



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



In New York prices declined sharply this period. Regional prices were slightly higher on the larger sizes at the beginning of the week, unchanged on the smaller sizes. Next week's regional asking prices were trending lower for all sizes. The trade sentiment was generally weak following the religious holidays. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower, with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were mostly full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the slow to moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal to overtime. 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 lower for all sizes. All other reported prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was very weak. Cartoned egg demand was light. Loose egg sales were very limited. Supplies were ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were usually full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, although all sizes were trending significantly lower. Trade was generally weak. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to cover current buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were adequate to fully adequate for normal to at time-reduced schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL APRIL 10, 2009 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, and 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: 04-14-09, 04-07-09, 04-15-08, Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: APRIL 13, 2009, 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 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 11-APR-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,191,946	30,138	10,808	5,545	2,461	4,287
PW	1,231,562	30,849	10,983	5,248	2,246	3,999
LY	1,363,703	33,482	12,799	6,944	3,032	4,622
% PW	-3%	-2%	-2%	6%	10%	7%
% LY	-13%	-10%	-16%	-20%	-19%	-7%
2009*	17,304,005	429,933	160,687	81,215	35,729	59,226
2008*	17,564,051	438,328	159,743	85,585	36,047	60,831
% YTD	-1%	-2%	1%	-5%	-1%	-3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.60	41.48	42.42
(Inedible Excluded)	39.00	38.23	39.03

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	661,422	55.5%	18,173	60.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	660,285	53.6%	17,695	57.4%
LAST YEAR	675,588	49.5%	17,613	52.6%

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

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	APR 04	APR 11	APR 04	APR 11
	Thousand			
AL	29,562	29,867	19,932	20,796
AR	*23,992	23,415	*21,990	20,771
DE	3,469	3,528	5,211	4,650
FL	946	956	707	707
GA	*31,706	31,801	*27,251	26,185
KY	*7,650	7,599	*5,678	5,832
LA	2,230	2,230	1,901	1,892
MD	9,053	9,169	6,088	6,363
MS	17,870	17,750	17,067	16,764
NC	19,075	18,912	15,964	16,019
OK	6,949	6,885	4,069	5,648
PA	*3,919	4,002	*3,226	2,985
SC	5,799	5,624	4,359	4,759
TX	15,329	14,959	13,285	12,581
VA	6,179	6,158	4,764	4,310
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,823	19,491	*17,434	16,615
19 State Total	*203,551	202,346	*168,926	166,877
Previous Year Total	217,082	215,925	181,007	177,613
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	93	94

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 23-May-09 is estimated at 154.6 million head. This compares to 154.7 million head the previous week and to 168.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.78 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – DAILY (5-Day) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/09/09 – 04/15/09

Current Loads	84.00	Future Loads	50.50	Total Loads	134.50
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	90.30	97.60	88.75	94.64	41.00
GL W J	--	--	--	64.23	3.75
GL W XL	--	91.78	103.50	96.97	32.75
GL W LG	--	119.08	106.50	95.17	25.25
GL W MD	60.00	61.00	65.83	65.33	14.50
GL W SM	--	--	37.75	41.50	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	41.00	28.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	39.00	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	PW	% CHANGE
Atlanta	27.5	27.9	-1
Boston	3.6	4.5	-20
Chicago	58.4	68.6	-15
Los Angeles	74.4	59.4	25
New Orleans	5.7	5.9	-3
New York	33.3	42.5	-22
St. Louis	93.5	97.5	-4
San Francisco	28.7	25.6	12
Total	325.1	331.9	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	310.2		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 11-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Avg Wt	16.56	38.37	27.00	29.53	29.53
Last week	1,873	2,634	22	5	4,534
Same wk yr ago	1,872	2,658	36	0	4,566
Avg Wt	16.43	39.03	26.66	0.00	29.67
To-date/2009*	25,987	36,581	371	87	63,026
To-date/2008*	26,756	38,684	267	146	65,853

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	21,245	72,541	805	23	94,614
Last week	23,703	80,163	430	145	104,441
Same wk yr ago	24,298	81,956	734	0	106,988
YTD 2009*	346,533	1,140,969	7,472	2,140	1,497,114
YTD 2008*	345,683	1,212,081	5,334	3,179	1,566,277

Dressing % 79.0% 79.0% 76.5% 76.5%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 11-APR-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys		Old	Total turkeys
	Pct Chg	Avg	Banded	Avg
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	--Thousand head--	Live wt
North East	547	-18	(A)	548
South Atlantic	539	-31	(A)	539
North Central	1,938	2	(A)	1,938
South Central	646	-19	(A)	646
West	386	-2	(A)	386
U.S. total	4,056 (B)	-10	1	4,057
YTD 2009*	62,939 (B)		87	63,026
YTD 2008*	65,707 (B)		146	65,853

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date\* 371,000; for last year to date\* 267,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 11-APR-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556	389
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.86	5.86	6.86
Last week	153,914	1,193	1,560	2,753	411
Same wk yr ago	165,977	1,549	1,494	3,043	453
Avg Wt	5.57	3.32	8.01	5.62	6.72
To-date/2009*	2,162,691	17,124	21,057	38,181	5,723
To-date/2008*	2,308,504	19,870	21,164	41,034	6,404

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

	74.5%	50.5%	66.5%	71.5%
Current week	607,303	1,831	7,548	9,379
Last week	629,516	1,892	8,081	9,973
Same wk yr ago	688,746	2,597	7,958	10,546
To-date/2009*	8,839,837	28,341	109,238	137,579
To-date/2008*	9,482,234	33,115	112,282	145,388

Dressing % 74.5% 50.5% 66.5% 71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 150.3 million head, or 4.9 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
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
Apr 4	155.8	155.5	100%	5.49
11	150.3	155.2	97%	5.49
Year to date	2188.9	2187.9	100%	
Apr 18		157.2		
25		158.6		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Apr-09

Class	Current Week 04/18/09 (1)	Previous Week 04/11/09
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	156,687(2)	153,203
Light hens	1,279	1,197
Heavy hens	1,497	1,457
Total	159,463	155,857

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Apr-09 is 157.2 million head compared to 167.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.0 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 25-Apr-09 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)		
	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 04/13/09	3,284	132,706	71,216
AM 04/01/09	3,277	130,812	73,006
CHG	7	1894	-1790
PCT CHG	0%	1%	-2%

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

WEEKLY	Change from			
13-APR-2009	06-APR -2009	06-APR -2009	14-APR-2008	
76.33	.03	76.30	78.78	
NUMBER OF LOADS	503			

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-77.5	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-78	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

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.

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

**LIVE HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-APR-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-18.25 CENTS/LB.		11.44
Southeast (2)	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
South Central (1)	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

(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) 10-APR-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 11-APR-2009	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	188.1	0	8
East North Central	687.3	-4	22
West North Central	324.3	-5	12
South Atlantic	188.1	-5	12
South Central	52.1	-16	6
West	175.9	-3	-4
Total	1615.8	-4	13

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)

**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: 13-APR-2009 (cents per lb)

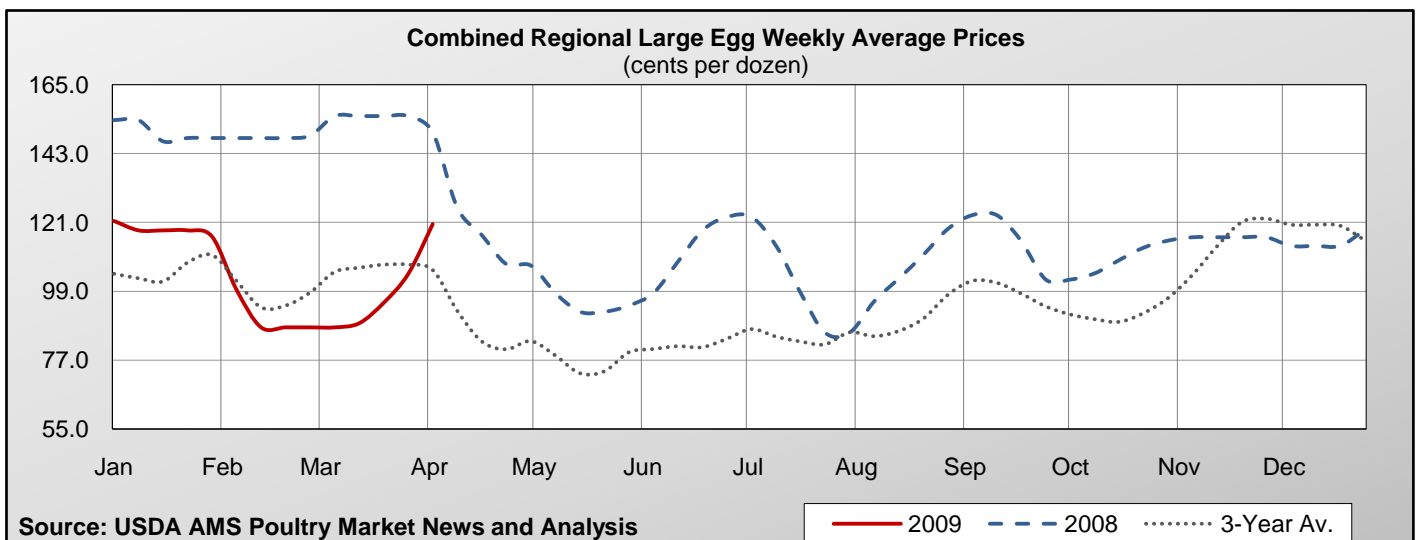
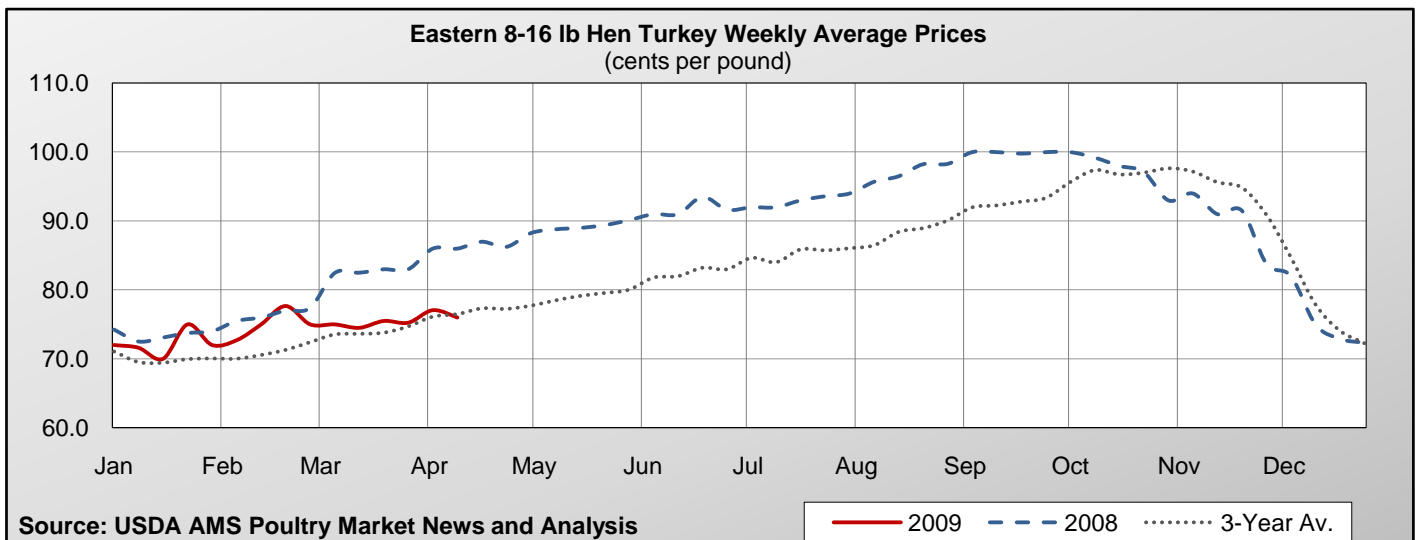
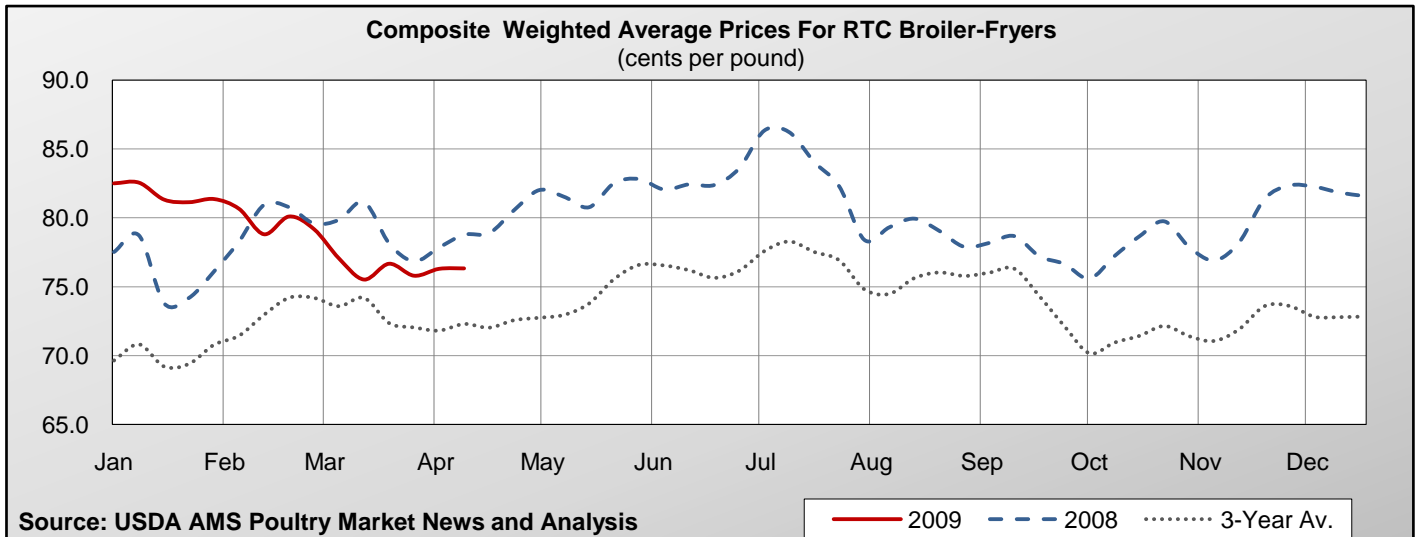
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	94.00	91.86	51	87.80	137
New York	69.00-72.00	70.43	21	73.41	49

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	55.00-68.00			61.69	56

1/: Includes branded product.

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



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