 the estimated available is 161.6 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: 25-AUGUST-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	69.00-73.00	70.23	26	69.29
Los Angeles	97.00	95.09	57	87.70
New York	70.00-73.00	71.71	21	75.77

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
25-AUG-2008	18-AUG-2008	18-AUG-2008	27-AUG-2007
79.06	-0.89	79.95	79.75
NUMBER OF LOADS	527		
MONTHLY	WTD AVG	LOADS	
August	79.34	2,212.60	

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/	97-100	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	97-100	98.5	98.50	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-100	98.5	98.50	80
WESTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-

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	Turkeys	Processed
		Lbs	Lbs	other Poultry
				Lbs
AM	08/25/08	3,101	138,536	82,456
AM	08/01/08	3,186	131,834	74,868
CHG		-85	6702	7588
PCT CHG		-3%	5%	10%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUG-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.95
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) 22-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)

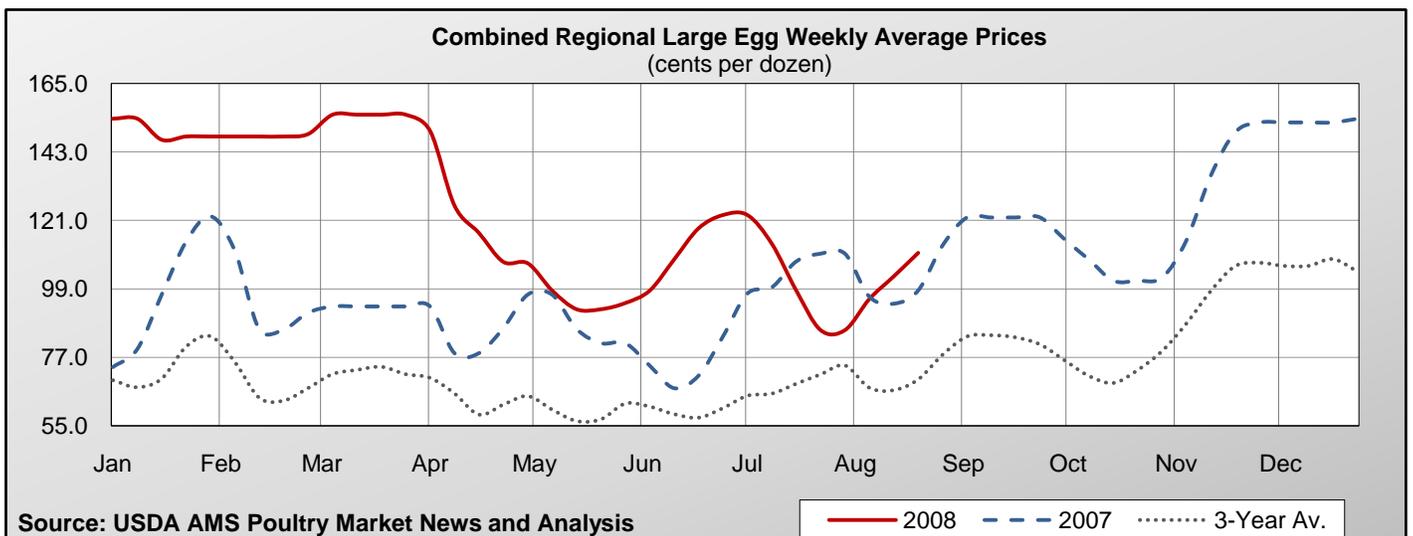
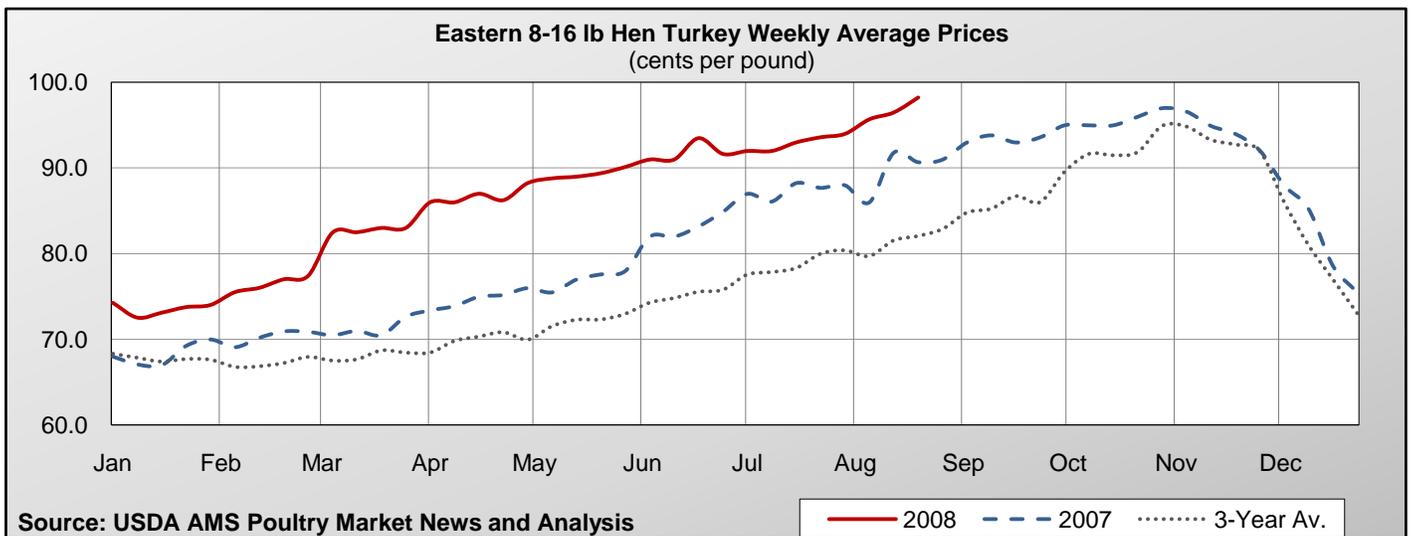
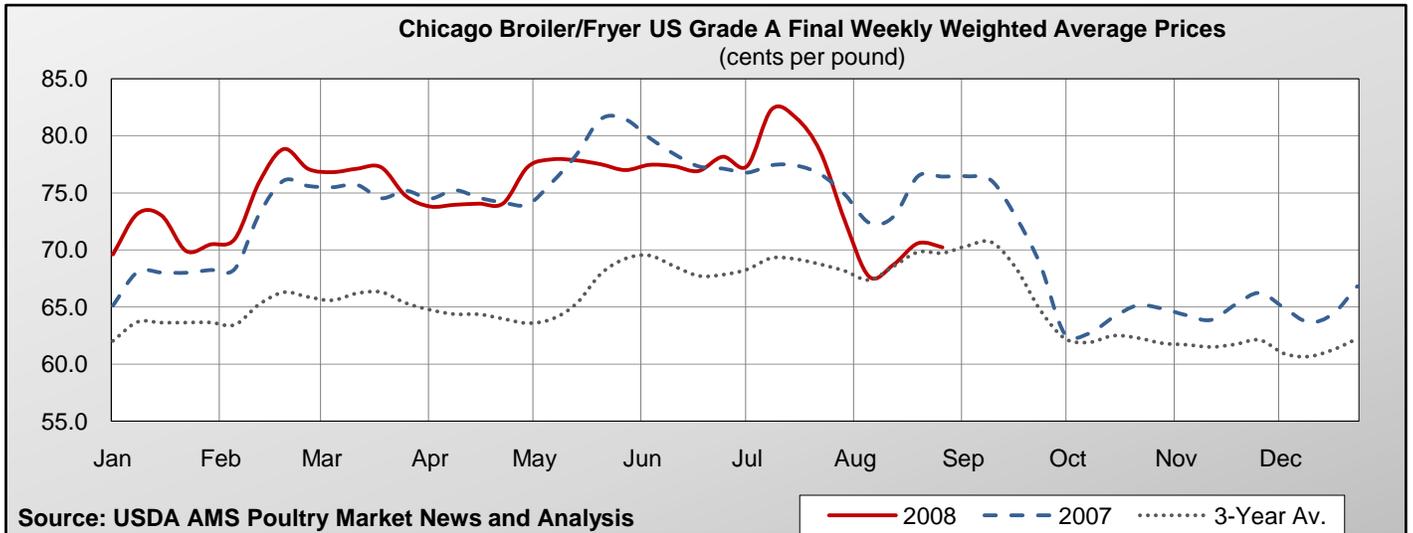
W/E 16-AUG-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	180.5	1	5
East North Central	638.6	-2	3
West North Central	314.6	-2	13
South Atlantic	173.1	9	2
South Central	52.0	-6	-11
West	217.9	23	20
Total	1576.7	1	7

Matched plants reporting

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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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