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Prices in New York were unchanged this week. Early in the week, regional prices increased on all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady at the close of the period. Retail demand was in a full spectrum light to good, best where feature activity was planned. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight in the South Central and Western regions. All other reported areas were balanced to adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate for most needs. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday. The trade sentiment was steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to at times good best in areas with planned feature activity. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate for the tight to adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112-121	115-118
LARGE	111-120	113-116
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,M	I,MN,OH,NE,ND,	SD,WI,WV,
western NY, and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were in good balance to close for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock supplies were about adequate; processing schedules were mixed. Light type hen demand was mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY				
EXTRA LARGE	119-133	122-126				
LARGE	116-130	121-125				
MEDIUM	80-93	85-87				
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern						
NY, eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and V	/T					

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

24-DEC-08

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A

LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	121.00	120.00	85.00
SOUTHEAST	122.50	120.50	84.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	80.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	122.50	121.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	119.95	118.48	83.80

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-30-08	12-23-08	01-02-08
Large	93-103	90-100	126-135
Medium	60-64	59-63	119-123

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT DEC 29, 2008 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Nort	heast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.1	21.1	5.0	8.1	11.8	50.1
	Change	-1.2	-1.1	-0.8	-1.1	-2.8	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.7	34.2	9.2	21.3	31.3	112.7
	Change	-0.6	7.5	-1.3	-0.6	0.5	5%
Large	Curr Wk	29.2	95.8	51.2	88.1	67.6	331.9
	Change	-1.4	10.9	-1.3	-9.2	-11.1	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	35.5	22.8	22.7	32.8	127.0
	Change	1.3	0.0	6.6	1.6	1.9	10%
Small	Curr Wk	1.4	4.4	2.4	4.2	5.9	18.3
	Change	-0.7	-0.9	0.3	2.0	0.1	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	9.9	28.6	13.0	12.3	10.2	74.0
	Change	7.6	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.6	22%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.8	51.0	17.5	19.3	23.8	123.4
	Change	4.8	27.2	8.7	1.2	1.0	53%
Total	Curr Wk	86.3	270.6	121.1		183.4	837.4
Percent	Change	13%	20%	14%	-3%	-5%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	837.4 260.7	7% 28%	
Total Shell Egg	1,098.1	11%	6 182

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.

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-DEC-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	993,129	24,684	9,052	4,527	2,407	3,310
PW	1,205,081	30,599	10,559	5,383	2,696	3,891
LY	1,142,258	28,349	10,133	5,526	2,350	3,714
% Chg	PWK -18%	-19%	-14%	-16%	-11%	-15%
% Chg	LY -13%	-13%	-11%	-18%	2%	-11%
2008	67,668,006	1,669,032	631,019	329,706	150,685	225,978
2007	65,964,182	1,655,041	594,678	319,299	128,656	224,667
% Chg	YTD 3%	1%	6%	3%	17%	1%
Averag	e Yield Per C	Case -Curre	ent Previo	ous Las	t	
			Week	1	Neek	Year
(Inedibl	e Included)		41.86		41.85	41.78

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	618,377	62.3%	16,639	67.4%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	619,589	51.4%	17,936	58.6%	
LAST YEAR	634,423	55.5%	16,932	59.7%	

38.53

38.62

38.53

BROILER HATCHERY

(Inedible Excluded)

<u> </u>	<u>.</u> Broiler	Eggs Set	Broiler Chicks Placed		
19 Selected States	DEC 20	DEC 27	DEC 20	DEC 27	
STATE		Tho	ousand		
AL	*28,700	28,941	*19,908	19,878	
AR	24,266	24,244	20,812	20,716	
DE	*3,358	3,259	*4,940	4,460	
FL	1,013	963	1,220	1,103	
GA	32,749	32,669	27,123	26,376	
KY	*7,867	7,512	*6,028	6,041	
LA	3,424	3,411	3,228	3,287	
MD	8,911	8,749	*5,288	5,747	
MS	17,194	17,372	15,501	15,463	
NC	18,739	18,581	*15,805	15,379	
OK	6,922	6,835	5,545	5,258	
PA	*4,281	3,801	*3,339	3,332	
SC	5,485	5,673	5,058	5,071	
TX	15,286	15,485	12,990	12,824	
VA	5,964	5,958	4,952	4,515	
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,655	19,248	*16,608	16,187	
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	*203,814	202,701	*168,345	165,637	
Previous Year Total	,	218,815	179,381	175,417	
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	94	94	
* 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 07-Feb-09 is estimated at 153.7 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 147.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.12 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/23/08 - 12/30/08 CURRENT LDS 98.25 FUTURE LDS 95.75 TOTAL LDS 194.00 SE

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL		98.00					1.00
GNR W 1	94.17	99.25	95.75	96.13	109.00	88.00	106.00
GNR W 2							4.00
GL W J			119.75	121.50	98.16		7.50
GL W XL		117.60	107.38	110.15	99.66	105.08	31.25
GL W LG		115.00	111.67	108.05	93.77	107.50	57.75
GL W MD	80.00	66.00	73.33	74.00	67.23		11.75
GL W SM	65.00	67.00	64.00	65.50	50.00		2.75
GL BR MD					64.00		1.00
NRBS - 48					49.00	50.50	5.00
NRBS - 36						29.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-Dec-08 Selected CW **PW PCT Consuming Centers** Cases, in thousands **PW** LY Atlanta 26.9 31.0 -13 -4 **Boston** 2.9 -3 -3 3.0 Chicago 82.8 66.6 24 -2 Detroit 9.0 9.6 -6 -30 100.5 -5 1 Los Angeles 95.7 24 -2 **New Orleans** 6.2 5.0 New York -16 12 33.6 40.2 80.6 St. Louis 65.7 -18 42 San Francisco 15.3 15.5 -1 6 Total 338.1 352.0 -4 5 4 Week Moving Avg. 311.2

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-Dec-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Avg Wt	15.91	39.00	23.14	28.03	29.46
Last week	2,280	2,694	20	15	5,009
Same wk yr ago	1,416	1,890	8	0	3,314
Avg Wt	15.82	40.07	26.47	0.00	29.68
To-date/2008	105,103	142,237	1,445	483	249,268
To-date/2007	103,465	137,385	1,252	286	242,388
Ready-to-Cook	Weight a	and Dress	ing Percentag	je	
Current week	16,254	56,690	70	43	73,057
Last week	30,151	88,126	437	343	119,057
Same wk yr ago	17,921	60,586	161	0	78,668
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 27-Dec-0	08 (Pre	eliminary))			
	Young turk	keys		Old	Total	Turkeys
Т	housand P	ct chg	Avg	Bande	d	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousan	d head-	Live wt
North East	611	-22	24.14	(A)	612	24.14
South Atlantic	432	-43	36.14	(A)	433	36.14
North Central	1,335	-36	34.21	(A)	1,335	34.21
South Centra	l 527	-44	18.95	(A)	527	18.95
West	193	-56	27.24	(A)	193	27.24
U.S. total	3,098 (B)	-38	29.46	2	3,100	29.46
To-date						
2008	248,785(B)			483	249,268	
To-date						
2007	242,102(B)			286	242,388	
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 4,000; for the current year to date 1,445,000; for last year to date 1,252,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 27-DEC-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

WEEK ENDING	YOUNG	`	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
		TH	IOUSANE)S	
Head	108,455	991	755	1,746	325
Avg Wt	5.53	3.25	7.82	5.23	6.81
Last week	153,795	1,380	1,411	2,791	435
Same wk yr ago	123,442	767	973	1,740	360
Avg Wt	5.52	3.14	8.02	5.87	6.60
To-date/2008	8,396,968	70,204	83,231	153,435	22,704
To-date/2007	8,402,576	57,751	75,786	133,537	25,602
Ready-to-Cook \	Weight and D	ressing P	ercentage	;	
Current week	446,818	1,659	3,926	5,585	1,594
Last week	627,883	2,274	7,234	9,508	2,083
Same wk yr ago	507,643	1,240	5,189	6,429	1,711

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 146.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 109.8 million head, or 36.8 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING. MILLION HEAD

WILLION HEAD						
WEEK E	ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
Nov	22	158.9	151.8	105%	5.52	
	29	118.3	151.9	78%	5.56	
Dec	6	162.3	149.2	109%	5.59	
	13	160.0	147.4	109%	5.45	
	20	155.7	147.8	105%	5.48	
	27	109.8	146.6	75%	5.53	
Year to	date	8,499.2	8,507.5	100%		
Jan	3		145.5			
	10		147.1			

^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-08

CURRENT WEEK PREVIOUS WEEK

	01/03/08 (1)	12/27/08
CLASS	THOUSAN	D HEAD
Broiler/fryer	131,016 (2)	122,413
Light hens	1,102	1,052
Heavy hens	899	730
Total	133,017	124,195
(1)FSTIMATED		

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jan-09 is 145.5 million head compared to 137.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.3 million head or 14.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Jan-09 the estimated available is 147.1 million head.

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 29-DEC-2008 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG L	DS
Chicago	71.00-74.00	76.20	15	74.42	46
Los Angele	s 95.00	92.71	35	89.39	131
New York	77.00-80.00	78.70	20	78.66	42

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from

29-DEC-2008 22-DEC-2008 22-DEC-2008 31-DEC-2007 82.03 .44 81.59 74.60

NUMBER OF LOADS 437

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

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS		AVG	(000)	
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-75	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73.5-75	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	69-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	73.5-74	-	-	-

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

		(INCL GOV'T S	STOCKS) (IN 1	「HOUSANDS)
		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs LBS	Turkeys LBS	Poultry LBS
AM	12/29/08	3,174	78,676	86,864
AM	12/01/08	3,007	73,775	90,520
CHG		167	4901	-3656
PCT C	HG	6%	7%	-4%

HEN MARKETS HEAVY TYPE

(7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-DEC-08

REGIONS RANGE MAJORITY WTD. AVG
Southeast (1) 8.75-19 CENTS/LB. 11.55
Southeast (2) TFEWR
South Central (1) 7-14.75 CENTS/LB. 10.69

South Central (1) 7-14.75 CENTS/LB.
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

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-DEC-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 REPORT W/E 27-DEC-08

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

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	Cases	% Chan	ge From
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	195.9	0	-1
East North Central	678.2	-3	12
West North Central	318.8	-5	11
South Atlantic	189.1	0	5
South Central	46.6	-22	-19
West	181.2	-13	-7
Total	1609.8	-4	6
Matched plants rep	ortina	81	81

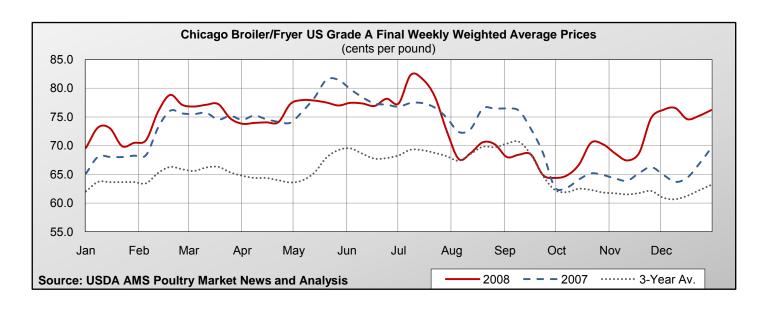
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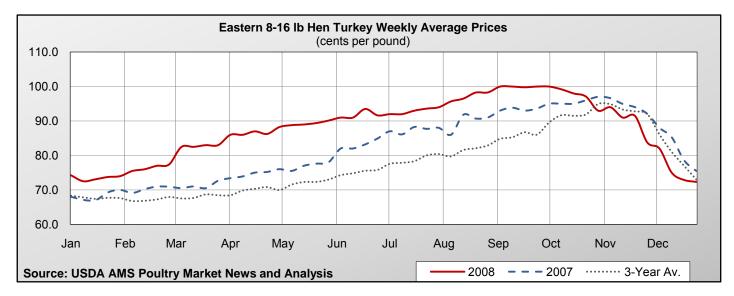
North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

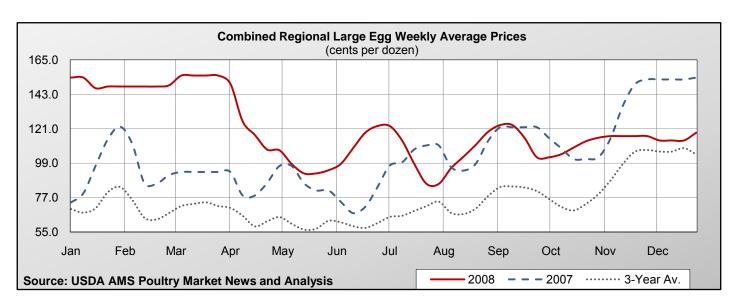
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

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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