



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices were unchanged this period. This week's regional prices increased on all sizes. The trade sentiment was mostly steady to steady in all areas except the Midwest region and California which was steady to instances barely 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 steady to instances barely steady. Cartoned movement moderate to fairly good. Loose movement was light to moderate.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL AUGUST 29, 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.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN Prices paid to producers for loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen

Table with columns: 09-02-08, 08-26-08, 09-04-07, 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: SEPTEMBER 02, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific, 5-Area, and rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

Table with columns: TOTAL, Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators, and 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons.

Table with columns: NO CENT, SO CENT, SO ATL, PACIFIC, 5-AREA SUMMARY, and rows for NORTHEAST.

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.

Table with rows for Northeast, North Central, South Central, South Atlantic, Pacific, each followed by a list of states.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 30-AUG-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,322,609	31,725	12,819	6,575	2,937	4,367
PW	1,345,641	33,411	12,113	6,211	2,822	4,264
LY	1,265,953	32,421	10,628	5,573	2,315	4,134
% Chg PWK	-2%	-5%	6%	6%	4%	2%
% Chg LY	4%	-2%	21%	18%	27%	6%
2008	45,551,548	1,118,790	428,941	225,291	101,593	152,917
2007	44,250,746	1,094,454	409,020	219,910	88,502	151,606
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	5%	2%	15%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.95	41.61	41.67
(Inedible Excluded)	38.65	38.45	38.41

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	666,947	50.4%	17,873	56.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	672,010	49.9%	18,048	54.0%
LAST YEAR	604,818	47.8%	16,506	50.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	AUG 23	AUG 30	AUG 23	AUG 30
	Thousand			
AL	29,694	29,948	20,609	20,485
AR	24,742	24,697	*22,221	21,874
DE	3,543	3,506	4,874	4,760
FL	1,306	1,326	1,124	1,197
GA	*32,794	32,905	*27,700	27,233
KY	7,741	7,339	6,222	6,358
LA	3,501	3,478	3,659	3,394
MD	8,738	8,696	5,987	6,226
MS	18,428	17,853	16,632	16,751
NC	18,856	19,021	*15,620	15,872
OK	*7,076	7,117	*4,539	4,830
PA	*3,850	4,255	*3,207	3,056
SC	5,735	5,844	4,333	4,624
TX	15,498	14,935	12,318	12,556
VA	6,313	6,249	5,592	4,525
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,901	18,248	*16,162	15,977
19 State Total	*206,716	205,417	*170,799	169,718
Previous Year Total	215,662	215,502	177,243	176,942
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	95	96	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 11-Oct-08 is estimated at 156.2 million head. This compares to 158.2 million head the previous week and to 167.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.36 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/28/08 - 09/03/08

CURRENT LDS	93.25	FUTURE LDS	60.75	TOTAL LDS	154.00
CLASS	SE		NE		MW
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG DST LOADS
GNR W 1	96.50	113.00	98.17	100.14	-- -- 8.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	-- -- 1.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	95.06 -- 4.25
GL W XL	--	110.35	110.48	107.78	94.00 97.95 32.25
GL W LG	--	120.00	106.00	108.30	101.82 108.00 38.00
GL W MD	82.00	--	70.63	72.63	75.66 75.00 29.25
GL W SM	48.00	51.00	--	--	-- -- 1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	-- -- .25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	98.00 103.00 .75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	98.00 103.00 1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	85.20 90.73 18.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	-- 101.00 8.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	69.00	-- -- 1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	57.00	-- -- 1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 30-AUG-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	PCT	CHG
			PW	LY
Atlanta	26.2	24.5	7	-11
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-10
Chicago	66.9	68.1	-2	27
Detroit	8.5	8.4	1	-17
Los Angeles	92.8	99.7	-7	16
New Orleans	4.1	5.7	-28	-27
New York	31.1	29.9	4	10
St. Louis	48.6	44.2	10	82
San Francisco	15.0	14.0	7	7
Total	296.0	297.3	0	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 30-AUG-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,856	2,739	48	7	4,650
Avg Wt	16.02	37.20	23.58	30.92	28.60
Last week	2,111	2,896	66	2	5,075
Same wk yr ago	2,361	2,796	37	2	5,196
Avg Wt	16.47	36.20	24.07	31.37	27.15
To-date/2008	69,539	96,108	889	337	166,873
To-date/2007	68,602	91,008	748	175	160,533
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	23,935	82,022	872	167	106,996
Last week	27,903	86,957	1,213	88	116,161
Same wk yr ago	31,303	81,478	686	48	113,515
Dressing %	80.5%	80.5%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

W/E 30-AUG-08	(Preliminary)		Old Banded		Total Turkeys
---Young turkeys---					
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt	-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	712	-7	25.47	(A)	714 25.47
South Atlantic	643	-21	32.65	(A)	645 32.65
North Central	2,265	-4	31.96	(A)	2,266 31.96
South Central	712	-16	17.98	(A)	713 17.98
West	311	12	27.13	(A)	312 27.13
U.S. total	4,643(B)	-8	28.60	7	4,650 28.60
To-date					
2008	166,536(B)				337 166,873
To-date					
2007	160,358(B)				175 160,533

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 48,000; for the current year to date 889,000; for last year to date 748,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 30-AUG-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	168,672	1,239	1,708	2,947	443
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.75	5.87	6.61
Last week	167,350	1,401	1,875	3,276	466
Same wk yr ago	171,530	1,034	1,563	2,597	456
Avg Wt	5.37	3.30	8.12	6.20	6.59
To-date/2008	5,760,474	48,842	56,411	105,253	15,426
To-date/2007	5,624,589	39,056	50,877	89,933	17,624
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	694,903	2,066	8,604	10,670	2,138
Last week	684,470	2,408	9,494	11,902	2,218
Same wk yr ago	686,231	1,740	8,250	9,990	2,194
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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 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 170.7 million head, or 7.0 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 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
30	170.7	163.7	104%	5.53
Year to date	5830.5	5850.3	100%	
Sept 6		161.6		
13		161.8		

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-SEP-08

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	09/06/08(1)	08/30/08	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	151,687 (2)	168,881		
Light hens	1,215	1,322		
Heavy hens	1,521	1,704		
Total	154,423	171,907		

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Sep-08 is 161.6 million head compared to 151.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.0 million head or 9.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-Sep-08 the estimated available is 161.8 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: 01-SEPTEMBER-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	68.00-72.00	68.01	22	68.79
Los Angeles	97.00	94.85	60	86.00
New York	70.00-73.00	71.55	22	72.54

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

WEEKLY	Change from		
01-SEP-2008	25-AUG-2008	25-AUG-2008	03-SEP-2007
77.90	-1.16	79.06	80.56
NUMBER OF LOADS	500		

**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)
<b>SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	97-100	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	97-100	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	97-100	100	100.00	120
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	97-100	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	97-100	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	97-100	100	100.00	120

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	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	09/01/08	3,057	142,893	88,896
AM	08/01/08	3,186	131,834	74,868
CHG		-129	11059	14028
PCT CHG		-4%	8%	19%

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

Frozen Eggs	19	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	670	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	887	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 01-SEP-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		10.00
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.85

(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) 29-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 30-AUG-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	180.1	0	-1
East North Central	644.7	1	8
West North Central	320.2	2	15
South Atlantic	163.2	-6	-4
South Central	52.5	1	-1
West	193.0	-11	8
Total	1553.7	-1	6
Matched plants reporting		81	81

Areas Covered:

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

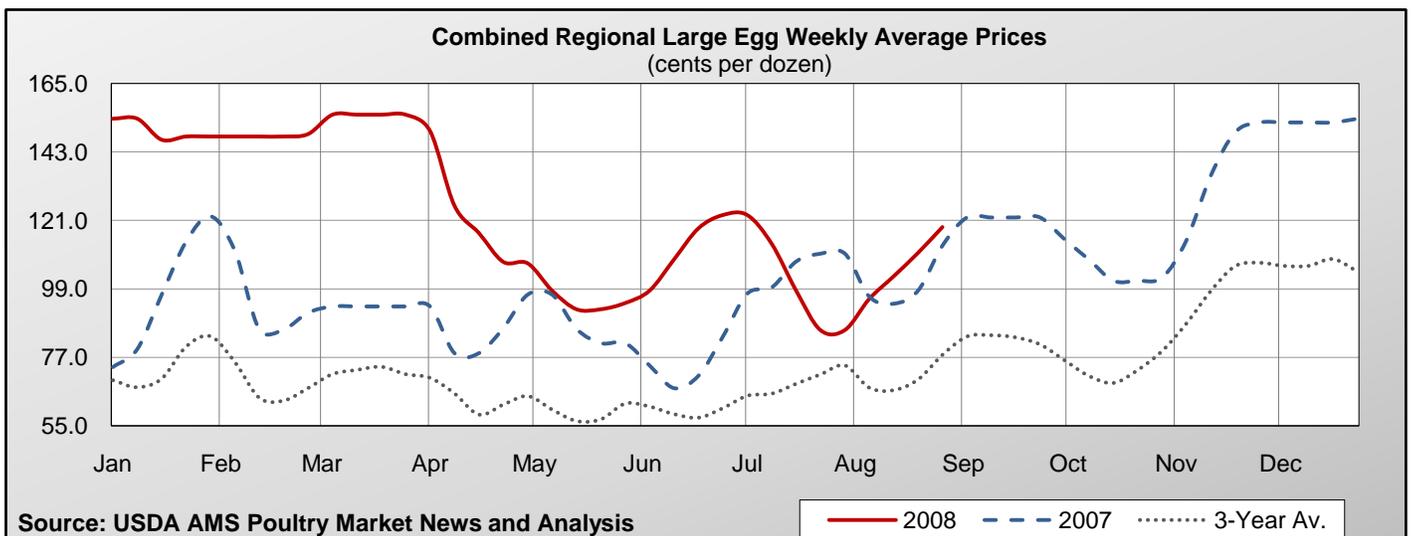
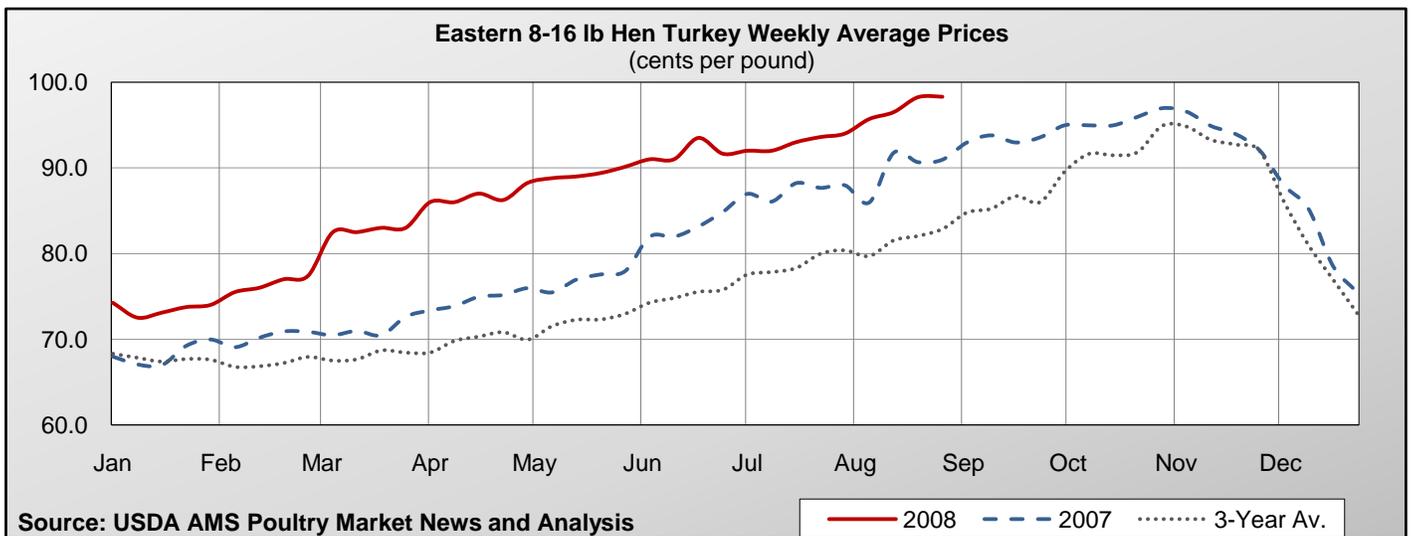
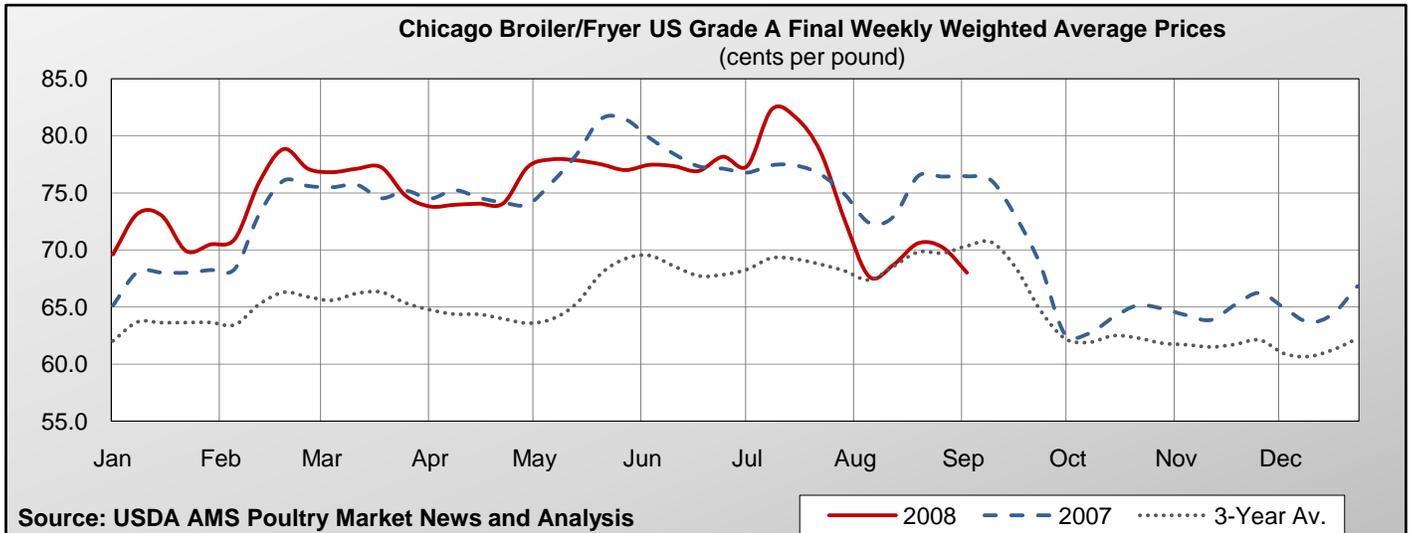
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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