



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Current prices in New York increased on all sizes at the end of the period. Early in the week, regional prices were mostly unchanged on the larger sizes and up slightly on medium. Regional asking prices were trending higher for next week. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was in a full range light to good, best where feature activity and restocking supplies in coastal areas after hurricane Ike. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was generally steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs remained unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was reported as 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 1 cent higher for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and egg sizes (EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM). Includes Midwest Area 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 mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Supplies were usually adequate for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for less than normal to at times heavy processing schedules. Light hen offerings were sufficient for a mostly moderate demand.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL SEPTEMBER 26, 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 include Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, South Central, and Combined Regional. 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: Egg sizes (Large, Medium) and three date periods (09-30-08, 09-23-08, 10-02-07).

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with 8 columns: Egg size, Date (SEPTEMBER 29, 2008), and various metrics (Curr Wk, Change, No Cent, So Cent, Atl, Pacific, 5-Area). Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, and Total.

TOTAL Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators

Summary table for Total Shell Egg: 1190.9 cases, -2% change, 183 cooperators.

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.

Table listing regions and their corresponding states: 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 27-SEP-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,402,313	34,724	13,353	6,786	3,143	4,575
PW	1,437,341	35,095	13,608	7,286	3,330	4,812
LY	1,362,380	34,490	12,271	6,459	2,544	4,434
% Chg PWK	-2%	-1%	-2%	-7%	-6%	-5%
% Chg LY	3%	1%	9%	5%	24%	3%
2008	51,154,595	1,255,915	481,713	252,633	114,239	171,351
2007	49,490,093	1,228,316	454,705	244,097	97,230	168,879
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	6%	3%	17%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.39	42.30	42.32
(Inedible Excluded)	39.12	38.95	39.06

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	691,258	49.3%	18,305	52.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	708,372	49.3%	19,196	54.7%
LAST YEAR	659,482	48.4%	17,334	50.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	SEP 20	SEP 27	SEP 20	SEP 27
	Thousand			
AL	28,833	29,424	20,194	20,466
AR	*23,055	23,882	*24,134	22,051
DE	3,257	3,255	4,722	4,295
FL	1,091	1,229	1,010	980
GA	30,930	31,746	26,583	26,615
KY	7,496	7,792	*5,526	6,034
LA	3,501	3,183	3,431	3,260
MD	7,825	8,760	5,239	5,025
MS	17,912	16,780	16,007	15,503
NC	*18,225	18,311	*15,628	14,652
OK	6,893	6,783	3,400	5,080
PA	*3,569	3,986	*3,291	3,270
SC	5,755	5,249	5,023	5,132
TX	13,312	14,011	12,490	12,781
VA	5,779	6,140	5,643	5,374
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,271	18,266	*15,737	15,268
19 State Total	*194,704	198,797	*168,058	165,786
Previous Year Total	212,015	207,513	175,642	171,244
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	96	96	97

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 08-Nov-08 is estimated at 153.7 million head. This compares to 155.9 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 172.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.76 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/25/08 - 10/01/08

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	78.50	--	79.33	81.00	--	--	10.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	98.00	104.00	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	101.83	104.00	86.67	--	8.25
GL W XL	--	98.67	94.43	98.93	90.02	92.79	39.00
GL W LG	--	94.67	95.56	88.14	86.42	85.00	52.00
GL W MD	83.00	83.00	78.30	79.00	80.05	80.23	24.25
GL W SM	55.00	59.00	55.00	58.00	--	--	2.00
GL BR XL	--	92.00	--	--	--	--	.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	85.00	85.57	28.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	71.00	74.00	--	--	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-SEP-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
	Cases, in thousands	PW	PW	LY
Atlanta	22.7	23.4	-3	-9
Boston	2.9	2.8	4	-6
Chicago	68.1	69.1	-1	45
Detroit	8.2	8.2	0	-14
Los Angeles	89.4	87.7	2	4
New Orleans	5.0	4.2	19	14
New York	27.5	27.3	1	0
St. Louis	45.2	53.3	-15	35
San Francisco	15.2	14.5	5	15
Total	284.2	290.5	-2	22
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-SEP-08

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS		
Head	2,114	2,873	37	5,033
Avg Wt	17.25	38.07	25.14	31.23
Last week	2,072	2,801	59	4,938
Same wk yr ago	2,014	2,864	19	4,897
Avg Wt	16.34	37.01	24.27	0.00
To-date/2008	77,637	106,707	1,053	185,774
To-date/2007	76,745	101,718	895	179,560

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	29,356	88,047	716	216	118,335
Last week	27,738	84,713	1,138	136	113,725
Same wk yr ago	26,492	85,327	355	0	112,174
Dressing %	80.5%	80.5%	77.0%	77.0%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 27-SEP-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---		Avg	Old Banded	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Avg
North East	788	11	25.21	(A)	790
South Atlantic	813	6	31.29	(A)	815
North Central	2,338	3	33.22	(A)	2,340
South Central	748	-14	19.88	(A)	750
West	337	5	26.42	(A)	338
U.S. total	5,024(B)	2	29.22	9	5,033
To-date					
2008	185,397(B)				377
To-date					
2007	179,358(B)				202

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 37,000; for the current year to date 1,053,000; for last year to date 895,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 27-SEP-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	164,981	1,277	1,783	3,060	440
Avg Wt	5.58	3.15	7.69	5.80	6.69
Last week	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069	450
Same wk yr ago	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596	472
Avg Wt	5.43	3.50	8.04	6.20	6.78
To-date/2008	6,403,921	53,748	63,377	117,125	17,125
To-date/2007	6,286,637	42,950	56,641	99,591	19,536
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	685,843	2,052	8,912	10,964	2,149
Last week	687,162	1,882	9,533	11,415	2,217
Same wk yr ago	703,280	1,874	8,079	9,953	2,336
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 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.0 million head, or 4.0 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Aug 23	169.4	165.0	103%	5.49
30	170.7	163.7	104%	5.53
Sept 6	146.7	161.6	91%	5.67
13	169.7	161.8	105%	5.46
20	167.9	162.8	103%	5.56
27	167.0	163.0	102%	5.58
Year to date	6481.8	6499.5	100%	
Oct 4		161.9		
11		160.5		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-OCT-08

Class	Current Week		Previous Week	
	10/04/08(1)	09/27/08	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	166,061 (2)	167,323		
Light hens	1,321	1,353		
Heavy hens	1,799	1,798		
Total	169,181	170,474		

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Oct-08 is 161.9 million head compared to 173.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.4 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Oct-08 the estimated available is 160.5 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: 29-SEPTEMBER-2008 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	60.00-66.00	64.37	27	64.45	61	
Los Angeles	96.00	92.87	61	89.98	147	
New York	64.00-67.00	65.62	21	70.40	55	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
29-SEP-2008	22-SEP-2008	22-SEP-2008	01-OCT-2007
76.66	-56	77.22	70.66
NUMBER OF LOADS 529			
		WTD AVG	LDS
MONTHLY - September		77.98	1,962.00
QUARTERLY - July - September		80.81	6,494.40

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/	98-102	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	96-102	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	99-102	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	97-102	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	96-102	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	99-102	-	-	-

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 Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 09/29/08	3,152	142,230	114,371
AM 09/01/08	3,057	142,893	88,896
CHG	95	-663	25475
PCT CHG	3%	0%	29%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-15 CENTS/LB.		10.27
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13.25 CENTS/LB.		10.46

(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) 26-SEP-08

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

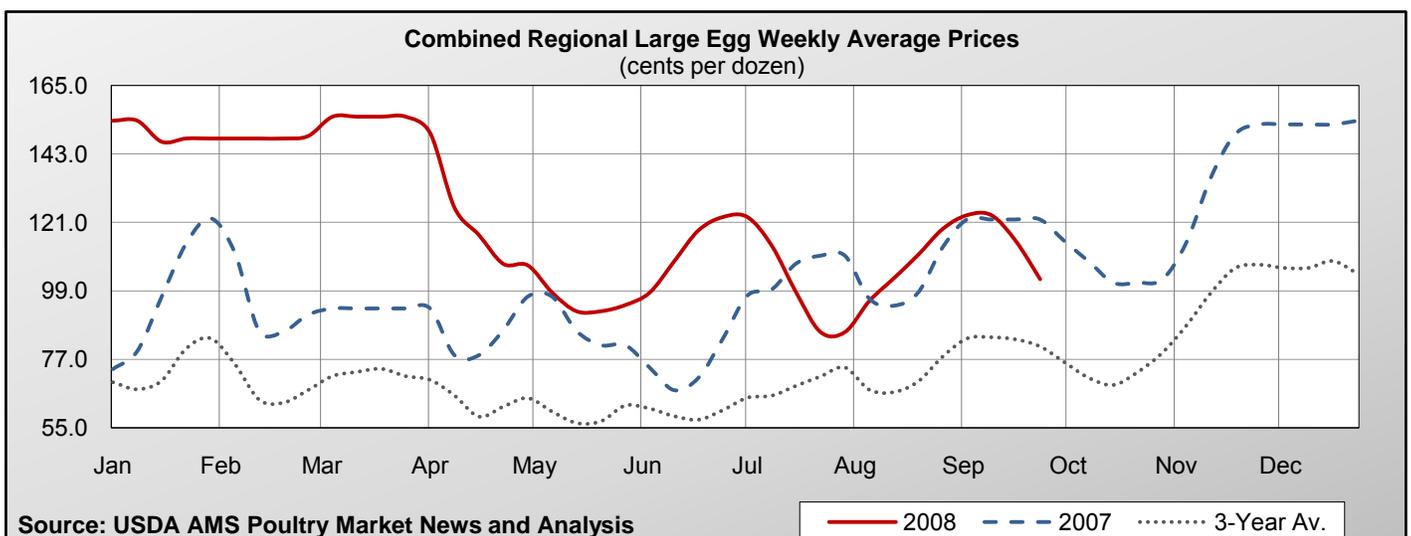
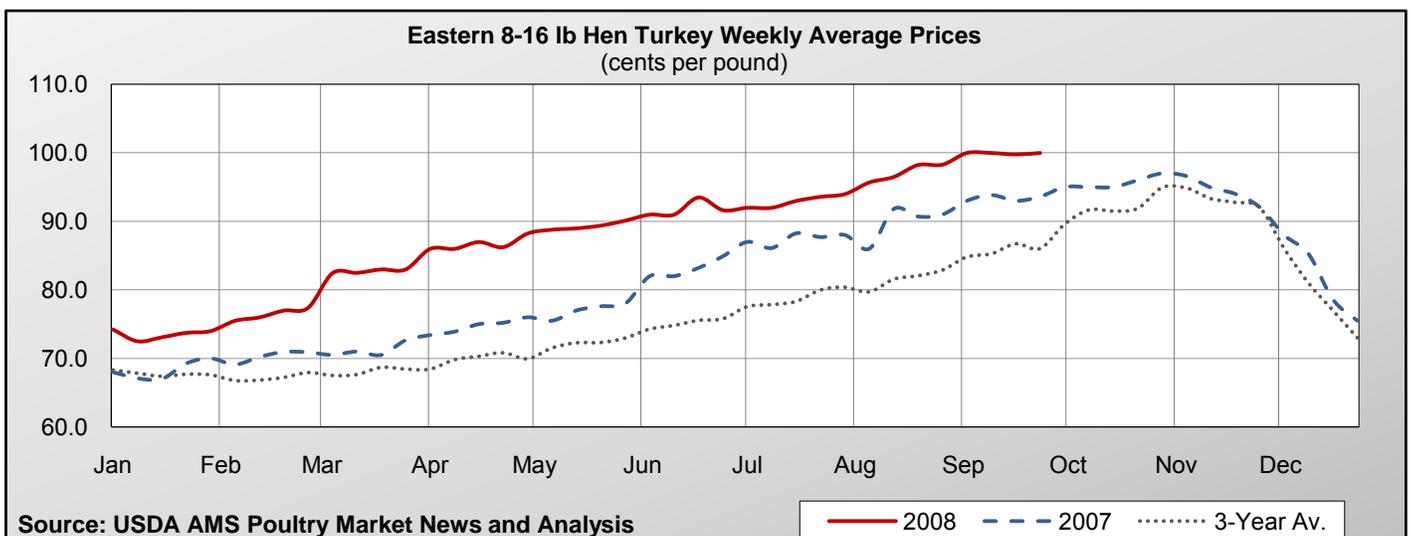
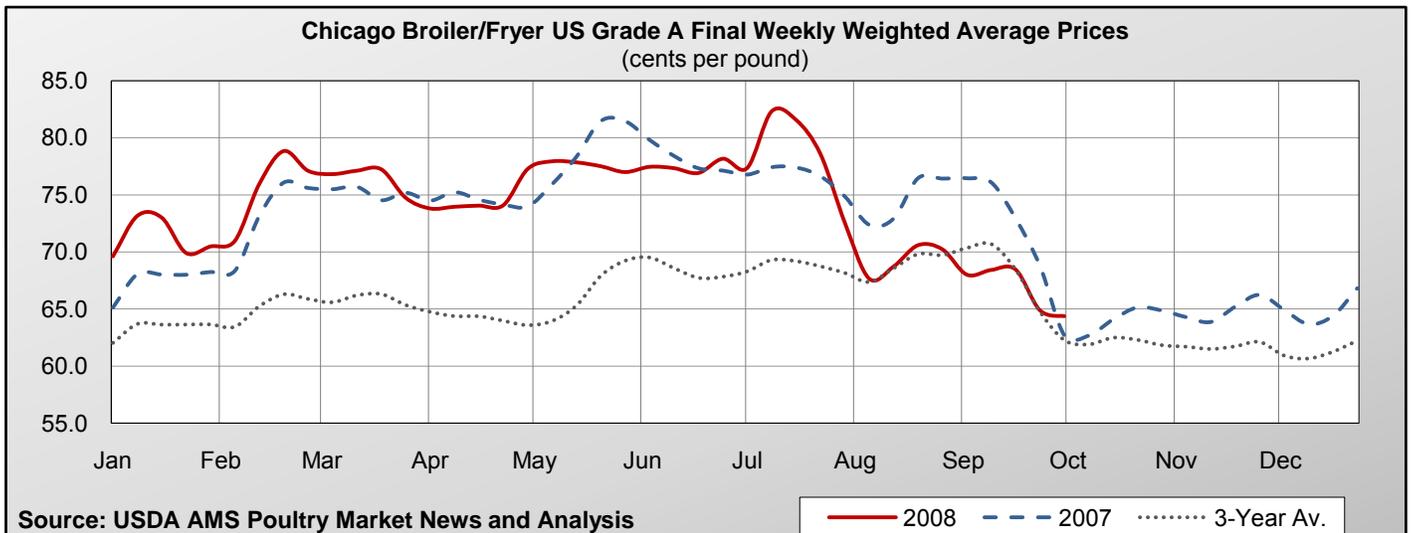
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 27-SEP-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	178.6	2	0
East North Central	599.2	-3	-3
West North Central	300.0	-5	7
South Atlantic	163.6	0	-8
South Central	52.3	-6	-7
West	196.2	4	-7
Total	1489.9	-2	-2

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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