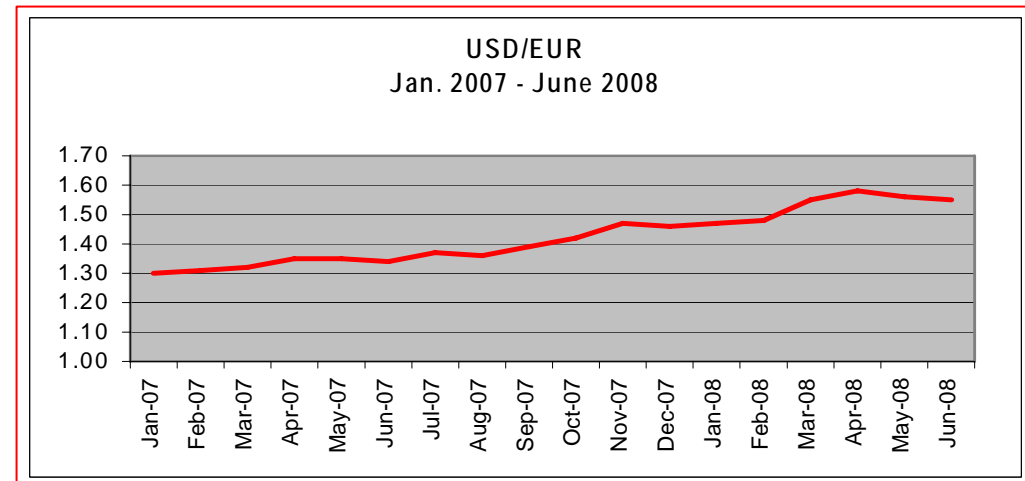


# USD & Fuel Cost Analysis

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2008

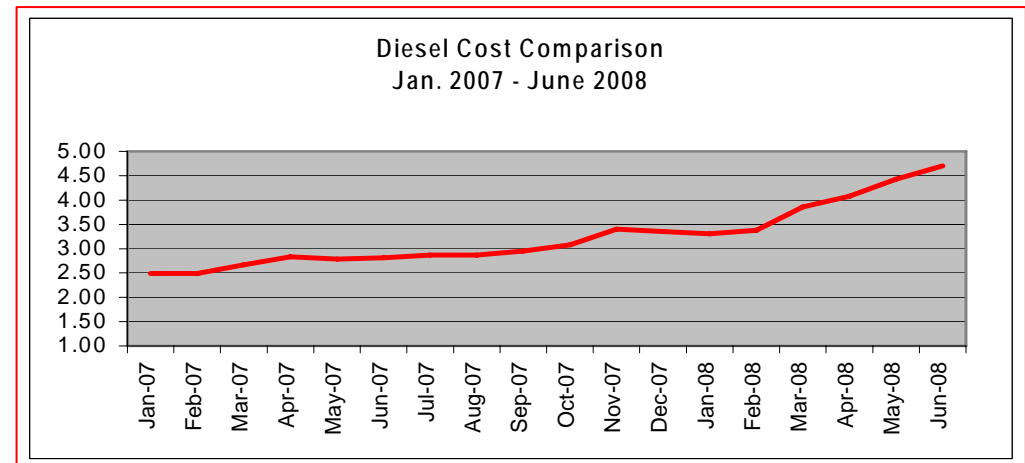
### US Dollar vs Euro

- Figures in the graph represent the current exchange rate between the Euro and US Dollar.
- The US Dollar weakened to an all time low, falling just below a rate of 1.60 to the Euro in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008.
- With a current rate of 1.5502 USD to Euro, as of June 18, 2008, the US Dollar is now the second lowest yielding currency in the developed world, due to interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve.



### Fuel Cost Analysis

- The national average for diesel is now approx. \$4.50 per gallon, up from \$2.80 this time last year.
- Retail diesel prices are projected to average \$4.32 per gallon through 2009.
- These figures reflect strength in the demand for diesel fuel, marking a significant increase in the margins between diesel and crude oil costs from 2007.



\*\*All statistics for diesel costs provided by the Energy Information Administration. Visit [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov) for more.