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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Current, New York prices were higher on large this period. Early in the week, regional prices increased on all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices were trending higher. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower, check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment 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 small and unchanged for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	93-102	95-98

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 larger sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to only at times fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Feature activities were sporadic. Supplies were sufficient to fully sufficient for current trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were about adequate for mixed processing schedules. Light type hen demand was moderate for adequate to at least adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113-128	114-117
LARGE	107-121	112-116
MEDIUM	95-108	100-102

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

COMBINED REGIONAL OCTOBER 17, 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	112.00	110.00	97.00
SOUTHEAST	113.50	111.50	96.00
MIDWEST	104.50	102.50	92.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	111.50	97.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	112.12	108.96	95.81

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

	10-21-08	10-14-08	10-23-07
Large	85-95	81-91	75-84
Medium	75-79	72-76	68-73

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

OCTOBER 20, 2008		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	18.2	7.6	8.4	14.4	54.8
	Change	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.5	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.8	37.4	12.7	22.5	39.2	137.6
	Change	6.6	-6.4	-2.4	-0.2	0.0	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	43.9	113.8	67.7	109.5	106.7	441.6
	Change	1.2	25.0	-6.9	11.2	-19.5	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	42.8	16.1	18.5	35.4	125.4
	Change	2.5	4.2	-1.1	3.5	0.2	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	8.2	0.4	4.7	6.6	22.2
	Change	0.0	2.6	-0.2	0.8	-0.5	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.1	20.6	10.6	9.0	5.7	47.0
	Change	-3.7	-0.9	2.3	0.9	-2.7	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.8	50.8	16.0	25.4	25.3	126.3
	Change	4.4	-3.6	3.5	2.5	1.2	7%
Total	Curr Wk	100.7	291.8	131.1	198.0	233.3	954.9
Percent	Change	13%	8%	-4%	11%	-8%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	954.9	3%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.1	-2%	31
Total Shell Egg	1211.0	2%	182

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 18-OCT-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,327,423	33,353	12,251	6,068	2,800	4,449
PW	1,362,426	33,784	12,312	6,279	3,051	4,348
LY	1,349,860	35,232	11,428	6,100	2,516	4,376
% Chg PWK	-3%	-1%	0%	-3%	-8%	2%
% Chg LY	-2%	-5%	7%	-1%	11%	2%
2008	55,221,225	1,357,857	518,112	271,075	123,294	184,622
2007	53,581,515	1,333,479	490,882	262,759	104,796	182,252
% Chg YTD	3%	2%	6%	3%	18%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.28	41.63	42.33
(Inedible Excluded)	38.93	38.44	39.09

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	645,501	48.6%	18,042	54.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	651,935	47.9%	17,112	50.6%
LAST YEAR	643,494	47.7%	17,121	48.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set OCT 11	Broiler Eggs Set OCT 18	Broiler Chicks Placed OCT 11	Broiler Chicks Placed OCT 18
	Thousand			
AL	27,403	27,081	18,917	20,140
AR	*23,722	23,536	*20,824	21,727
DE	3,294	3,189	4,233	4,927
FL	1,151	1,165	1,020	1,043
GA	*30,650	29,525	*26,012	26,370
KY	*7,420	7,315	*5,130	6,275
LA	3,470	3,152	3,204	3,253
MD	7,877	7,964	5,126	5,115
MS	17,573	16,295	16,258	13,969
NC	16,849	17,758	14,592	14,746
OK	6,942	6,954	3,715	5,381
PA	*4,210	3,962	*2,902	3,129
SC	5,359	5,527	4,986	5,077
TX	14,714	14,101	11,183	11,832
VA	6,156	5,815	5,007	5,267
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,220	18,072	*16,913	14,940
19 State Total	*195,010	191,411	*160,022	163,191
Previous Year Total	208,741	202,695	173,217	169,336
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	94	92	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 29-Nov-08 is estimated at 148.9 million head. This compares to 148.7 million head the previous week and to 161.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 171.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.13 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/16/08 - 10/22/08

CURRENT LDS 96.00 **FUTURE LDS** 85.75 **TOTAL LDS** 181.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	91.50	95.33	92.50	93.75	--	--	21.00
GL W J	--	--	112.75	114.75	98.63	--	8.00
GL W XL	--	107.39	102.55	104.81	96.49	101.33	42.75
GL W LG	--	109.50	--	98.17	95.81	105.33	41.25
GL W MD	--	--	--	91.00		80.63	
84.00		9.75					
GL W SM	63.50	66.00	57.00	60.00	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	88.36	89.13	76.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-OCT-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	23.6	23.7	0	-13
Boston	2.7	2.8	-4	-13
Chicago	67.7	69.9	-3	42
Detroit	7.9	8.0	-1	-23
Los Angeles	90.6	99.4	-9	-11
New Orleans	5.6	4.9	14	17
New York	29.1	30.0	-3	11
St. Louis	51.5	45.2	14	98
San Francisco	14.1	14.3	-1	3
Total	292.8	298.2	-2	18
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 18-OCT-08

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,882	2,959	17	3	4,861
Avg Wt	16.61	37.93	26.50	29.32	29.63
Last week	1,864	2,924	53	12	4,853
Same wk yr ago	2,190	3,089	28	1	5,308
Avg Wt	16.07	36.82	25.99	22.65	28.20
To-date/2008	83,181	115,565	1,242	405	200,393
To-date/2007	82,726	110,359	998	216	194,299
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,008	89,788	342	67	115,205
Last week	25,425	88,586	1,090	299	115,400
Same wk yr ago	28,155	90,990	553	17	119,715
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 18-OCT-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
North East	714	-1	25.29	(A)	715	25.29
South Atlantic	805	0	33.75	(A)	806	33.75
North Central	2,209	-2	33.51	(A)	2,210	33.51
South Central	726	1	20.37	(A)	726	20.37
West	404	18	25.60	(A)	404	25.60
U.S. total	4,858(B)	0	29.63	3	4,861	29.63
To-date 2008	199,988(B)				405	200,393
To-date 2007	194,083(B)				216	194,299

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date 1,242,000; for last year to date 998,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 18-OCT-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	161,915	1,281	1,803	3,084	440
Avg Wt	5.62	3.25	7.83	5.93	6.75
Last week	163,786	1,353	1,730	3,083	435
Same wk yr ago	169,642	1,187	1,602	2,789	484
Avg Wt	5.65	3.24	8.52	6.27	6.79
To-date/2008	6,894,015	57,586	68,711	126,297	18,453
To-date/2007	6,794,622	46,374	61,450	107,824	20,985
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	677,922	2,144	9,388	11,532	2,138
Last week	683,315	2,251	8,916	11,167	2,108
Same wk yr ago	714,066	1,981	9,077	11,058	2,366
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 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 3.9 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
Sept	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
	11	165.8	160.5	103%	5.60
	18	163.9	160.0	102%	5.62
Year to date		6977.9	6981.9	100%	
Oct	25		160.2		
Nov	1		159.3		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-OCT-08

Class	Current Week 10/25/08(1)	Previous Week 10/18/08
	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	165,832 (2)	164,205
Light hens	1,427	1,352
Heavy hens	1,586	1,791
Total	168,845	167,348

(1)ESTIMATED
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Oct-08 is 160.2 million head compared to 169.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.2 million head or 6.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Nov-08 the estimated available is 159.3 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: 20-OCTOBER-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-72.00	70.50	26	: 70.27	56
Los Angeles	96.00	93.57	60	: 89.65	158
New York	71.00-74.00	73.00	21	: 75.25	46

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY 20-OCT-2008	Change from 13-OCT -2008	13-OCT -2008	22-OCT-2007
78.67	1.44	77.23	71.21
NUMBER OF LOADS	541		

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/	93-101	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	93-101	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	93-101	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	93-102	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	93-102	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	93-102	-	-	-

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 10/20/08	3,264	134,454	90,346
AM 10/01/08	3,124	141,760	99,200
CHG	140	-7306	-8854
PCT CHG	4%	-5%	-9%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCT-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17 CENTS/LB.		10.47
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		10.17

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

LIGHT TYPE – REMOVAL COSTS

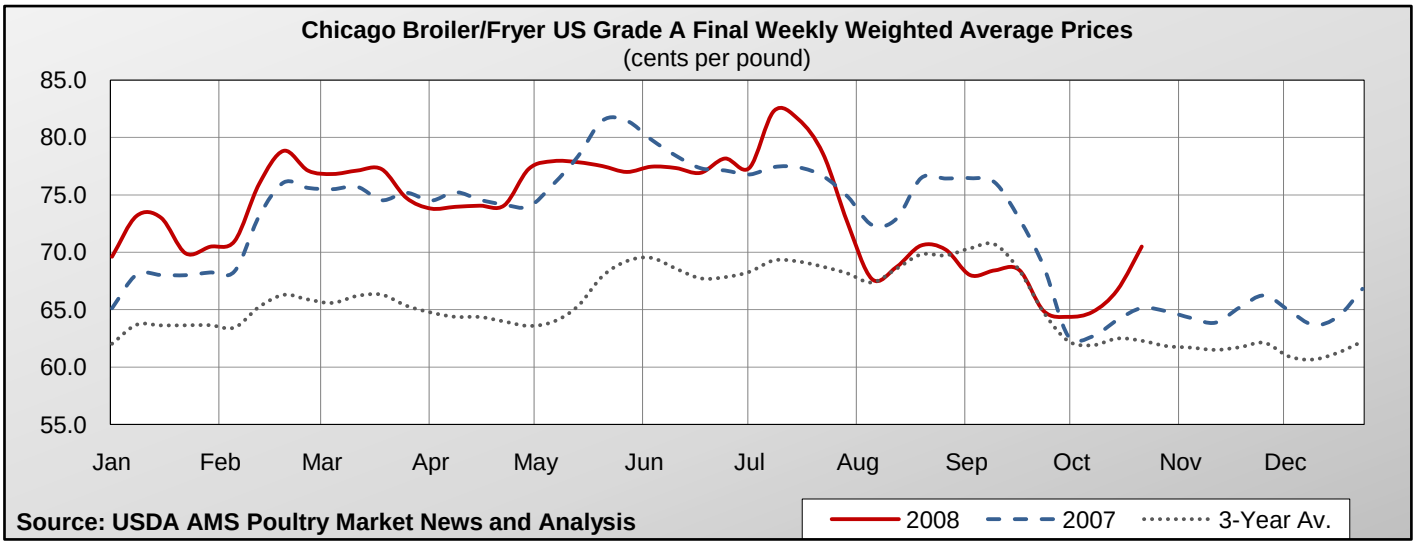
Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 17-OCT-08

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 18-OCT-2008 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	181.3	1	2
East North Central	640.9	7	6
West North Central	310.3	4	13
South Atlantic	176.5	2	-3
South Central	52.8	3	-3
West	203.4	4	6
Total	1565.2	5	5
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
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
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Nov
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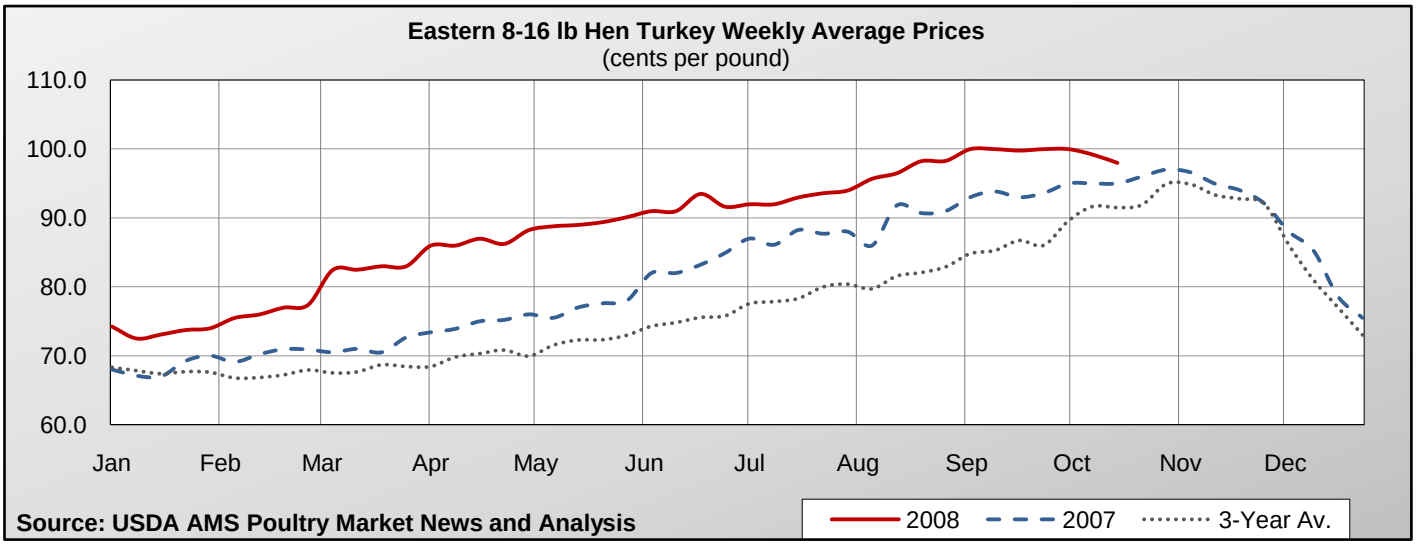
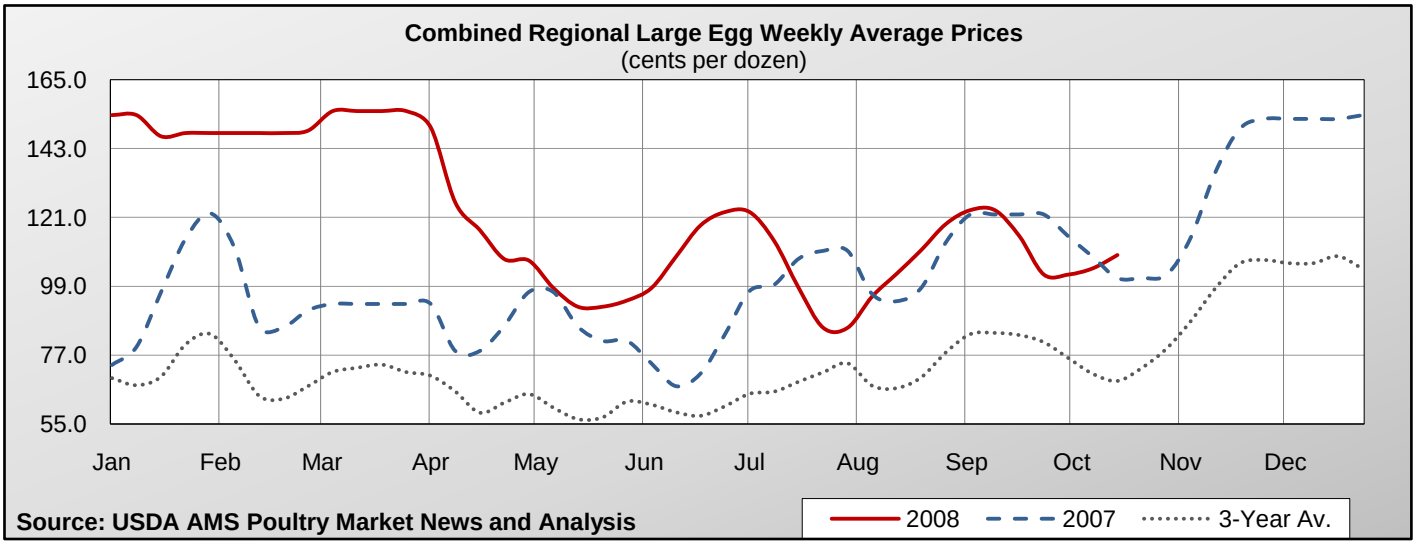
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.


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
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
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
Mar
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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