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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Current New York prices increased on all sizes this period. Early in the week, regional prices were up slightly on all sizes. Regional asking prices were trending higher for next week. The trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged moderate to fairly good, at times good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to barely adequate, instances tight. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were higher. Offerings were balanced to fully adequate for the moderate to good demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was fully steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment remained 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 higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good with the best customer interest coming from areas with feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to at times tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were balanced to adequate for the mostly moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-105	99-102
LARGE	95-104	97-100
MEDIUM	85-94	87-90

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Medium and larger sizes continued trending higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Present supplies were adequate to barely adequate for trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short for irregular processing schedules. Light hens were adequate for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105-123	106-110
LARGE	99-113	104-108
MEDIUM	87-100	92-94

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

COMBINED REGIONAL OCTOBER 04, 2008

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	106.00	104.00	91.00
SOUTHEAST	106.50	104.50	89.00
MIDWEST	98.50	96.50	85.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	113.50	105.50	90.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	106.49	102.72	89.03

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

	10-07-08	09-30-08	10-09-07
Large	77-87	75-85	80-89
Medium	68-72	65-69	68-73

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

OCTOBER 06, 2008		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.7	15.2	8.1	8.4	17.4	54.8
	Change	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	0.2	1.5	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	53.0	18.4	23.3	38.8	152.1
	Change	-0.9	10.7	1.7	0.5	0.2	9%
Large	Curr Wk	38.5	102.6	73.2	107.4	122.3	444.0
	Change	-5.1	-6.1	0.6	12.3	17.8	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	34.2	17.6	16.1	32.1	113.4
	Change	1.0	0.3	-1.8	-3.8	-2.5	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	3.8	0.5	2.3	6.7	15.4
	Change	1.0	1.4	-0.7	-0.1	2.1	32%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	17.6	10.4	8.5	8.5	49.6
	Change	2.5	-1.8	2.1	-0.2	1.3	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.4	57.0	13.7	22.5	21.5	119.1
	Change	-8.1	-0.3	-2.7	2.7	-0.6	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	87.3	283.4	141.9	188.5	247.3	948.4
Percent	Change	-10%	1%	-1%	7%	9%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	948.4	3%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	284.4	7%	32
Total Shell Egg	1232.8	4%	183

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. 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 04-OCT-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,376,781	34,805	11,836	6,096	3,205	4,474
PW	1,402,313	34,724	13,353	6,786	3,143	4,575
LY	1,367,795	35,265	12,137	6,015	2,450	4,414
% Chg PWK	-2%	0%	-11%	-10%	2%	-2%
% Chg LY	1%	-1%	-2%	1%	31%	1%
2008	52,531,376	1,290,720	493,549	258,728	117,443	175,825
2007	50,857,888	1,263,581	466,841	250,112	99,680	173,293
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	6%	3%	18%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.55	42.39	42.28
(Inedible Excluded)	38.30	39.12	39.05

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	672,438	48.8%	18,410	52.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	691,258	49.3%	18,305	52.7%
LAST YEAR	649,890	47.5%	17,554	49.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set SEP 27	Broiler Eggs Set OCT 04	Broiler Chicks Placed SEP 27	Broiler Chicks Placed OCT 04
	Thousand			
AL	29,424	27,732	20,466	19,482
AR	*24,055	21,817	22,051	20,901
DE	3,255	3,417	4,295	3,865
FL	1,229	1,229	980	1,033
GA	*31,829	29,759	*26,557	26,083
KY	7,792	7,497	*6,020	5,832
LA	3,183	3,501	3,260	3,215
MD	8,760	7,556	5,025	5,683
MS	16,780	16,698	15,503	15,753
NC	18,311	16,891	14,652	14,321
OK	6,783	6,512	5,080	5,433
PA	*3,959	3,890	*3,260	3,470
SC	5,249	4,693	*5,131	4,518
TX	*13,997	14,406	*12,796	12,333
VA	6,140	5,691	5,374	5,009
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,502	17,696	*15,273	15,570
19 State Total	*199,248	188,985	*165,723	162,501
Previous Year Total	207,513	213,532	171,244	168,385
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	89	97	97

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 15-Nov-08 is estimated at 151.1 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 160.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.53 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/02/08 - 10/08/08

CURRENT LDS 117.75 **FUTURE LDS** 77.00 **TOTAL LDS** 194.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	82.17	--	86.25	85.80	--	--	7.00
GL W J	--	--	104.00	106.00	89.33	--	6.00
GL W XL	--	101.48	97.40	100.09	88.76	--	37.25
GL W LG	--	96.17	94.88	92.02	87.07	93.08	47.00
GL W MD	86.00	84.00	78.00	80.25	83.12	81.44	21.25
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.00	60.50	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	105.00	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	88.11	85.39	87.00	85.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	75.50	4.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	66.50	68.50	2.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	61.00	62.00	65.00	67.00	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-OCT-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	25.3	22.7	11	2
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-7
Chicago	70.3	68.1	3	7
Detroit	8.5	8.2	4	-25
Los Angeles	92.3	89.4	3	17
New Orleans	6.0	5.0	20	5
New York	27.4	27.5	0	5
St. Louis	42.2	45.2	-7	-24
San Francisco	14.3	15.2	-6	5
Total	289.1	284.2	2	13
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-OCT-08

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,798	2,975	119	13	4,905
Avg Wt	16.62	36.74	24.76	26.02	29.05
Last week	2,114	2,873	37	9	5,033
Same wk yr ago	1,947	2,730	40	2	4,719
Avg Wt	16.24	37.22	25.87	64.21	28.48
To-date/2008	79,435	109,682	1,172	390	190,679
To-date/2007	78,692	104,448	935	204	184,279
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,906	87,441	2,239	257	113,843
Last week	29,356	88,047	716	216	118,335
Same wk yr ago	25,295	81,288	786	98	107,467
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 04-OCT-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
North East	773	-2	25.64	(A)	776	25.64
South Atlantic	710	-13	32.25	(A)	713	32.25
North Central	2,282	-2	32.66	(A)	2,285	32.66
South Central	757	1	20.37	(A)	760	20.37
West	370	10	25.60	(A)	371	25.60
U.S. total	4,892(B)	-3	29.05	13	4,905	29.05
To-date 2008	190,289(B)			390	190,679	
To-date 2007	184,075(B)			204	184,279	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 119,000; for the current year to date 1,172,000; for last year to date 935,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 04-OCT-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	164,393	1,204	1,801	3,005	453
Avg Wt	5.58	3.14	7.76	5.91	6.50
Last week	164,981	1,277	1,783	3,060	440
Same wk yr ago	171,257	1,205	1,598	2,803	490
Avg Wt	5.59	3.36	8.13	6.08	6.79
To-date/2008	6,568,314	54,952	65,178	120,130	17,578
To-date/2007	6,457,894	44,155	58,239	102,394	20,026
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	683,398	1,947	9,294	11,241	2,120
Last week	685,843	2,052	8,912	10,964	2,149
Same wk yr ago	713,208	2,085	8,640	10,725	2,396
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 161.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.4 million head, or 4.5 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
Aug	30	170.7	163.7	104%	5.53
Sept	6	146.7	161.6	91%	5.67
	13	169.7	161.8	105%	5.46
	20	167.9	162.8	103%	5.56
	27	167.0	163.0	102%	5.58
Oct	4	166.4	161.9	103%	5.58
Year to date		6648.2	6661.4	100%	
Oct	11		160.5		
	18		160.0		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-OCT-08

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/11/08(1)	10/04/08
Class	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	166,390(2)	166,061
Light hens	1,459	1,321
Heavy hens	1,704	1,799
Total	169,553	169,181

(1)ESTIMATED
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Oct-08 is 160.5 million head compared to 169.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.7 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Oct-08 the estimated available is 160.0 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: 06-OCTOBER-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	60.00-66.00	64.81	27	:	65.30	55
Los Angeles	96.00	92.98	60	:	87.00	157
New York	64.00-67.00	65.48	21	:	70.26	53

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY 06-OCT-2008	Change from 29-SEP-2008	29-SEP-2008	07-OCT-2007
75.60	-1.06	76.66	70.36
NUMBER OF LOADS	528		

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/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	95-101	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	95-101	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	95-101	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	95-102	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	95-102	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	95-102	-	-	-

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) Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	(In Thousands) Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 10/06/08	3,106	141,447	89,086
AM 09/01/08	3,057	142,893	88,896
CHG	49	-1446	190
PCT CHG	2%	-1%	0%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2008 are:

Frozen Eggs	20	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Turkeys	621	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Other Poultry	842	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE
(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-OCT-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-16 CENTS/LB.		10.35
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-13.25 CENTS/LB.		9.84

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading
*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

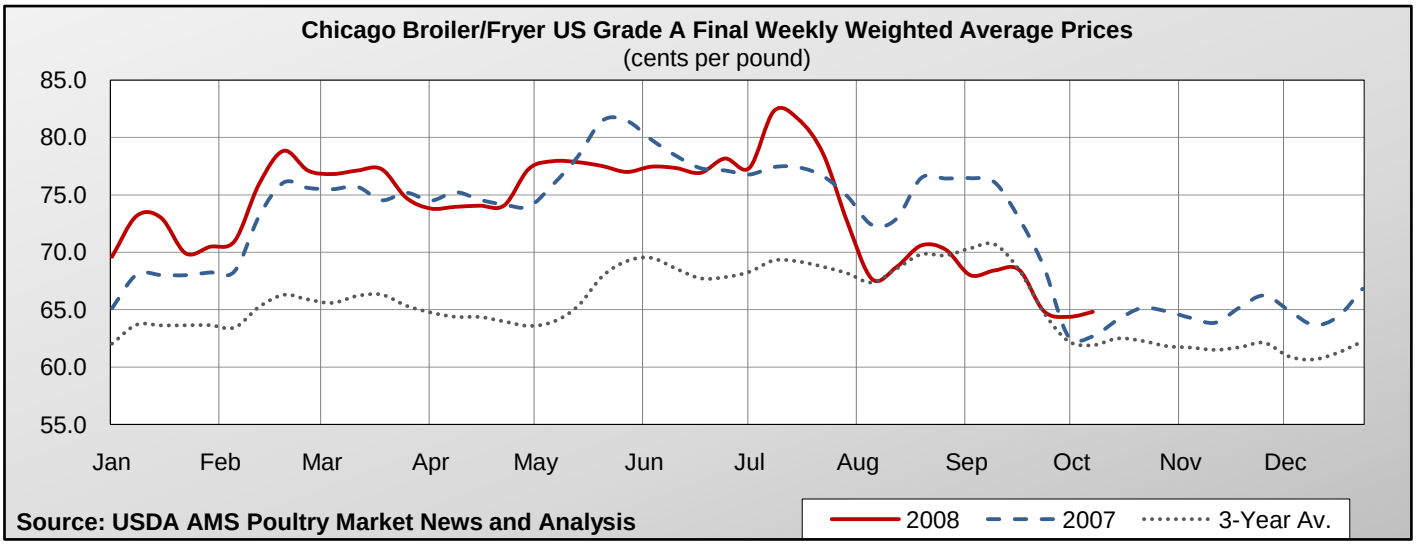
LIGHT TYPE – REMOVAL COSTS
Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 03-OCT-08

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 04-OCT-2008 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	178.8	0	2
East North Central	648.5	8	4
West North Central	323.0	8	14
South Atlantic	169.4	4	-2
South Central	48.6	-7	-17
West	201.3	3	3
Total	1569.6	5	4
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)


Chicago Broiler/Fryer US Grade A Final Weekly Weighted Average Prices
(cents per pound)
85.0
80.0
75.0
70.0
65.0
60.0
55.0
Jan
Feb
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May
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Jul
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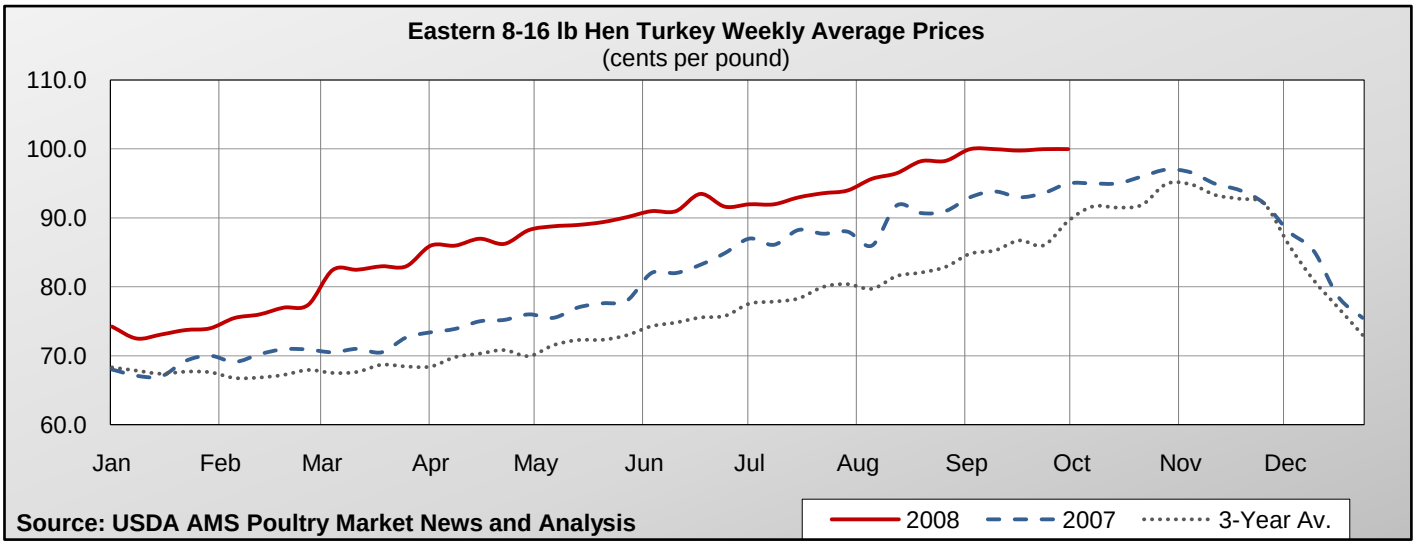
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.


Eastern 8-16 lb Hen Turkey Weekly Average Prices
(cents per pound)
110.0
100.0
90.0
80.0
70.0
60.0
Jan
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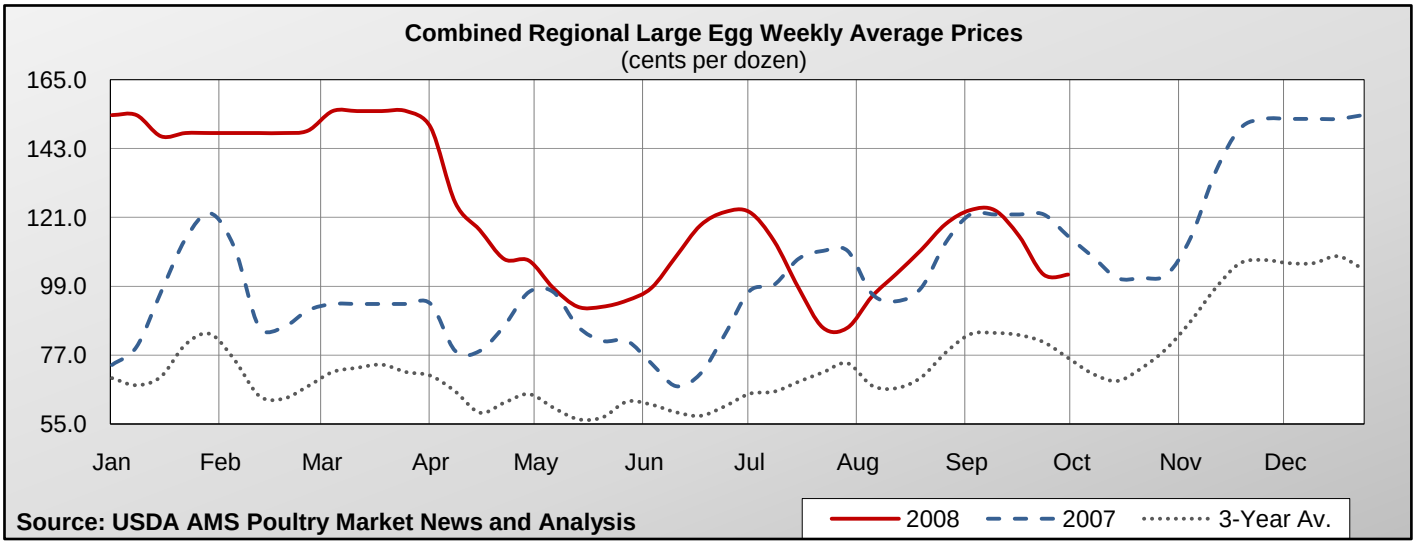
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.


Combined Regional Large Egg Weekly Average Prices
(cents per dozen)
165.0
143.0
121.0
99.0
77.0
55.0
Jan
Feb
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Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.

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