



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York prices were 2 cents lower on the larger sizes, 9 cents lower on medium. Regional asking prices were unchanged on the extra large and large but lower on mediums. Next week's regional asking prices were trending lower. The trade sentiment was generally barely steady to weak. Retail demand was in a full range fair to very good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies in the South Central and Western regions were balanced to adequate. Other regional supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and increasingly available for the light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. North Central regional light hen removal costs remained unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate for most needs. Processing schedules were reduced for the Thanksgiving holiday. The trade sentiment was 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 in IA-MN-WI were lower for medium and unchanged for the balance. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week lower for medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times very good as last minute holiday orders continue to be filled in a limited number of reporting areas. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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, however all sizes were trending significantly lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on larger sizes, weak on mediums. Retail and distributive demand was generally moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were adequate for mostly reduced holiday processing schedules. Light type hens were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

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 21, 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 include 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, 11-25-08, 11-18-08, 11-27-07.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: NOVEMBER 24, 2008, Northeast, Cent, So, So, Atl Pacific 5-Area. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total Percent.

Table with 4 columns: TOTAL, Number of Cases, Percent Change, Number of Cooperators. Rows include Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, Total Shell Egg.

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.

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-NOV-2008	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,305,503	32,875	11,511	6,052	2,669	4,296
PW	1,286,772	32,382	11,206	5,913	2,955	4,283
LY	1,120,760	30,537	8,677	4,927	2,004	3,798
% PW	1%	2%	3%	2%	-10%	0%
% LY	16%	8%	33%	23%	33%	13%
2008	61,796,889	1,522,670	577,995	302,267	137,374	206,576
2007	59,758,081	1,495,099	542,471	291,017	116,923	203,192
% YTD	3%	2%	7%	4%	17%	2%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				41.93	41.80	42.77
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.64	38.47	39.38

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	627,126	48.0%	18,157	55.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	641,118	49.8%	18,035	55.7%
LAST YEAR	604,787	54.0%	17,757	58.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	15-Nov 2008	22-Nov 2008	15-Nov 2008	22-Nov 2008
	<i>Thousands</i>			
AL	*28,324	29,432	*18,550	18,137
AR	24,856	24,943	*19,499	20,360
DE	3,375	3,370	3,973	3,919
FL	*1,229	1,242	*880	987
GA	31,090	30,853	25,109	24,203
KY	7,648	7,434	*5,687	5,829
LA	3,440	3,307	2,818	3,257
MD	8,428	8,959	5,284	5,744
MS	17,629	17,400	15,169	13,611
NC	18,252	18,670	14,932	15,002
OK	7,180	6,770	4,187	4,443
PA	*4,041	3,830	*2,637	3,025
SC	5,761	5,443	5,051	4,273
TX	15,017	15,300	11,758	11,094
VA	5,448	6,185	5,001	4,220
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,269	19,201	*15,628	14,313
19 State Total	*200,987	202,339	*156,163	152,417
Previous Year Total	215,925	219,089	163,792	168,349
Pct. of Prev. Year	93	92	95	91

* 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 03-Jan-09 is estimated at 142.2 million head. This compares to 143.5 million head the previous week and to 157.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 137.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.60 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 19 - NOV 25, 2008

Current Loads	100.00		Future Loads		61.25		Total Loads		161.25	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	SE	NE	MW	MW
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS
GNR W 1	89.67	95.00	90.50	91.83	105.25	--	--	--	43.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	67.50	--	2.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	--	--	3.00	
GL W J	--	--	110.50	112.00	88.67	--	--	--	6.25	
GL W XL	107.00	108.43	101.63	102.80	87.64	93.00	--	--	29.00	
GL W LG	--	108.00	93.80	97.64	87.81	100.86	--	--	42.00	
GL W MD	89.20	72.19	67.28	68.00	64.58	69.00	--	--	25.00	
GL W SM	--	--	67.17	68.13	56.50	--	--	--	5.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.75	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.50	--	--	--	1.50	
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	70.00	72.00	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 48	--	74.00	--	--	71.31	70.00	--	--	38.00	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	--	--	1.00	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-NOV-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% CHANGE	
	(Cases in Thousands)		(Cases in Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	28.6		25.4		13	-13
Boston	2.9		2.8		4	-6
Chicago	78.4		67.5		16	-11
Detroit	8.0		8.0		0	-39
Los Angeles	123.5		98.6		25	37
New Orleans	5.8		4.9		18	-9
New York	38.0		30.1		26	37
St. Louis	77.9		68.4		14	151
San Francisco	15.6		15.1		3	8
Total	378.7		320.8		18	30
4 Week Moving Avg.	325.9					

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-NOV-2008 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Banded	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	893	1	24.45	(A)	895	24.45
South Atlantic	745	-14	36.46	(A)	747	36.46
North Central	2,309	-4	32.12	(A)	2,310	32.12
South Central	781	-10	18.17	(A)	782	18.17
West	395	-36	25.45	(A)	396	25.45
U.S. total	5,123 (B)	-9	28.78	7	5,130	28.78
To-date						
2008	227,607 (B)			435	228,042	
To-date						
2007	219,432 (B)			243	219,675	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 1,362,000; for last year to date 1,131,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-NOV-2008 (Preliminary)	Young		Young Breeders	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
-----Thousands-----					
Head	2,205	2,899	19	7	5,130
Avg Wt	16.75	37.94	24.34	34.33	28.78
Last week	2,735	2,894	9	0	5,638
Same wk yr ago	965	1,745	16	8	2,734
Avg Wt	15.29	38.84	27.40	29.60	30.43
To-date/2008	95,995	130,250	1,362	435	228,042
To-date/2007	93,728	124,573	1,131	243	219,675

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	29,547	87,990	351	183	118,071
Last week	38,246	87,839	191	0	126,276
Same wk yr ago	11,804	54,221	333	180	66,538
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 22-NOV-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,960	1,300	1,737	3,037	455
Avg Wt	5.52	3.22	7.61	5.73	6.68
Last week	159,887	1,401	1,650	3,051	472
Same wk yr ago	129,511	575	978	1,553	321
Avg Wt	5.64	3.41	7.99	6.29	6.80
To-date/2008	7,699,424	64,284	76,928	141,212	20,694
To-date/2007	7,597,914	51,434	68,796	120,230	23,242

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	645,482	2,156	8,790	10,946	2,188
Last week	656,328	2,345	8,504	10,849	2,267
Same wk yr ago	544,179	1,010	5,196	6,206	1,572

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 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.9 million head, or 7.1 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 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
22	158.9	151.8	105%	5.52
Year to date	7793.1	7764.6	100%	
Nov 29		151.9		
Dec 6		149.2		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-NOV-08

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/29/08 (1)	11/22/08
Broiler/fryer	121,773 (2)	160,422
Light hens	848	1,387
Heavy hens	1,003	1,684
Total	123,624	163,493

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Nov-08 is 151.9 million head compared to 171.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 122.0 million head or 29.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-Dec-08 the estimated available is 149.2 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: 24-NOVEMBER-2008

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	71.00-74.00	74.82	19	73.75
Los Angeles	95.00	92.76	45	91.28
New York	73.00-76.00	74.81	21	76.19

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from		
24-NOV-2008	17-NOV-2008	17-NOV-2008	26-NOV-2007
81.37	3.10	78.27	72.13
NUMBER OF LOADS	455		

MONTHLY

November	WTD AVG	LOADS
	78.51	1,967.00

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/	82-83	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-82	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	80-82	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	79-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	79-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	79-80	-	-	-

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	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 11/24/08	3,052	72,487	89,049
AM 11/01/08	3,142	111,299	91,669
CHG	-90	-38812	-2620
PCT CHG	-3%	-35%	-3%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-08

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8.5-18 CENTS/LB.		10.85
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-14 CENTS/LB.		10.24

(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) 21-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 22-NOV-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	185.6	-2	3
East North Central	690.2	5	12
West North Central	327.1	2	16
South Atlantic	200.2	9	3
South Central	59.7	7	2
West	218.5	10	12
Total	1681.3	5	10

Matched plants reporting

Areas Covered:

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

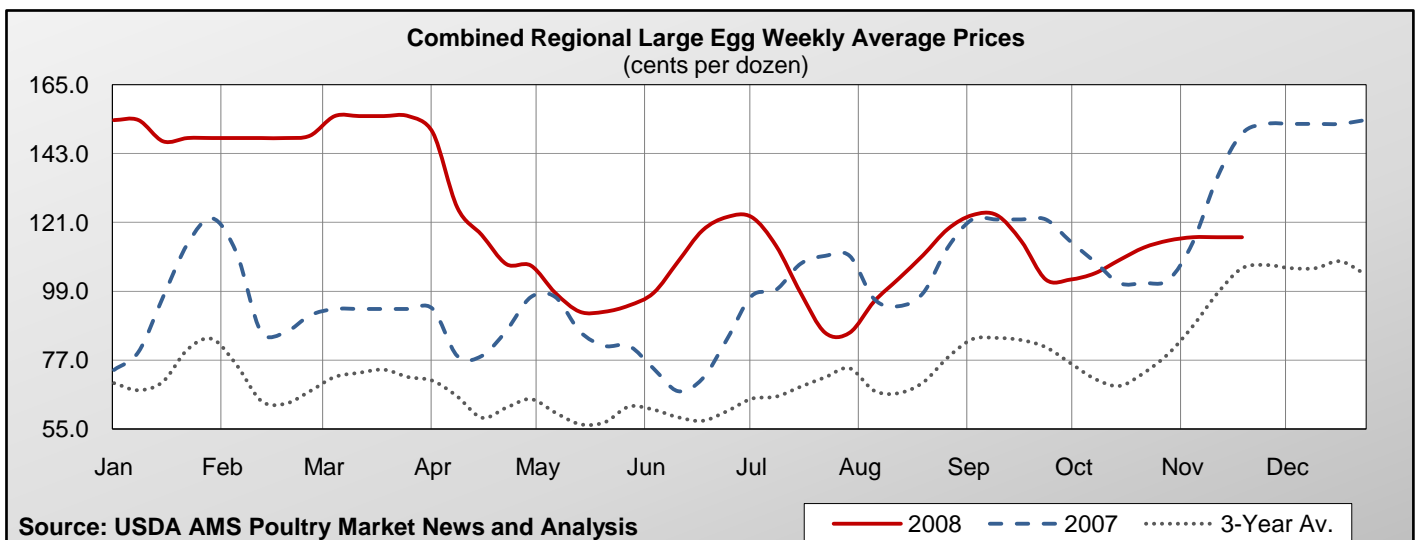
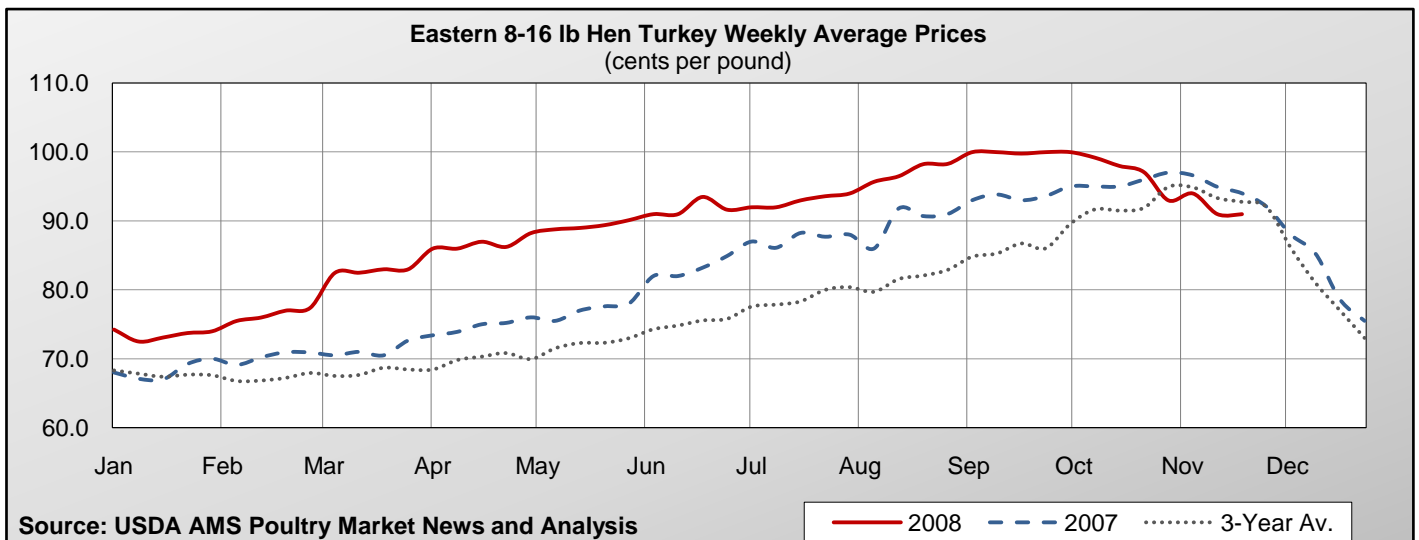
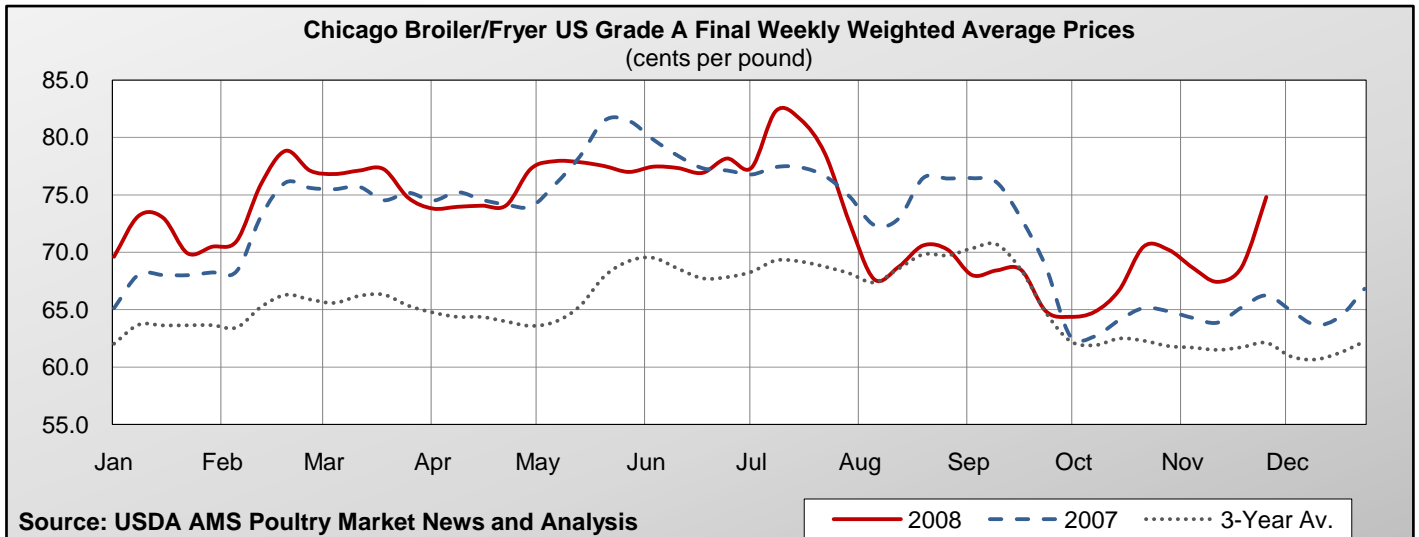
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

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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