



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices unchanged on the larger sizes, but lower on mediums at the end of the period. Regional asking prices were unchanged this week but trending lower on the lighter weight eggs next week.

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 steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and values for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM.

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, although mediums were trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady on extra large and large, barely steady on mediums.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and values for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM.

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL NOVEMBER 14, 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 4 columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. 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 4 columns: Large, Medium, 11-18-08, 11-12-08, 11-20-07.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: NOVEMBER 17, 2008, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific 5-Area. Rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

TOTAL Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators

Table with 3 columns: Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, Total Shell Egg. Values for Number of 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.

Table with 2 columns: Northeast, North Central, South Central, South Atlantic, Pacific. Values for state abbreviations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 15-NOV-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,286,772	32,382	11,206	5,913	2,955	4,283
PW	1,315,168	32,150	12,818	6,449	2,987	4,279
LY	1,216,347	30,987	10,660	5,582	2,155	4,189
% Chg PWK	-2%	1%	-13%	-8%	-1%	0%
% Chg LY	6%	5%	5%	6%	37%	2%
2008	60,491,386	1,489,795	566,485	296,215	134,705	202,280
2007	58,637,321	1,464,561	533,794	286,090	114,919	199,394
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	6%	4%	17%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year		
(Inedible Included)		41.80	42.35	42.27		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.47	39.10	38.83		

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	641,118	49.8%	18,035	55.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	660,964	50.3%	17,693	55.0%
LAST YEAR	592,076	48.7%	17,187	55.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	NOV 08	NOV 15	NOV 08	NOV 15
	Thousand			
AL	*25,963	28,385	*19,587	18,551
AR	23,396	24,856	21,622	19,552
DE	*3,118	3,375	*4,120	3,973
FL	1,226	1,225	880	898
GA	*29,469	31,090	*23,620	25,109
KY	7,034	7,648	5,355	5,855
LA	3,440	3,440	2,988	2,818
MD	8,610	8,428	5,443	5,284
MS	17,941	17,629	*14,488	15,169
NC	18,096	18,252	*14,519	14,932
OK	6,846	7,180	3,960	4,187
PA	*3,700	3,668	*2,533	2,654
SC	5,426	5,761	4,658	5,051
TX	15,310	15,017	11,977	11,758
VA	5,186	5,448	4,516	5,001
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,452	19,229	*15,106	15,643
19 State Total	*193,213	200,631	*155,372	156,435
Previous Year Total	217,195	215,925	167,073	163,792
Pct. of Prev. Year	89	93	93	96

* 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 27-Dec-08 is estimated at 143.5 million head. This compares to 144.4 million head the previous week and to 156.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 124.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.35 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/13/08 - 11/19/08

CURRENT LDS 119.50 FUTURE LDS 63.50 TOTAL LDS 183.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	90.17	95.00	91.88	92.78	105.25	--	50.00
GNR W 2	--	--	98.50	100.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	92.52	--	5.75
GL W XL	107.00	107.60	100.94	103.63	91.11	--	35.00
GL W LG	--	107.82	95.00	98.65	92.33	104.00	57.50
GL W MD	94.00	73.05	64.67	--	70.17	--	18.00
GL W SM	--	60.00	59.00	61.00	53.05	--	3.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	1.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	71.96	74.24	41.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	72.50	--	1.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-NOV-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW	PCT PW	CHG LY
	Cases	in thousands			
Atlanta	25.4	25.5	0	-27	
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-15	
Chicago	67.5	68.5	-1	-14	
Detroit	8.0	7.9	1	-34	
Los Angeles	98.6	93.7	5	-10	
New Orleans	4.9	5.2	-6	-18	
New York	30.1	29.1	3	-6	
St. Louis	68.4	61.9	11	130	
San Francisco	15.1	14.9	1	4	
Total	320.8	309.6	4	5	
4 Week Moving Avg.	308.5				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-Nov-08

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,735	2,894	9	0	5,638
Avg Wt	17.48	37.94	27.86	0.00	28.00
Last week	2,826	2,952	28	0	5,806
Same wk yr ago	2,121	2,763	58	2	4,944
Avg Wt	16.51	38.46	25.11	65.63	28.90
To-date/2008	93,790	127,351	1,343	428	222,912
To-date/2007	92,763	122,828	1,115	235	216,941

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	38,246	87,839	191	0	126,276
Last week	40,129	89,056	500	0	129,685
Same wk yr ago	28,014	85,012	1,107	100	114,233

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 76.0% 76.0%

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 15-Nov-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys---		Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	Thousand	Pct chg			
	Head	PW			
North East	886	-1	24.34	(A)	886 24.34
South Atlantic	870	18	33.55	(A)	870 33.55
North Central	2,393	-1	32.18	(A)	2,393 32.18
South Central	869	-4	18.85	(A)	869 18.85
West	620	-28	22.08	(A)	620 22.08
U.S. total	5,638 (B)	-3	28.00	0	5,638 28.00

To-date

2008 222,484 (B) 428 222,912

To-date

2007 216,706(B) 235 216,941

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date 1,343,000; for last year to date 1,115,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 15-NOV-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	159,887	1,401	1,650	3,051	472
Avg Wt	5.51	3.25	7.75	5.68	6.67
Last week	163,184	1,297	1,616	2,913	435
Same wk yr ago	167,330	1,274	1,562	2,836	528
Avg Wt	5.51	3.40	7.98	5.92	6.74
To-date/2008	7,542,464	62,984	75,191	138,175	20,239
To-date/2007	7,468,403	50,859	67,818	118,677	22,921
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	656,328	2,345	8,504	10,849	2,267
Last week	679,588	2,164	8,350	10,514	2,192
Same wk yr ago	686,881	2,231	8,289	10,520	2,562

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 154.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.8 million head, or 7.4 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
Oct 11	165.8	160.5	103%	5.60
18	163.9	160.0	102%	5.62
25	165.3	160.2	103%	5.57
Nov 1	164.0	159.3	103%	5.41
8	165.2	157.0	105%	5.59
15	161.8	154.4	105%	5.51
Year to date	7634.2	7612.8	100%	
Nov 22		151.8		
29		151.9		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-NOV-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/22/08 (1)	11/15/08
Broiler/fryer	160,422 (2)	162,492
Light hens	1,387	1,371
Heavy hens	1,684	1,693
Total	163,493	165,556

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Nov-08 is 151.8 million head compared to 131.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.7 million head or 8.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Nov-08 the estimated available is 151.9 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: 17-NOVEMBER-2008

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	64.00-68.00	68.72 25	68.98	50
Los Angeles	95.00	92.38 65	90.81	136
New York	68.00-71.00	69.78 23	71.82	44

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from	10-NOV-2008	19-NOV-2007
17-NOV-2008	10-NOV-2008		
78.27	1.35	76.92	73.13
NUMBER OF LOADS	477		

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/	83.5-89	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83.5-89	83.5	83.50	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	83.5-89	83.5	83.50	40

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	83.5-88	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	83.5-88	83.5	83.50	100
WESTERN REGION	83.5-88	83.5	83.50	100

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
AM 11/17/08	3,040	93,064
AM 11/01/08	3,142	111,299
CHG	-102	-18235
PCT CHG	-3%	-16%
		Processed other Poultry Lbs
		93,732
		91,669
		2063
		2%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-NOV-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8.5-17.75 CENTS/LB.		10.81
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-14 CENTS/LB.		10.33

(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) 14-NOV-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 15-NOV-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	189.3	2	8
East North Central	657.5	6	1
West North Central	319.5	5	7
South Atlantic	183.0	0	-3
South Central	55.9	-1	-14
West	197.8	6	-1
Total	1603.0	4	1

Matched plants reporting

Areas Covered:

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

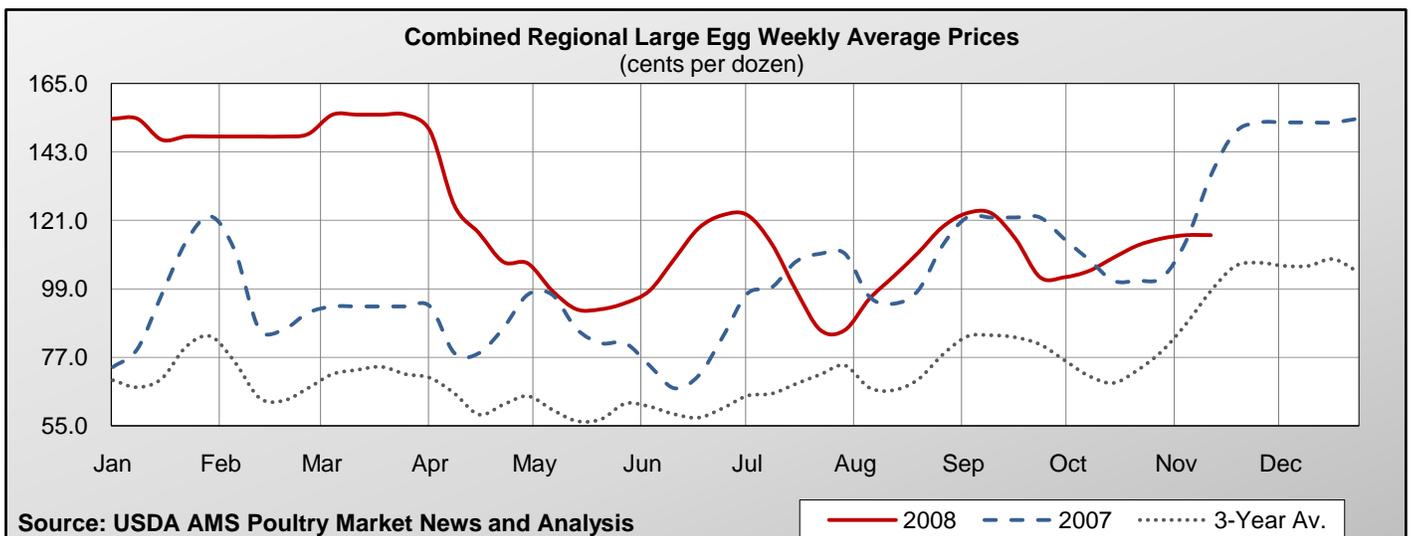
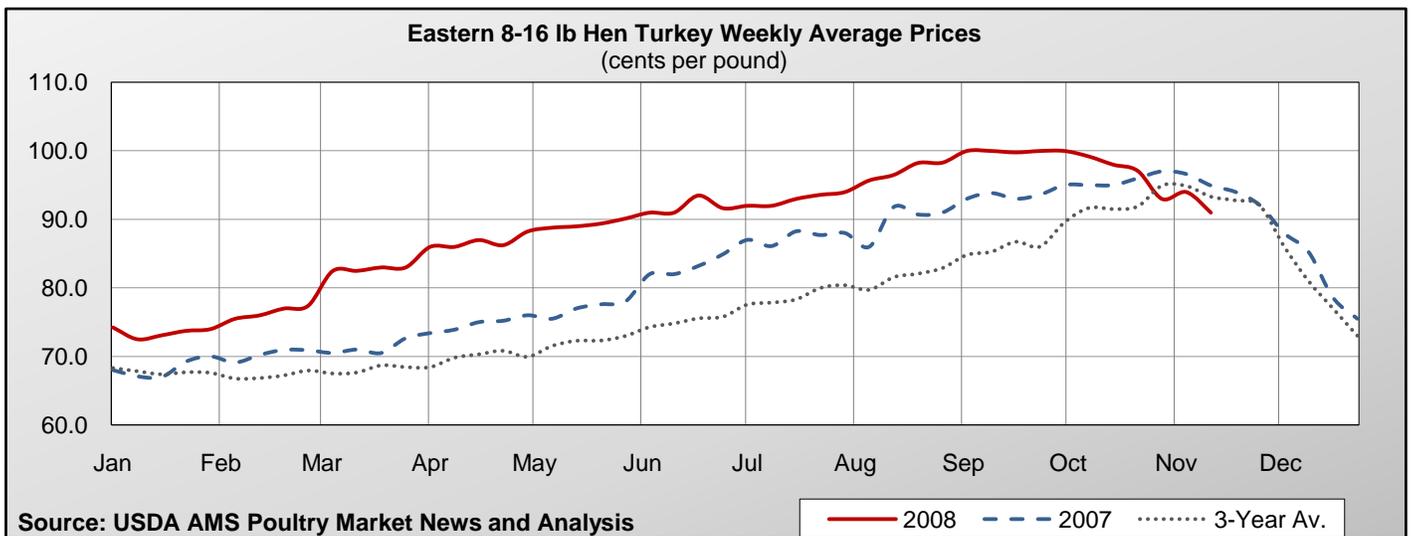
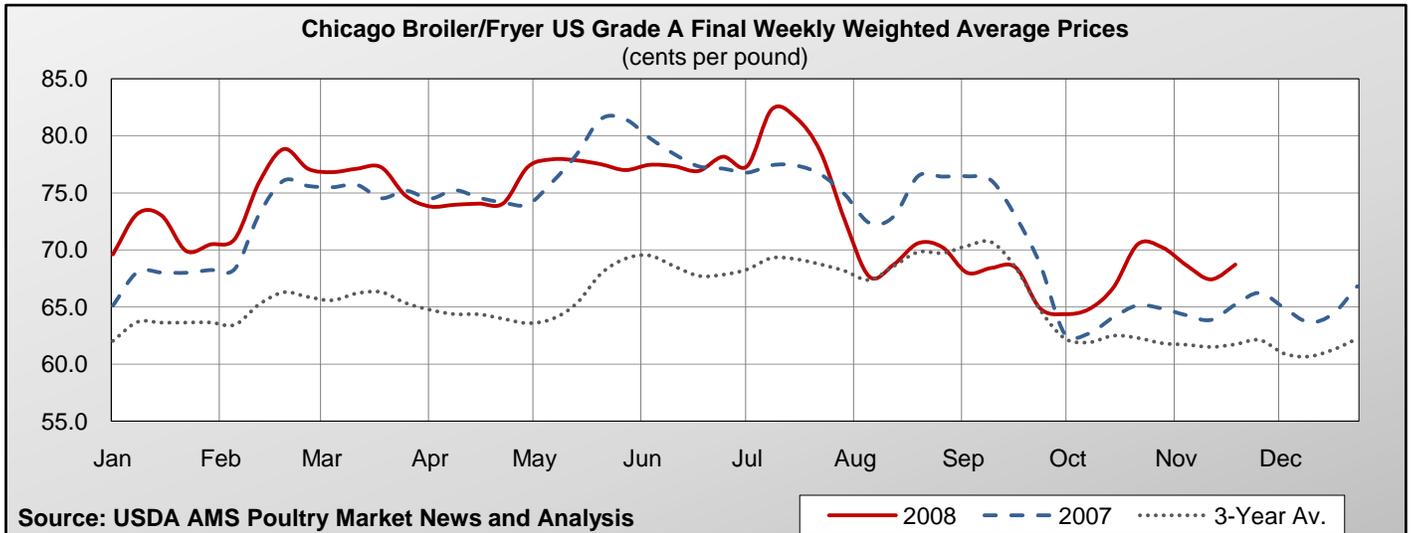
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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