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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York prices remained unchanged this period. Regional asking prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and declined on mediums. The trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady, instances firm. Retail demand ranged moderate to very good, usually fairly good to good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times tight. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, continued lower this week. Offerings were light to adequate for the mostly light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate for most needs. 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment ranged from steady to at times firm, usually steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was mostly light for the light to adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Retail demand fairly good to mostly good. Supplies were usually sufficient for trading requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were adequate for a light demand. Spent hen offerings were adequate for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-125	114-118
LARGE	108-122	113-117
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84

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

COMBINED REGIONAL **DECEMBER 05, 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	116.00	115.00	88.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	87.00
MIDWEST	108.50	106.50	84.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	116.50	88.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	114.95	113.49	87.05

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

	12-09-08	12-02-08	12-11-07
Large	85-95	85-95	125-134
Medium	57-61	63-67	119-123

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

DECEMBER 08, 2008		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	20.9	6.3	9.7	16.8	59.9
	Change	1.0	4.1	-1.8	0.6	0.3	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	40.1	20.0	23.7	35.9	149.9
	Change	8.5	4.1	2.2	0.4	5.1	16%
Large	Curr Wk	46.5	100.4	88.7	107.4	112.1	455.1
	Change	3.6	-0.4	0.3	17.4	10.0	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.3	41.7	20.0	25.2	39.1	136.3
	Change	-1.0	-4.7	-3.1	4.4	1.6	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	4.7	0.8	3.5	3.4	14.2
	Change	0.6	-3.2	-0.8	0.6	-2.5	-27%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.4	26.5	13.0	10.4	10.1	61.4
	Change	0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.2	-0.5	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.0	55.5	10.2	28.4	28.4	148.5
	Change	0.7	-8.0	-2.2	-0.2	-1.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	122.4	289.8	159.0	208.3	245.8	1025.3
Percent	Change	13%	-3%	-3%	13%	6%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1025.3	4%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.4	-9%	31
Total Shell Egg	1259.7	1%	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 29-NOV-2008 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,265,483	31,958	11,678	5,953	2,945	4,213
PW	1,143,574	28,505	10,684	5,532	2,376	3,845
LY	1,276,968	33,222	10,488	5,588	2,067	4,504
% Chg PWK	11%	12%	9%	8%	24%	10%
% Chg LY	-1%	-4%	11%	7%	42%	-6%
2008	64,205,946	1,583,133	600,358	313,752	142,695	214,634
2007	62,318,489	1,561,829	563,427	302,132	121,798	212,129
% Chg YTD	3%	1%	7%	4%	17%	1%

Average Yield Per Case	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.52	42.47	42.13
(Inedible Excluded)	39.19	39.11	38.61

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	624,998	49.4%	17,830	55.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	632,139	55.3%	17,217	60.4%
LAST YEAR	634,721	49.7%	17,752	53.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set NOV 29	Broiler Eggs Set DEC 06	Broiler Chicks Placed NOV 29	Broiler Chicks Placed DEC 06
STATE	Thousand			
AL	29,322	29,257	18,394	20,246
AR	*24,458	23,637	*20,401	22,294
DE	*3,272	3,319	*4,546	4,656
FL	1,244	1,241	1,083	996
GA	31,565	30,896	*24,104	25,738
KY	*7,984	7,785	*5,629	5,982
LA	3,419	3,440	2,939	3,398
MD	8,675	8,672	*5,774	4,768
MS	17,851	17,840	15,893	15,707
NC	18,639	18,312	*15,555	15,493
OK	7,035	6,716	4,499	3,727
PA	*4,166	4,058	*2,976	3,177
SC	5,817	5,409	4,892	4,529
TX	15,281	15,282	12,980	12,755
VA	5,448	5,961	3,891	5,636
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,030	19,429	*15,986	16,984
19 State Total	*203,206	201,254	*159,542	166,086
Previous Year Total	221,543	214,382	177,182	175,854
Pct. of Prev. Year	92	94	90	94

* 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 17-Jan-09 is estimated at 149.5 million head. This compares to 143.2 million head the previous week and to 151.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 78.73 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/04/08 - 12/10/08

CURRENT LDS 132.50 **FUTURE LDS** 96.50 **TOTAL LDS** 229.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.50	91.64	88.13	88.90	--	81.00	79.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	103.00	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	110.00	111.00	92.81	--	7.50
GL W XL	--	99.83	99.72	99.44	87.36	--	49.75
GL W LG	--	95.02	96.50	92.53	87.20	91.00	69.25
GL W MD	--	66.23	61.88	63.50	58.61	--	21.75
GL W SM	62.00	65.00	60.50	63.00	56.50	--	3.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	114.67	--	3.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	85.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	65.00	66.00	14.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	57.00	--	--	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-Dec-08

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	24.4	28.5	-14	-14
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-7
Chicago	77.1	77.6	-1	-4
Detroit	8.7	8.5	2	-30
Los Angeles	91.4	101.7	-10	18
New Orleans	5.8	5.5	5	-15
New York	30.5	29.8	2	29
St. Louis	83.4	67.2	24	120
San Francisco	14.8	15.3	-3	3
Total	338.9	336.9	1	28
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Dec-08

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	2,099	2,932	26	20	5,077
Avg Wt	16.73	38.68	23.72	26.88	29.48
Last week	1,101	1,781	8	8	2,898
Same wk yr ago	2,260	2,894	33	9	5,196
Avg Wt	16.21	38.95	26.72	43.74	28.99
To-date/2008	99,195	134,963	1,396	463	236,017
To-date/2007	98,151	130,294	1,213	259	229,917
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	28,093	90,728	469	409	119,699
Last week	14,621	56,593	166	167	71,547
Same wk yr ago	29,308	90,177	670	299	120,454
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 06-Dec-08 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
North East	758	57	24.57	(A)	762	24.57
South Atlantic	716	73	38.19	(A)	720	38.19
North Central	2,367	51	33.48	(A)	2,371	33.48
South Central	797	192	18.30	(A)	801	18.30
West	419	167	22.29	(A)	423	22.29
U.S. total	5,057 (B)	75	29.48	20	5,077	29.48
To-date 2008	235,554 (B)				463	236,017
To-date 2007	229,658 (B)				259	229,917

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date 1,396,000; for last year to date 1,213,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 06-DEC-2008	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	160,358	1,367	1,573	2,940	478
Avg Wt	5.59	3.28	7.64	5.61	6.94
Last week	116,875	832	1,104	1,936	332
Same wk yr ago	169,272	1,306	1,586	2,892	524
Avg Wt	5.61	3.65	7.36	5.68	6.89
To-date/2008	7,976,657	66,483	79,605	146,088	21,504
To-date/2007	7,936,278	53,968	71,800	125,768	24,266
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	667,819	2,309	7,992	10,301	2,388
Last week	484,120	1,418	5,616	7,034	1,614
Same wk yr ago	707,464	2,455	7,763	10,218	2,599
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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 149.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.3 million head, or 13.1 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
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
	29	118.3	151.9	78%	5.56
Dec	6	162.3	149.2	109%	5.59
Year to date		8073.7	8065.7	100%	
Dec	13		147.4		
	20		147.8		

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-DEC-08

Class	Current Week 12/13/08 (1)	Previous Week 12/06/08
	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	160,436 (2)	164,685
Light hens	1,508	1,485
Heavy hens	1,442	1,582
Total	163,386	167,752

(1)ESTIMATED
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Dec-08 is 147.4 million head compared to 170.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.8 million head or 13.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Dec-08 the estimated available is 147.8 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: 08-DECEMBER-2008

(cents per lb)	U.S. GRADE A MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS		COMPOSITE WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	71.00-74.00	76.56	18	:	74.63	45
Los Angeles	95.00	93.20	51	:	91.86	130
New York	76.00-79.00	77.73	22	:	78.19	50

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY 08-DEC-2008	Change from 01-DEC-2008	01-DEC-2008	10-DEC-2007
82.26	-.10	82.36	70.40
NUMBER OF LOADS	500		

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/	75-78	75	75.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74.25-78	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-78	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76	-	-	-

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 12/08/08	3,202	71,630	89,791
AM 12/01/08	3,007	73,775	90,520
CHG	195	-2145	-729
PCT CHG	6%	-3%	-1%

LIVE HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE

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

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8.75-18.75	CENTS/LB.	11.17
Southeast (2)		TFEWR	
South Central (1)	7-14.5	CENTS/LB.	10.50

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

LIGHT TYPE – REMOVAL COSTS

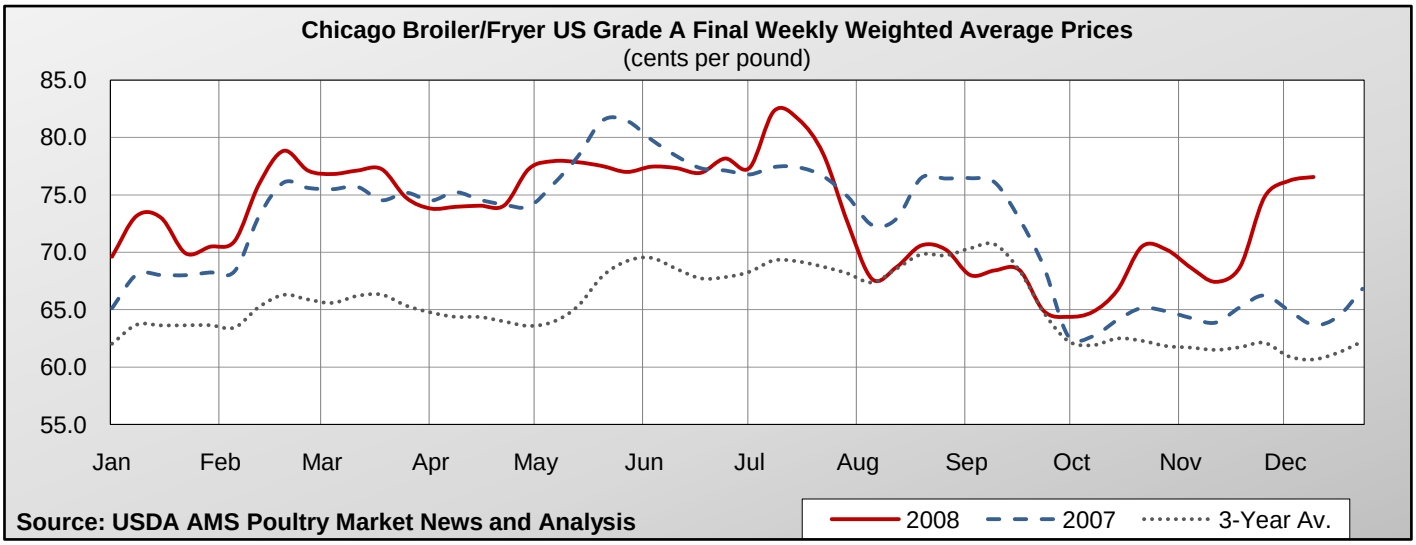
Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days, (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 05-DEC-08

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 06-DEC-2008 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	183.2	-2	-2
East North Central	695.1	10	12
West North Central	327.8	11	18
South Atlantic	202.0	5	4
South Central	59.1	1	-3
West	206.1	-1	5
Total	1673.3	6	9
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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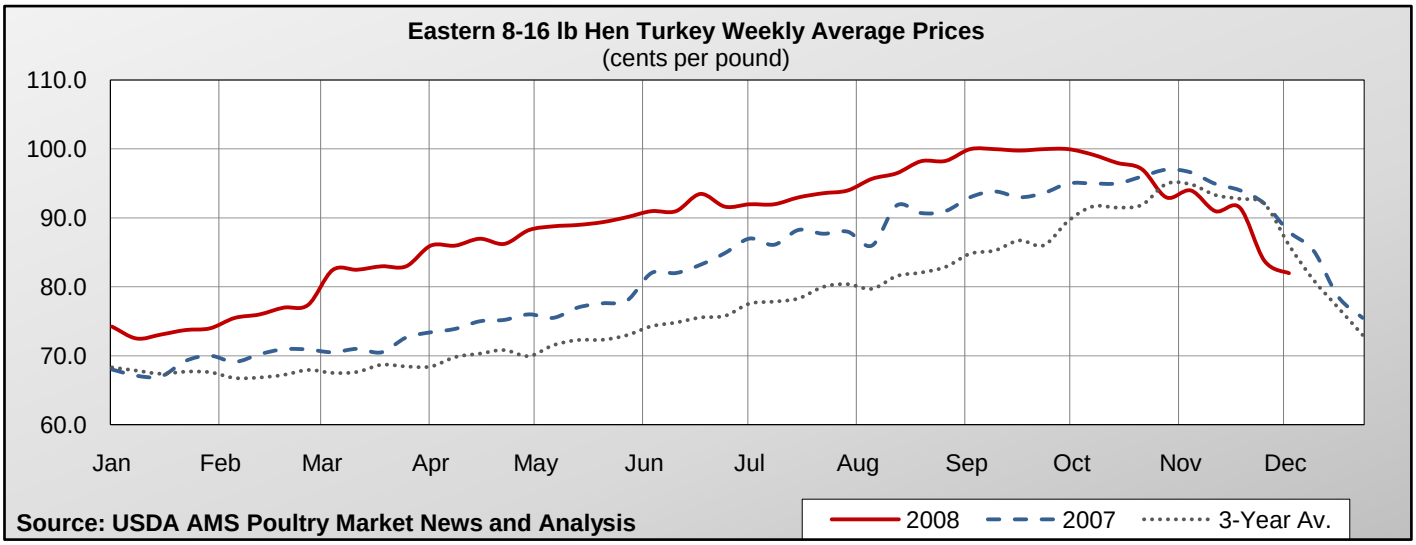
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.


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
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Oct
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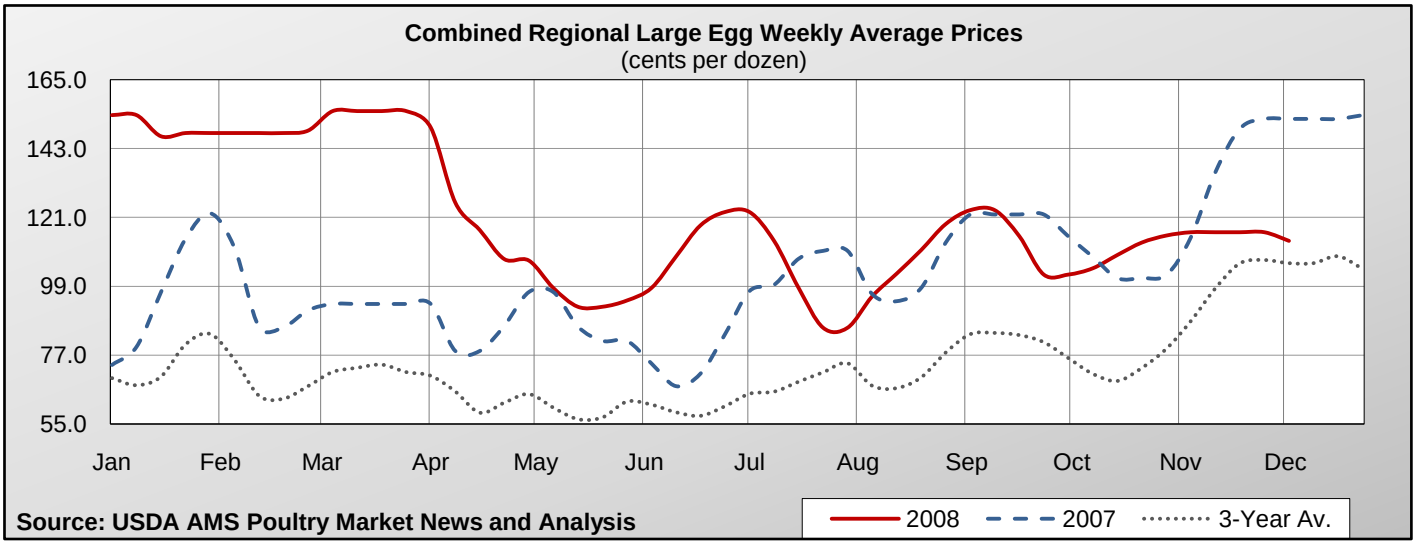
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2008
2007
3-Year Av.


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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