



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices were slightly higher on the extra large and large at the beginning of the period and unchanged on mediums. Early in the week, regional prices increased on the larger sizes and were usually unchanged on mediums. Next week's South Central regional asking prices were trending slightly higher for the heavier weight eggs. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available. Breaking stock prices were 1 cent lower, with check and undergrades prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs remained unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fill trade needs. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade was sentiment 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand remained light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and Midwest Area list.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hens were steady with at least adequate offerings.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and Northeast Area list.

COMBINED REGIONAL OCTOBER 24, 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 regional price data.

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 Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: Category, Week, Change, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Includes rows for 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: 1281.6 cases, 6% change, 182 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.

- Regional lists: 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 25-OCT-2008	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,325,514	34,139	11,529	6,277	2,660	4,586
PW	1,327,423	33,353	12,251	6,068	2,800	4,449
LY	1,309,681	34,119	11,166	6,025	3,293	4,368
% PW	0%	2%	-6%	3%	-5%	3%
% LY	1%	0%	3%	4%	-19%	5%
2008	56,546,739	1,391,996	529,640	277,351	125,955	189,208
2007	54,891,196	1,367,599	502,048	268,785	108,089	186,620
% YTD	3%	2%	5%	3%	17%	1%
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)		42.65	42.28	42.51		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)		39.19	38.93	39.18		

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	653,337	49.3%	18,427	54.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	645,501	48.6%	18,042	54.1%
LAST YEAR	639,724	48.8%	18,001	52.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States **Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States**

State	Week Ending			
	18-Oct 2008	25-Oct 2008	18-Oct 2008	25-Oct 2008
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	27,081	27,211	20,140	19,224
AR	*22,236	22,096	*21,236	19,683
DE	3,189	3,048	4,927	4,389
FL	1,165	1,227	1,043	1,035
GA	29,525	29,302	26,370	24,488
KY	*7,182	7,397	*6,321	5,589
LA	3,152	2,740	3,253	3,078
MD	7,964	8,560	5,115	4,754
MS	16,295	16,829	13,969	14,501
NC	17,758	18,227	14,746	14,111
OK	6,954	6,973	5,381	4,752
PA	*3,590	3,727	*3,082	3,169
SC	5,527	5,526	5,077	4,045
TX	14,101	13,800	11,832	12,117
VA	5,815	6,013	5,267	4,310
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,831	17,676	14,940	15,252
19 State Total	*189,365	190,352	*162,699	154,497
Previous Year Total	202,695	201,890	169,336	174,787
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	96	88

* 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 06-Dec-08 is estimated at 144.9 million head. This compares to 148.7 million head the previous week and to 161.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.13 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 23 - OCT 29, 2008

CLASS	Current Loads		Future Loads		Total Loads		198.00
	108.00	90.00	108.00	90.00	108.00	90.00	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW		
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	93.83	97.00	94.50	95.86	--	--	59.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	.50
GNR W 3	--	--	80.00	81.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	.50
GL W J	--	--	115.25	117.00	94.36	--	8.25
GL W XL	100.25	105.00	104.00	108.44	96.33	101.00	31.00
GL W LG	--	108.75	99.50	100.22	99.65	101.67	57.50
GL W MD	--	--	84.25	85.67	77.27	83.00	18.75
GL W SM	61.50	64.50	57.00	60.00	56.00	--	2.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	105.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	88.00	88.65	64.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	3.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	61.00	61.86	--	1.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-OCT-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% CHANGE	
	(Cases in Thousands)		LW	LY		
Atlanta	23.7		23.6	0	-10	
Boston	2.7		2.7	0	-13	
Chicago	66.4		67.7	-2	34	
Detroit	7.8		7.9	-1	-25	
Los Angeles	104.1		90.6	15	-13	
New Orleans	5.1		5.6	-9	-6	
New York	29.0		29.1	0	11	
St. Louis	56.3		51.5	9	75	
San Francisco	14.1		14.1	0	4	
Total	309.2		292.8	6	15	
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.4					

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-OCT-2008 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Banded	Total	Avg		
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt			
North East	871	22	24.01	(A)	875	24.01	
South Atlantic	738	-8	34.37	(A)	741	34.37	
North Central	2,226	1	34.03	(A)	2,229	34.03	
South Central	1,020	40	20.30	(A)	1,023	20.30	
West	476	18	25.10	(A)	479	25.10	
U.S. total	5,331 (B)	10	29.01	16	5,347	29.01	
To-date							
2008	205,319 (B)			421	205,740		
To-date							
2007	199,642 (B)			216	199,858		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date 1,281,000; for last year to date 999,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 25-OCT-2008 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
-----Thousands-----					
Head	2,317	2,975	39	16	5,347
Avg Wt	17.29	38.18	26.96	27.06	29.01
Last week	1,882	2,959	17	3	4,861
Same wk yr ago	2,498	3,060	1	0	5,559
Avg Wt	16.85	36.30	25.01	0.00	27.56
To-date/2008	85,498	118,540	1,281	421	205,740
To-date/2007	85,224	113,419	999	216	199,858
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	32,049	90,868	799	329	124,045
Last week	25,008	89,788	342	67	115,205
Same wk yr ago	33,673	88,862	19	0	122,554
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 25-OCT-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	163,319	1,317	1,626	2,943	436
Avg Wt	5.57	3.25	7.74	5.73	6.84
Last week	161,915	1,281	1,803	3,084	440
Same wk yr ago	167,574	1,050	1,608	2,658	461
Avg Wt	5.67	3.14	8.24	6.23	6.65
To-date/2008	7,057,334	58,903	70,337	129,240	18,889
To-date/2007	6,962,196	47,424	63,058	110,482	21,446
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	677,717	2,204	8,369	10,573	2,147
Last week	677,922	2,144	9,388	11,532	2,138
Same wk yr ago	707,858	1,698	8,811	10,509	2,207

Dressing % ----- 74.5% 51.5% 66.5% ----- 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 5.1 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Sept 20	167.9	162.8	103%	5.56
27	167.0	163.0	102%	5.58
Oct 4	166.4	161.9	103%	5.58
11	165.8	160.5	103%	5.60
18	163.9	160.0	102%	5.62
25	165.3	160.2	103%	5.57
Year to date	7143.2	7142.1	100%	
Nov 1		159.3		
8		157.0		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-NOV-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/01/08 (1)	10/25/08
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	160,691 (2)	165,832
Light hens	1,523	1,427
Heavy hens	1,548	1,586
Total	163,762	168,845

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Nov-08 is 159.3 million head compared to 171.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.0 million head or 1.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Nov-08 the estimated available is 157.0 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: 27-OCTOBER-2008

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	66.00-72.00	70.23	26	69.70
Los Angeles	96.00	93.78	55	90.31
New York	71.00-74.00	72.90	21	75.03

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
27-OCT-2008	20-OCT -2008	20-OCT -2008	29-OCT-2007
	79.75	1.08	78.67
NUMBER OF LOADS	496		

MONTHLY	WTD AVG	LOADS
October	77.65	2,377.40

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)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	90-98	92.5-93.5	93.00	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	90-98	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	90-98	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION	90-95	92.5-93.5	93.00	120
CENTRAL REGION	90-95	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	90-95	-	-	-

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 Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 10/27/08	3,164	119,620	91,790
AM 10/01/08	3,124	141,760	99,200
CHG	40	-22140	-7410
PCT CHG	1%	-16%	-7%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-OCT-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17 CENTS/LB.		10.59
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		10.17

(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) 24-OCT-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 25-OCT-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	179.4	-1	4
East North Central	659.4	3	9
West North Central	320.1	3	15
South Atlantic	168.1	-5	-7
South Central	50.3	-5	-12
West	201.8	-1	8
Total	1579.1	1	7

Matched plants reporting

Areas Covered:

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

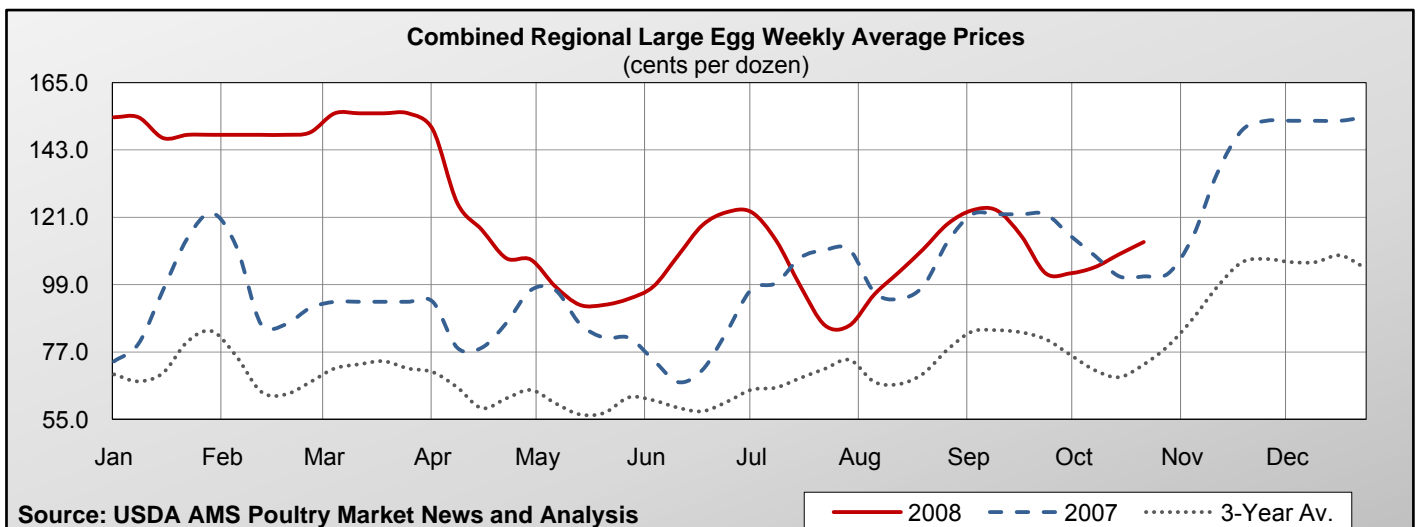
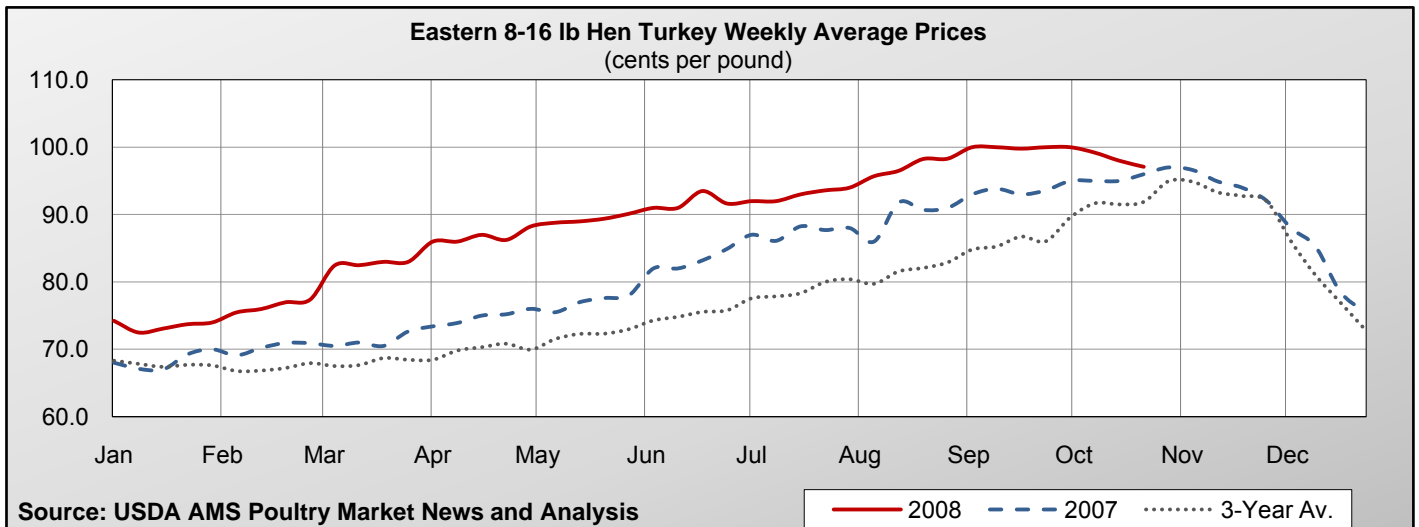
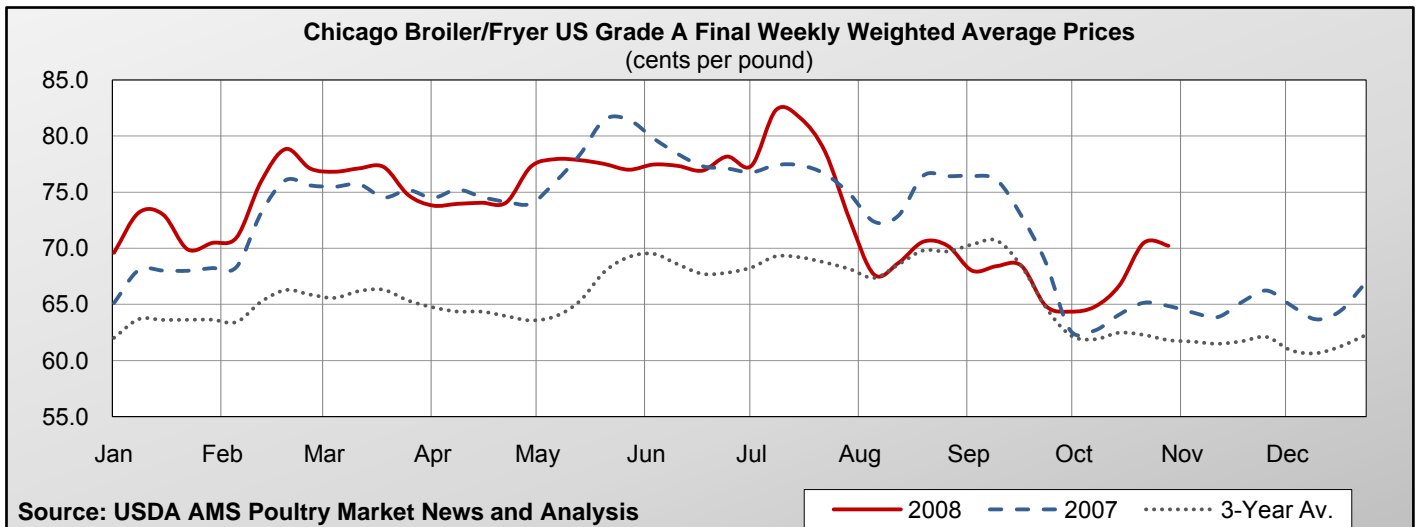
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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