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In New York prices increased sharply for extra large and large, mediums remained unchanged. Regional prices increased on the larger sizes and were unchanged on the smaller sizes. Next week's asking prices were trending higher on the heavier weights. The trade sentiment was firm for the larger sizes and mostly steady for mediums. Retail demand was good to very good for the upcoming Easter holiday. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were short of needs to adequate for the larger sizes while the lighter weights were usually adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower, with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate with offerings currently tight to adequate. Processing schedules were varied. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal. 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 5 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was firm for the larger sizes and steady for medium and small. Cartoned egg demand was good to very good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were very tight for the larger sizes and usually adequate for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings tight to adequate, but noted as slightly more available for next week. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	96-105	99-102	
LARGE	95-104	97-100	
MEDIUM	71-80	73-76	
MIDWEST AREA: IA	A, IL, IN, KY, MI,	MN, OH, NE, ND, SD,	, WI, WV,
western NY, and we	stern PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however extra large and large were trending sharply higher. Trade sentiment was firm on large sizes, at least steady on mediums. Retail demand was good. Supplies were about sufficient on mediums, mostly tight on larger sizes for immediate trading requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were barely adequate to instances tight for mixed demand. Spent hen offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY			
EXTRA LARGE	101-115	104-108			
LARGE	98-112	103-107			
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81			
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ,					
eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT					

COMBINED REGIONAL	MARCH 27, 2009
Average prices on sales to volume buyers,	USDA Grade A and Grade A,
white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse,	cents per dozen

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM			
NORTHEAST	97.00	96.00	80.00			
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	81.00			
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	74.50			
SOUTH CENTRAL	100.50	99.50	81.50			
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.79	95.32	79.32			
Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.						

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

	03-31-09	03-24-09	04-01-08
Large	79-89	69-79	117-126
Medium	53-57	53-57	98-102

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

MARCH 30, 2009			No	So	So		
	Noi	theast	Cent	Cent	Atl I	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.5	21.4	7.9	9.5	18.6	70.9
	Change	1.8	0.6	-2.4	0.3	-2.2	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.2	33.0	10.4	26.2	42.6	145.4
J	Change	4.2	-1.5	-0.9	0.4	-6.7	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	62.7	117.9	79.3	108.8	160.1	528.8
	Change	4.2	-16.2	-11.9	-8.1	-6.3	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.2	45.7	20.8	21.6	40.5	140.8
	Change	-1.1	1.1	0.7	5.1	-4.2	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.9	1.7	2.4	5.8	24.1
	Change	-1.1	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	2.7	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	20.7	8.7	12.5	5.8	50.6
	Change	0.4	-4.8	1.4	1.8	-0.9	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.5	40.8	14.6	23.2	33.3	121.4
	Change	-6.0	-5.2	4.3	-1.5	3.6	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	138.3	289.4	143.4	204.2	306.7	1082.0
Percent	Change	2%	-8%	-6%	-2%	-4%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	1082.0 c 219.1	-4% -6%	149 31
Total Shell Egg	1301.1	-5%	180

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 149 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 28-MAR-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total		Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	В	roken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,22	25,129	31,392	11,128	5,382	2,035	4,180
PW	1,24	13,197	31,481	11,411	5,644	2,337	4,254
LY	1,28	30,121	31,980	11,829	6,270	2,641	4,461
% Chg	PWK	-1%	0%	-2%	-5%	-13%	-2%
% Chg	LY	-4%	-2%	-6%	-14%	-23%	-6%
2009*	14,88	30,497	368,945	138,895	70,423	31,022	50,940
2008*	14,85	6,216	371,365	134,573	71,860	30,292	51,643
% Chg	YTD	0%	-1%	3%	-2%	2%	-1%
Averag	e Yield	d Per Ca	ase -	Current	Previo	us	Last
				Week	Wee	ek	Year
(Inedible	e Inclu	ded)		42.51	42.4	16	42.61
(Inedibl	e Exclu	ıded)		39.10	39.0)4	39.12

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	649,959	53.1%	18,408	58.6%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	644,774	51.9%	18,009	57.2%	
LAST YEAR	652,839	51.0%	17,904	56.0%	

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

BROILER HATCHERY

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	Broiler Eggs Set Broiler Chicks Placed						
19 Selected States	MAR 21	MAR 28	MAR 21	MAR 28			
STATE		Thousand					
AL	*29,720	29,389	*19,951	19,999			
AR	*22,773	23,120	*22,138	20,525			
DE	3,454	3,559	5,014	4,592			
FL	970	980	704	703			
GA	30,699	31,392	28,238	26,685			
KY	7,780	7,827	6,732	6,348			
LA	2,230	2,230	3,465	1,909			
MD	8,572	8,910	6,640	6,519			
MS	17,779	17,624	16,762	16,648			
NC	*19,011	18,798	*15,462	15,458			
OK	*6,653	6,834	*3,292	4,615			
PA	*3,983	3,979	*3,274	3,198			
SC	5,805	5,431	4,602	4,500			
TX	14,864	15,428	13,287	13,265			
VA	5,989	6,073	4,308	4,607			
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,449	18,647	*16,791	17,043			
19 State Total	*199,731	200,221	*170,660	166,614			
Previous Year Total	215,850	214,627	181,091	180,372			
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	93	94	92			

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 09-May-09 is estimated at 155.3 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 170.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.02 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/26/09 - 04/01/09

	5	SE	NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	84.10	90.40	85.50	88.31	84.20	83.14	105.00
GNR W 2						85.50	4.00
GL W J			110.50	101.75	78.28		10.00
GL W XL		104.33	100.67	101.86	90.37		22.50
GL W LG		101.00	97.50	98.81	94.77		50.00
GL W MD	76.00	69.00	68.00	68.67	59.44	60.00	17.25
GL W SM		41.00			35.00		1.00
GL BR XL					63.25		.50
GL BR LG					63.25		.50
NRBS - 50			55.00				1.00
NRBS - 48				53.50	54.00	51.00	9.75
NRBS - 36				34.50	28.00	30.50	2.00
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CURRENT LDS 68.50 FUTURE LDS 113.00 TOTAL LDS 181.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS II	<u>NTO RETAIL</u>	<u>CHANNELS</u>	W/E 28-N	/lar-09
Selected	CW	PW	% CHA	NGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, ir	n thousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	22.4	21.9	2	0
Boston	2.7	2.7	0	13
Chicago	66.0	65.5	1	-15
Los Angeles	62.7	58.0	8	-27
New Orleans	5.1	5.2	-2	-11
New York	35.3	34.5	2	33
St. Louis	88.0	80.1	10	82
San Francisco	14.8	18.9	-22	3
Total	297.0	286.8	4	5
4 Week Moving Ava	295 1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Mar-09

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,845	2,576	36	3	4,460
Avg Wt	16.38	38.69	25.91	33.58	29.35
Last week	1,739	2,678	33	5	4,455
Same wk yr ago	1,939	2,660	13	14	4,626
Avg Wt	16.18	38.94	26.00	26.72	29.33
To-date/2009*	22,490	31,554	310	81	54,435
To-date/2008*	22,961	33,380	194	121	56,656
Ready-to-Cook	Weight ar	nd Dressing	Percentage		
Current week	24,183	79,726	714	77	104,700
Last week	23,179	81,511	604	169	105,463
Same wk yr ago	25,098	82,864	259	286	108,507
To-date/2009*	301,585	988,265	6,237	1,972	1,298,059
To-date/2008*	296,683	1,048,225	3,800	2,663	1,351,371
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

W/E 28-Mar-09 (Preliminary)

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	Young turk	eys		Old	Total	Turkeys
Th	ousand Po	ct chg	Avg	Breeders	5	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousan	d head-	Live wt
North East	665	0	25.55	(A)	665	25.55
South Atlantic	682	-20	33.56	(A)	683	33.56
North Central	1,963	4	34.47	(A)	1,964	34.47
South Central	764	6	18.33	(A)	765	18.33
West	383	16	24.19	(A)	383	24.19
U.S. total	4,457 (B)	0	29.35	3	4,460	29.35
To-date						
2009*	54,354 (B)			81	54,435	
To-date						
2008*	56,535 (B)			121	56,656	
(A) Not publish	ned to avoic	disclo	sina individ	dual operat	ions	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date* 310,000; for last year to date* 194,000.

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION					
(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 28-MAR-2009	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
			Thousands	S	
Head	155,520	1,197	1,471	2,668	390
Avg Wt	5.50	3.25	7.75	5.73	6.83
Last week	154,153	1,152	1,497	2,649	405
Same wk yr ago	160,207	1,647	1,568	3,215	502
Avg Wt	5.59	3.31	7.99	5.59	6.70
To-date/2009*	1,860,294	14,819	18,053	32,872	4,923
To-date/2008*	1,976,071	16,760	18,188	34,948	5,538
Ready-to-Cook We	ight and Dre	ssing Perc	entage		
Current week	637,243	1,965	7,581	9,546	1,918
Last week	616,712	1,873	7,576	9,449	1,962
Same wk yr ago	667,190	2,753	8,331	11,084	2,422
To-date/2009*	7,603,018	24,618	93,609	118,227	23,611
To-date/2008*	8,103,994	27,790	96,538	124,328	26,741
Dressing %	74.5%	50.5%	66.5%	na basad a	72.0%

⁽A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 0.3 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

LOTIMATED U.S. FRIER SEAUGH	
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARIS	ON

	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
E	nding	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Feb	21	156.7	158.5	99%	5.48
	28	156.9	158.1	99%	5.52
Mar	7	155.3	157.6	99%	5.53
	14	155.6	157.1	99%	5.41
	21	156.0	157.5	99%	5.37
	28	157.4	157.7	100%	5.50
Year	to date	1882.8	1877.2	100%	
Apr	4		155.5		
	11		155.2		
*Base	d on chic	k placements 6 to	7 weeks earlier.		

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Apr-09

Current W	leek 04/04/09 (1)	Previous Week 03/28/09
Class		- Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	156,557 (2)	158,873
Light hens	1,297	1,311
Heavy hens	1,520	1,498
Total	159,374	161,682
(1) Estimated		

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Apr-09 is 155.5 million head compared to168.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.9 million head or1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Apr-09 the estimated available is 155.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS (In Thousands)

Selecte	a Centers (inc.	GOV't Stocks)	(in inousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 03/30/09	3,286	129,389	73,605
AM 03/01/09	3,120	116,137	77,989
CHG	166	13252	-4384
PCT CHG	5%	11%	-6%

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY 30-MAR-2009	Change from 23-MAR-2009	23-MAR-2009	31-MAR-2008
75.80	87	76.67	76.86
NUMBER OF I	_OADS 552		

MONTHLY	WTD AVG	LDS	-	QUARTERLY	WTD AVG	LDS
March	77.01	2,147.80	1	January - March	79.67	6,263.60

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

		WTD	LBS
OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
74-78	77.5	77.50	160
74-77.5	77.5	77.50	120
74-78	-	-	-
	74-78 74-77.5	74-78 77.5 74-77.5 77.5	OFFERS SALES AVG 74-78 77.5 77.50 74-77.5 77.5 77.50

16-24 LB TOMS

10-24 LD TOWIS				
EASTERN REGION	74-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-78	_	_	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

LIVE HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-MAR-09 **REGIONS** RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

Southeast (1) 8.25-18.5 CENTS/LB. 11.57

Southeast (2) **TFEWR** South Central (1) TOO FEW TO REPORT

(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) 27-MAR-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	2-11	3-7
South Central	Too Few To	Report
North Central	0-10.5	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 28-MAR-2009	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	191.6	1	6
East North Central	680.9	3	16
West North Central	319.1	6	6
South Atlantic	185.6	-1	5
South Central	59.0	13	13
West	171.7	8	-8
Total	1607.9	4	9
Matched plants report	ing	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)

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: 30-MAR-2009 (cents per lb)

	Grade A		: Composite			
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to	First Receivers	1/:				
Los Angeles	94.00	91.09	57	:	85.42	185
New York	69.00-72.00	70.40	20	:	73.42	45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole	Whole Body 2/:		Composite		е
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	55.00-68.00			:	61.76	56

1/: Includes branded product.

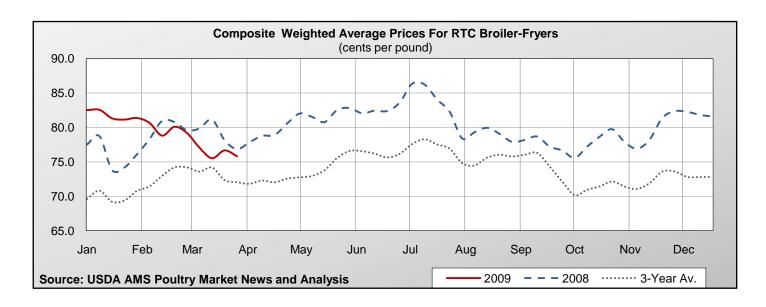
⁽B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

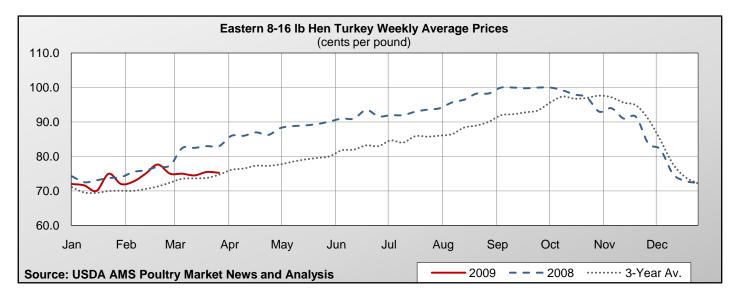
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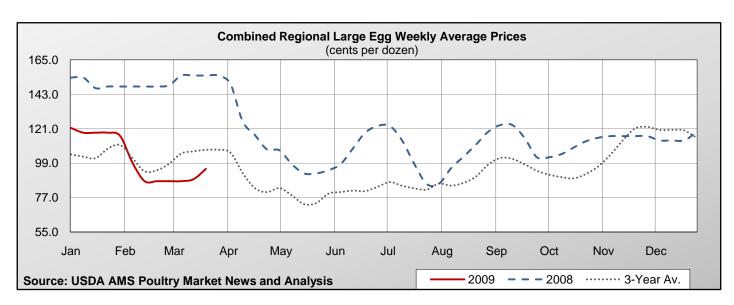
^{3/} Includes product with 3% broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6% broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6% broth basting

^{*}Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

^{2/:} Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.







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