



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York and regional prices were unchanged this week. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, but slightly lighter than last week. Food service demand was light to moderate, with some improvement noted. Supplies were in a full range balanced to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Checks and undergrades prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was moderate to good with offerings tight to mostly adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone noted. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were in a full range with heavy amounts of rendering. 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 Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to instances close and held with increased confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and categories: EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes regional list: 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 fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were adequate to close for current trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were at best adequate for a moderate demand. Light hens were at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and categories: EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes regional list: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT.

COMBINED REGIONAL FEBRUARY 27, 2009
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, 03-03-09, 02-24-09, 03-04-08. Values range from 59-69 to 111-115.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with columns: MARCH 02, 2009, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific 5-Area. Rows include: Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total, Percent.

Table with 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 149 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 28-FEB-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,234,369	30,903	11,325	5,740	2,474	4,132
PW	1,260,572	31,571	11,737	5,712	2,819	4,250
LY	1,222,464	30,435	11,068	5,839	2,464	4,353
% PW	-2%	-2%	-4%	0%	-12%	-3%
% LY	1%	2%	2%	-2%	0%	-5%
2009*	9,967,697	243,327	94,774	48,308	22,121	34,288
2008*	9,945,436	248,341	89,626	47,937	20,733	34,475
% YTD	0%	-2%	6%	1%	7%	-1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.21	42.26	42.29		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.86	38.89	38.73		

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	632,787	51.3%	17,433	56.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	641,335	50.9%	17,145	54.3%
LAST YEAR	612,401	50.1%	17,063	56.1%

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	FEB 21	FEB 28	FEB 21	FEB 28
	Thousand			
AL	29,086	29,296	20,348	20,080
AR	24,980	24,817	*21,320	21,719
DE	*3,466	3,703	*4,656	4,655
FL	1,020	1,008	741	741
GA	32,818	33,109	26,910	26,341
KY	7,167	7,795	4,478	5,842
LA	3,470	3,470	3,655	3,331
MD	8,866	9,047	*5,217	5,307
MS	17,891	17,894	15,655	16,135
NC	18,863	18,762	*15,507	15,509
OK	*6,834	6,772	*4,529	4,783
PA	4,135	3,956	3,082	3,077
SC	5,789	5,628	4,543	5,664
TX	15,530	15,595	12,638	13,192
VA	5,943	5,939	4,512	4,303
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,292	19,610	*15,497	16,170
19 State Total	*205,150	206,401	*163,288	166,849
Previous Year Total	219,311	219,830	178,240	177,627
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	92	94

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 11-Apr-09 is estimated at 152.0 million head. This compares to 151.9 million head the previous week and to 167.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.86 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/26/09 - 03/04/09

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	58.60	66.00	59.25	60.86	--	50.00	59.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	60.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	79.50	81.00	77.64	80.00	6.50
GL W XL	--	78.63	72.78	75.29	70.66	--	49.75
GL W LG	--	78.72	70.00	72.45	67.29	69.00	59.75
GL W MD	76.00	60.00	60.92	66.88	61.94	--	22.50
GL W SM	--	42.75	46.00	50.00	38.13	41.50	4.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	78.00	--	.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	43.00	45.00	24.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Feb-09

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PCT PW	CHG LY
	Cases, in thousands			
Atlanta	22.7	22.2	2	-5
Boston	2.7	2.6	4	-7
Chicago	68.6	63.9	7	-12
Los Angeles	72.8	61.0	19	-20
New Orleans	5.5	5.7	-4	-4
New York	34.7	34.3	1	12
St. Louis	77.8	82.1	-5	71
San Francisco	21.5	21.2	1	45
Total	306.3	293.0	5	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Feb-09

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	2,178	2,565	9	1	4,753
Avg Wt	16.95	39.14	25.07	63.18	28.95
Last week	2,020	2,454	7	1	4,482
Same wk yr ago	1,949	2,816	8	4	4,777
Avg Wt	16.16	39.21	24.51	30.38	29.76
To-date/2009*	15,193	20,997	206	67	36,463
To-date/2008*	15,363	22,582	109	72	38,126

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	29,531	80,306	173	48	110,058
Last week	28,441	77,759	143	46	106,389
Same wk yr ago	25,197	88,332	150	93	113,772
To-date/2009*	203,453	664,118	4,231	1,580	873,382
To-date/2008*	197,817	715,941	2,174	1,578	917,510

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 76.5% 76.5%

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 28-Feb-09 (Preliminary)	---Young turkeys---		Avg Live wt	Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys Avg Live wt
	Thousand	Pct chg			
North East	652	4	25.99	(A) 653	25.99
South Atlantic	904	-2	31.38	(A) 904	31.38
North Central	1,953	2	34.02	(A) 1,953	34.02
South Central	937	24	19.10	(A) 937	19.10
West	306	14	25.72	(A) 306	25.72
U.S. total	4,752 (B)	6	28.95	1 4,753	28.95
To-date					
2009*	36,396 (B)			67 36,463	
To-date					
2008*	38,054 (B)			72 38,126	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date* 206,000; for last year to date* 109,000. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**Name changed to Old Breeders. Change has no impact on the data.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 28-FEB-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,055	1,079	1,449	2,528	401
Avg Wt	5.52	3.33	7.88	5.94	6.70
Last week	154,812	1,172	1,323	2,495	408
Same wk yr ago	165,910	1,409	1,542	2,951	431
Avg Wt	5.49	3.48	8.02	5.85	6.28
To-date/2009*	1,243,432	10,043	12,198	22,241	3,303
To-date/2008*	1,324,561	11,283	12,196	23,479	3,636
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	637,648	1,815	7,593	9,408	1,934
Last week	632,035	1,924	6,986	8,910	1,939
Same wk yr ago	678,580	2,476	8,224	10,700	1,949
To-date/2009*	5,097,238	16,839	63,526	80,365	15,750
To-date/2008*	5,427,214	18,825	64,755	83,580	17,633
Dressing %	74.5%	50.5%	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 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head or 1.2 million less than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Jan 24	150.4	157.2	96%	5.48
31	149.9	158.2	95%	5.59
Feb 7	157.4	157.4	100%	5.49
14	156.4	157.6	99%	5.48
21	156.7	158.5	99%	5.48
28	156.9	158.1	99%	5.52
Year to date	1258.5	1247.3	101%	
Mar 7		157.6		
14		157.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-MAR-09

Class	Current Week 03/07/09 (1)	Previous Week 02/28/09
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	154,203 (2)	157,173
Light hens	1,288	1,226
Heavy hens	1,402	1,448
Total	156,893	159,847

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Mar-09 is 157.6 million head compared to 166.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.5 million head or 3.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Mar-09 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)		
	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 03/02/09	3,120	116,137	77,989
AM 02/01/09	3,206	102,864	94,005
CHG	-86	13273	-16016
PCT CHG	-3%	13%	-17%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2009 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2009 are:

Frozen Eggs	21	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	513	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	570	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Weekly LOADS	02-MAR-09	23-FEB-09	23-FEB-09	03-MAR-08
500	79.18	-.92	80.10	79.60

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/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	74-76.5	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	74-76	-	-	-

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% broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6% broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6% broth basting

LIVE HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-MAR-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-18.25 CENTS/LB.		11.33
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7.5-14.5 CENTS/LB.		10.92

(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) 27-FEB-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	2-11	3-7
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10.5	0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 28-FEB-2009	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	186.3	0	5
East North Central	641.6	3	-2
West North Central	304.1	-3	-6
South Atlantic	186.9	7	5
South Central	52.3	5	-3
West	167.3	16	-12
Total	1538.5	3	-2

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)

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: 02-MAR-2009 (cents per lb)

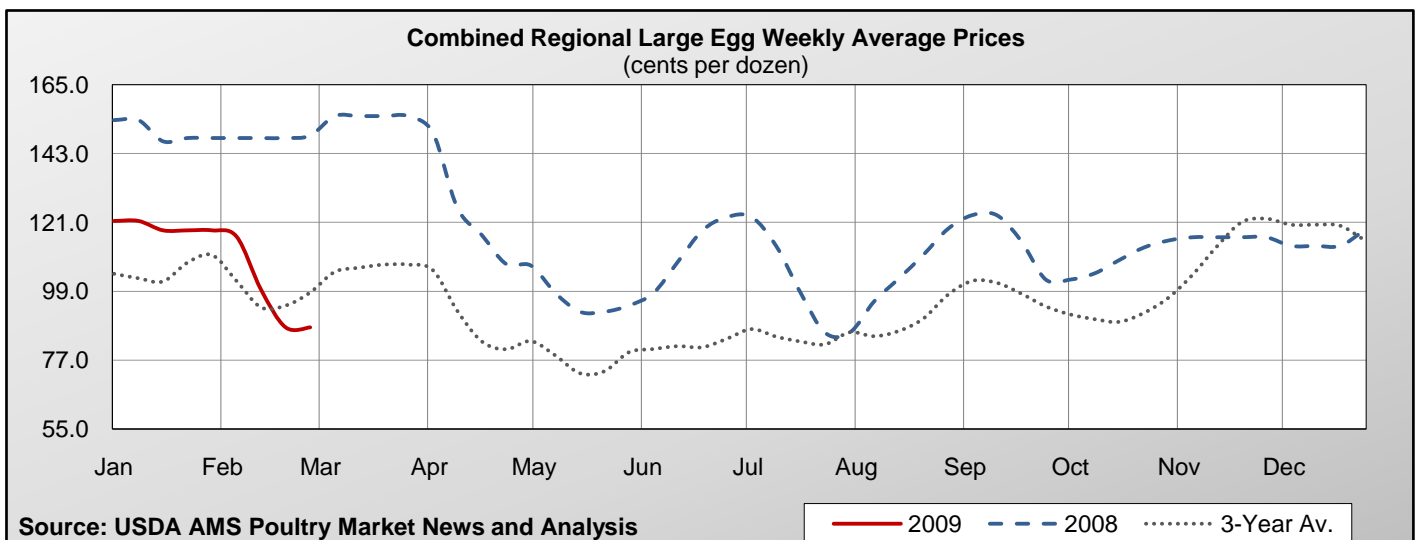
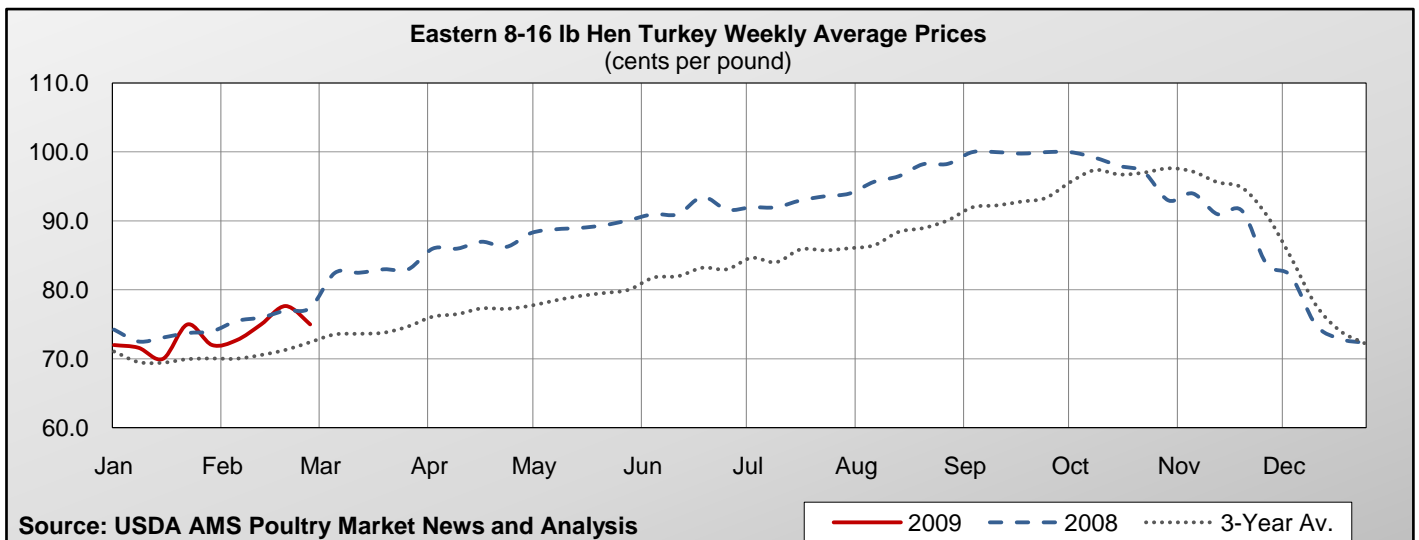
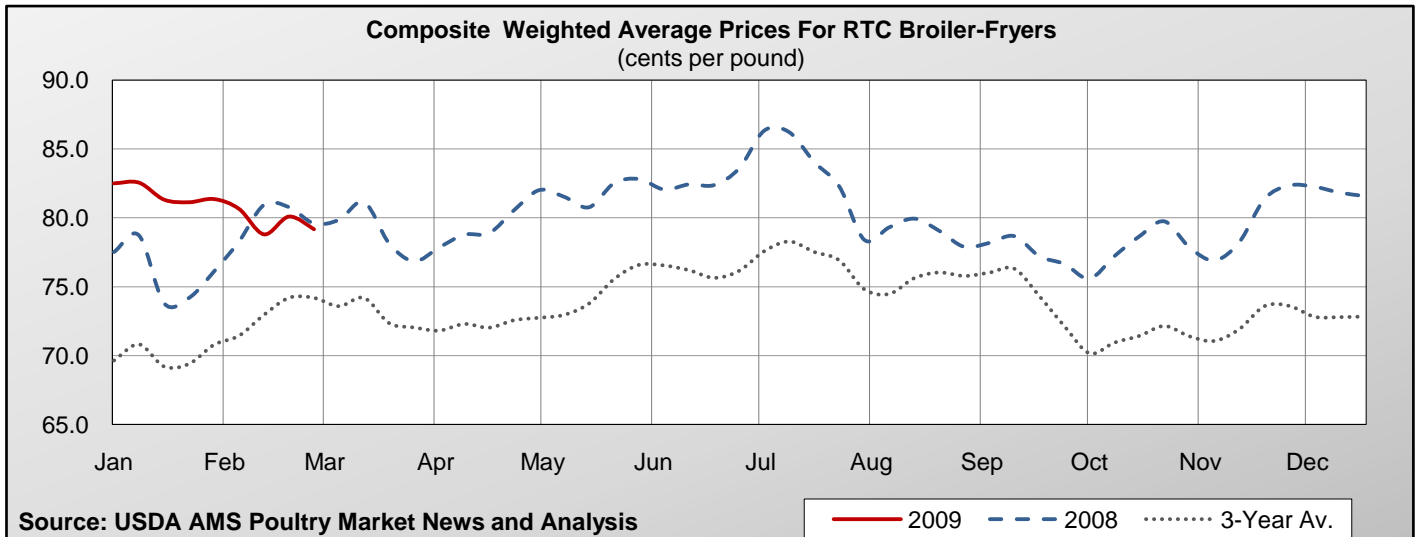
Grade A	: Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:		
Los Angeles	94.00	92.32 60 : 88.45 148
New York	74.00-77.00	75.38 21 : 77.09 50

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Whole Body 2/:	: Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg
Chicago	58.00-71.00	: 66.01 51

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.



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