



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



At the end of the week, prices rose in New York. Prices increased slightly in the Western region, however were unchanged in all other regions. Trade sentiment ranged mostly steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good in the South Central and Midwest regions, while it was reported as light to moderate in all other regions.

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. Cartoned egg sales were usually moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and MIDWEST AREA.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to adequate for mixed processing schedules.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and NORTHEAST AREA.

COMBINED REGIONAL MAY 16, 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 rows for NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, MIDWEST, SOUTH CENTRAL, COMBINED REGIONAL.

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 columns: 05-20-08, 05-13-08, 05-22-07, and rows for Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: MAY 19, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, Atl Pacific, 5-Area, and rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

TOTAL Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators

Table with columns: Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, Total Shell Egg, and rows for cases, percent change, number of 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.

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 17-MAY-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,344,820	33,189	13,502	7,118	3,259	4,345
PW	1,380,554	33,114	13,918	7,189	3,333	4,561
LY	1,319,095	32,183	12,248	6,843	2,415	4,519
% Chg PWK	-3%	0%	-3%	-1%	-2%	-5%
% Chg LY	2%	3%	10%	4%	35%	-4%
2008	25,507,472	632,797	236,862	125,852	55,207	87,494
2007	24,641,240	611,677	229,503	123,281	47,240	86,230
% Chg YTD	4%	3%	3%	2%	17%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		43.24	42.58	42.30		
(Inedible Excluded)		40.01	39.27	38.87		

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	656,851	48.8%	17,006	51.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	671,457	48.6%	17,410	52.6%
LAST YEAR	631,429	47.9%	16,769	52.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	MAY 10	MAY 17	MAY 10	MAY 17
	Thousand			
AL	31,858	32,089	21,111	21,200
AR	*26,611	27,150	*22,589	22,624
DE	3,718	3,726	5,746	4,625
FL	1,336	1,331	1,271	1,138
GA	*34,053	34,854	*28,571	28,094
KY	8,124	8,125	6,248	5,434
LA	3,712	3,650	3,147	3,634
MD	8,840	8,791	6,021	5,337
MS	18,893	19,060	17,145	17,383
NC	*19,631	19,711	*16,014	16,120
OK	*6,782	6,859	5,430	5,395
PA	*4,323	4,266	*3,272	3,318
SC	5,491	5,718	4,812	4,997
TX	14,846	15,477	12,709	12,859
VA	5,939	6,427	4,077	5,302
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,640	20,205	*18,442	18,014
19 State Total	*213,797	217,439	*176,605	175,474
Previous Year Total	219,938	219,928	180,594	178,545
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	98	98

*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 28-Jun-08 is estimated at 162.0 million head. This compares to 163.0 million head the previous week and to 169.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.60 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/15/08 - 05/21/08

CURRENT LDS	83.50	FUTURE LDS	63.00	TOTAL LDS	146.50	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
						ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
CLASS												
GNR W 1	69.50	--	71.17	72.00	71.00	--	13.00					
GNR W 2	--	68.00	--	71.50	64.50	--	2.00					
GNR W 3	--	65.00	--	62.00	55.00	--	5.00					
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50					
GL W J	--	--	87.50	89.50	84.50	--	4.00					
GL W XL	77.83	83.67	82.75	84.87	81.11	86.00	49.00					
GL W LG	74.75	81.25	81.88	79.56	78.36	84.65	36.50					
GL W MD	--	73.50	68.80	76.50	71.55	--	21.25					
GL W SM	54.43	55.31	65.50	68.75	49.60	64.00	6.25					
GL BR XL	--	--	--	86.38	--	75.00	1.75					
GL BR LG	--	--	--	100.00	--	75.00	1.50					
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	69.33	70.00	72.54	29.00					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-MAY-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	Cases	in thousands	PW	LY	PW	LY
Atlanta	23.0		21.1		9	-10
Boston	2.8		2.7		4	4
Chicago	62.5		78.5		-20	12
Detroit	10.4		10.3		1	2
Los Angeles	90.4		92.2		-2	-13
New Orleans	5.5		5.9		-7	4
New York	29.4		30.4		-3	13
St. Louis	44.3		44.4		0	56
San Francisco	12.7		12.8		-1	0
Total	281.0		298.3		-6	10
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.9					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-MAY-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Avg Wt	18.78	38.85	25.57	38.96	28.80
Last week	2,223	2,750	31	0	5,004
Same wk yr ago	2,103	2,699	17	4	4,823
Avg Wt	16.61	37.80	25.07	32.79	28.51
To-date/2008	38,750	54,336	406	185	93,677
To-date/2007	37,308	50,844	283	90	88,525

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 17-MAY-08

	(Preliminary)					
	---Young turkeys---			Old Banded	Total Turkeys	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		-Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	802	-3	23.86	(A)	807	23.86
South Atlantic	685	-9	32.32	(A)	690	32.32
North Central	2,343	3	33.17	(A)	2,348	33.17
South Central	762	-12	18.49	(A)	767	18.49
West	322	15	25.89	(A)	327	25.89
U.S. total	4,914(B)	-2	28.80	25	4,939	28.80
To-date 2008	93,492(B)			185	93,677	
To-date 2007	88,435(B)			90	88,525	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 406,000; for last year to date 283,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 17-MAY-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	169,562	1,589	1,812	3,401	445
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.88	5.72	6.71
Last week	169,819	1,537	1,768	3,305	425
Same wk yr ago	164,484	1,085	1,532	2,617	515
Avg Wt	5.37	3.21	8.04	6.04	6.70
To-date/2008	3,283,699	28,076	30,898	58,974	9,023
To-date/2007	3,159,621	22,310	27,463	49,773	10,434

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 169.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.6 million head, or 1.7 million more than estimated available.

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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Apr 12	168.0	167.4	100%	5.57
19	167.9	168.1	100%	5.59
26	167.2	169.5	99%	5.48
May 3	170.7	170.1	100%	5.54
10	171.9	170.0	101%	5.59
17	171.6	169.9	101%	5.49
Year to date	3323.6	3345.0	99%	
May 24		168.7		
31		167.0		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-MAY-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/24/08 (1)	05/17/08
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	169,043 (2)	173,803
Light hens	1,500	1,529
Heavy hens	1,697	1,770
Total	172,240	177,102

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-May-08 is 168.7 million head compared to 169.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.4 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 31-May-08 the estimated available is 167.0 million head.

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 19-MAY-2008

(cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	76.00-79.00	77.51	27	75.35	54
Los Angeles	92.00	91.22	60	85.90	166
New York	76.00-79.00	77.95	22	79.14	49

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY 19-MAY-2008	Change from 12-MAY-2008	12-MAY-2008	21-MAY-2007
80.78	-0.75	81.53	82.87

NUMBER OF LOADS 569

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/	89-90	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	89-90	90	90.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	89-92	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	89-90	90	90.00	20
CENTRAL REGION	89-90	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	89-91	-	-	-

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	Processed	Processed
		Eggs Lbs	Turkeys Lbs	other Poultry Lbs
AM 05/19/08		3,025	107,147	78,048
AM 05/01/08		3,029	97,599	79,328
CHG		-4	9548	-1280
PCT CHG		0%	10%	-2%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.85
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.49

(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) 16-MAY-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 17-MAY-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	171.6	1	-3
East North Central	615.7	6	5
West North Central	310.6	5	19
South Atlantic	171.0	-1	1
South Central	51.3	-1	6
West	180.8	-1	5
Total	1501.0	3	6
Matched plants reporting		81	81

Areas Covered:

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

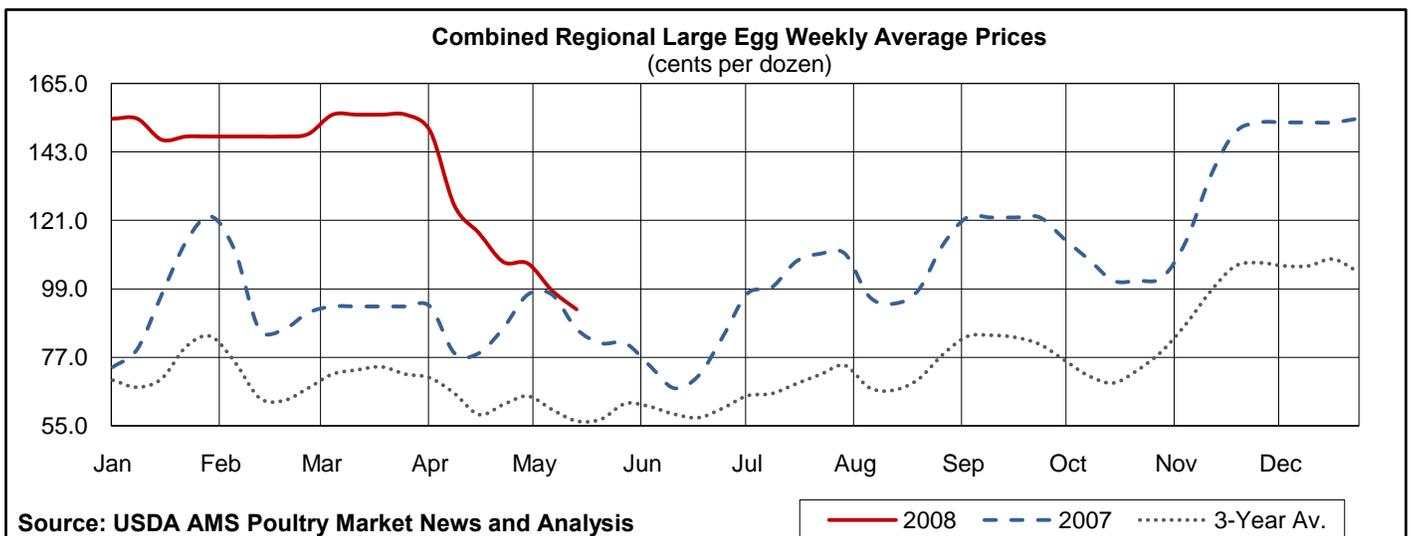
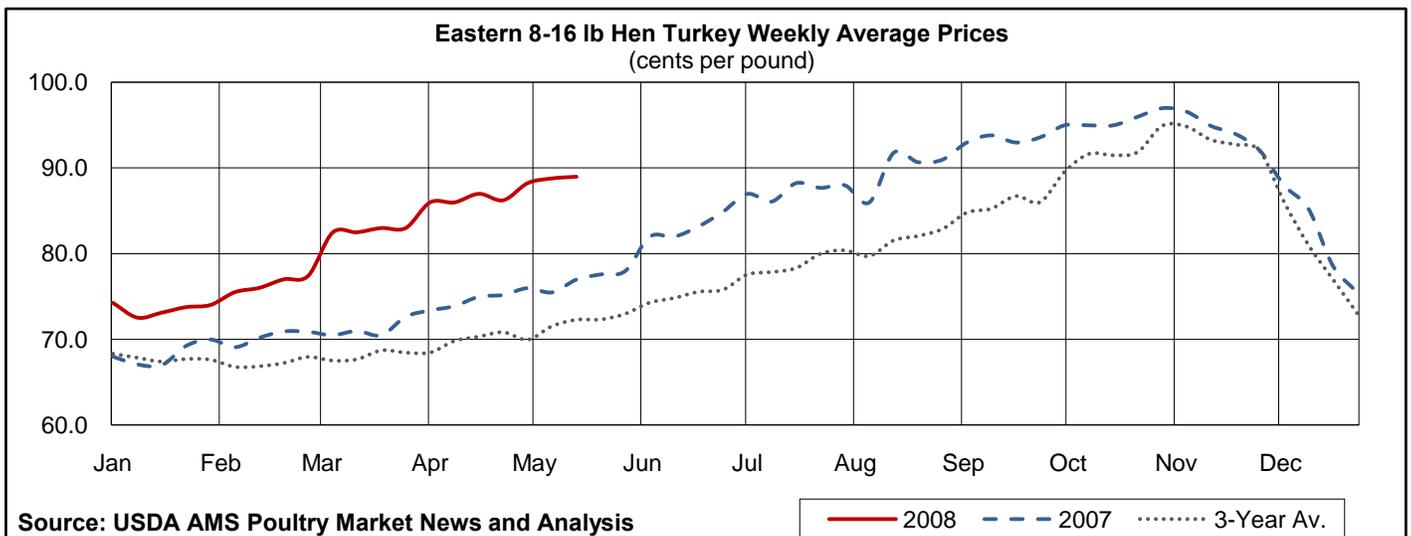
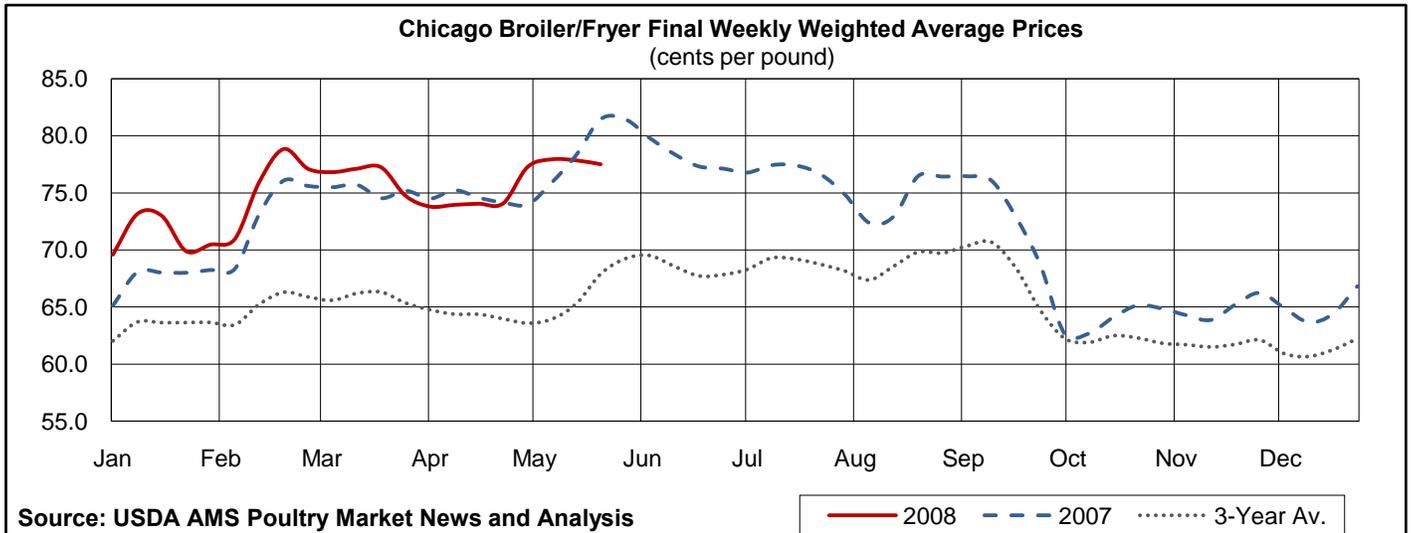
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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)



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