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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

At the beginning of the week, New York and regional prices were higher on extra large and large, unchanged on mediums. The trade sentiment was steady to firm and strengthened throughout the week. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good and aided by a substantial amount of retail feature activity. Food service movement was slow to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to tight. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate for the generally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. North Central regional light hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were ample for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were mixed. 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 were higher for large. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good and was aided by a substantial amount of retail feature activity. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight and continued to be held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-65	59-62
LARGE	55-64	57-60
MEDIUM	46-55	48-51

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but medium and larger sizes were trending significantly higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Demand was fair to at times good. Supplies were at best sufficient to instances tight for current needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for a light demand. Spent hen demand was fair to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	65-69
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	49-62	54-56

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

COMBINED REGIONAL MAY 15, 2009

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	66.50	65.00	55.00
SOUTHEAST	67.50	65.50	62.00
MIDWEST	59.50	57.50	49.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	66.50	63.50	55.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	65.02	62.84	55.41

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

	05-19-09	05-12-09	05-20-08
Large	40-50	36-46	65-74
Medium	28-32	28-32	59-63

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

MAY 18, 2009		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.5	14.8	6.9	8.2	14.4	56.8
	Change	1.8	-1.1	0.2	-0.4	0.9	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	35.5	13.2	19.0	43.3	130.3
	Change	1.5	1.1	3.2	-6.2	7.3	6%
Large	Curr Wk	41.3	114.5	52.8	81.4	123.3	413.3
	Change	2.3	11.9	-14.6	-15.2	-6.7	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.8	47.4	20.4	26.6	45.8	150.0
	Change	-1.8	-0.7	0.0	2.1	6.6	4%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	8.7	2.8	2.0	7.7	24.7
	Change	0.2	3.7	-0.5	-1.7	1.8	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.4	23.0	12.1	11.2	9.2	56.9
	Change	-0.7	2.4	-0.5	1.8	1.9	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.1	57.1	12.8	33.2	22.1	136.3
	Change	-0.1	-4.0	-5.0	9.6	-3.8	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	98.9	301.0	121.0	181.6	265.8	968.3
Percent	Change	3%	5%	-12%	-5%	3%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	968.3	0%	149
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.9	-5%	31
Total Shell Egg	1207.2	-1%	180

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 16-MAY-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,364,345	32,050	14,070	7,040	3,110	4,402
PW	1,375,311	32,630	13,852	7,000	2,950	4,459
LY	1,344,820	33,189	13,502	7,118	3,259	4,345
% PW	-1%	-2%	2%	1%	5%	-1%
% LY	1%	-3%	4%	-1%	-5%	1%
2009*	23,960,776	587,874	228,477	115,655	49,959	81,126
2008*	24,361,133	604,057	226,518	120,202	52,473	83,382
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-4%	-5%	-3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.19	42.13	43.24
(Inedible Excluded)	38.96	38.89	40.01

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	720,642	52.8%	18,444	57. 5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	711,620	51.7%	18,540	56. 8%
LAST YEAR	656,851	48.8%	17,006	51. 2%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set MAY 09	Broiler Eggs Set May 16	Broiler Chicks Placed MAY 09	Broiler Chicks Placed May 16
	Thousand			
AL	29,705	29,867	21,024	20,858
AR	*23,447	24,049	*21,626	21,157
DE	3,579	3,760	4,850	5,346
FL	995	992	821	870
GA	*31,659	32,085	*25,974	25,848
KY	7,739	7,589	*6,769	5,968
LA	2,230	2,230	1,888	1,902
MD	8,700	8,803	6,451	5,834
MS	*17,996	18,587	16,072	16,311
NC	*18,831	18,388	15,659	15,214
OK	6,779	6,667	4,417	4,701
PA	*4,085	3,896	*3,115	3,161
SC	5,905	5,629	5,862	5,019
TX	15,134	15,363	13,340	12,991
VA	*6,381	6,401	4,996	5,129
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,870	19,821	*16,595	17,370
19 State Total	*203,035	204,127	*169,459	167,679
Previous Year Total	215,106	218,063	177,253	175,827
Pct. of Prev. Year	94	94	96	95

*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 27-Jun-09 is estimated at 155.2 million head. This compares to 155.2 million head the previous week and to 165.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.39 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/14/09 – 05/20/09

CURRENT LDS 101.75 **FUTURE LDS** 99.00 **TOTAL LDS** 200.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00
GNR W 1	44.17	50.30	40.25	47.42	45.00	54.00	81.00
GNR W 2	--	39.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	34.00	28.00	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	63.00	64.67	58.00	--	4.00
GL W XL	--	53.92	55.90	63.03	55.18	--	47.75
GL W LG	--	54.50	52.38	52.28	46.57	56.36	79.75
GL W MD	40.75	46.25	40.00	39.21	33.35	--	16.00
GL W SM	--	36.75	35.00	36.50	30.00	31.00	6.00
GL BR XL	60.00	63.00	--	67.75	--	--	1.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	34.00	8.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	31.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-May-09

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	% CHANGE LY
Atlanta	22.9	22.3	3	-1
Boston	2.4	2.9	-17	-14
Chicago	45.4	66.3	-32	-27
Los Angeles	78.4	76.5	2	-13
New Orleans	5.0	5.0	0	-9
New York	31.6	30.6	3	7
St. Louis	75.1	71.3	5	70
San Francisco	17.6	18.3	-4	39
Total	278.4	297.9	-7	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-May-09

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	2,006	2,749	10	6	4,771
Avg Wt	16.10	38.21	26.65	26.00	28.88
Last week	1,956	2,727	21	2	4,706
Same wk yr ago	2,450	2,430	34	25	4,939
Avg Wt	18.78	38.85	25.57	38.96	28.80
To-date/2009*	35,641	49,748	508	100	85,997
To-date/2008*	37,381	52,054	399	184	90,018
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,522	82,982	204	119	108,827
Last week	25,118	82,652	478	72	108,320
Same wk yr ago	36,349	74,580	665	745	112,339
To-date/2009*	472,872	1,533,305	10,692	2,542	2,019,411
To-date/2008*	487,168	1,621,606	7,885	4,223	2,120,882
Dressing %	79.0%	79.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

W/E 16-May-09 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total Turkeys	Avg Live wt
North East	692	-1	25.03	(A)	694	25.03
South Atlantic	754	-4	33.76	(A)	755	33.76
North Central	2,233	4	32.25	(A)	2,234	32.25
South Central	756	-2	18.81	(A)	757	18.81
West	330	10	26.09	(A)	331	26.09
U.S. total	4,765(B)	1	28.88	6	4,771	28.88
To-date 2009*	85,897(B)			100	85,997	
To-date 2008*	89,834(B)			184	90,018	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date* 508,000; for last year to date* 399,000.
**Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.*

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 16-MAY-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	159,312	1,559	1,501	3,060	425
Avg Wt	5.56	3.22	7.85	5.49	6.79
Last week	159,004	1,562	1,548	3,110	441
Same wk yr ago	169,562	1,589	1,812	3,401	445
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.88	5.72	6.71
To-date/2009*	2,952,319	24,053	28,562	52,615	7,825
To-date/2008*	3,147,672	26,971	29,775	56,746	8,573
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	659,902	2,535	7,836	10,371	2,063
Last week	656,257	2,524	8,143	10,667	2,150
Same wk yr ago	693,517	2,616	9,495	12,111	2,135
To-date/2009*	12,095,364	39,730	148,289	188,019	37,709
To-date/2008*	12,944,538	44,694	157,514	202,208	41,241
Dressing %	74.5%	50.5%	66.5%		71.5%

(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 161.2 million head, or 3.1 million more than estimated available.
*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
Apr	11	150.3	155.2	97%	5.49
	18	156.9	157.2	100%	5.54
	25	160.6	158.6	101%	5.53
May	2	159.5	160.1	100%	5.50
	9	160.9	158.9	101%	5.54
	16	161.2	158.1	102%	5.56
Year to date		2988.0	2980.8	100%	
May	23		157.9		
	30		156.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-May-09

Class	Current Week 05/23/09 (1)	Previous Week 05/16/09
	---------- Thousand head ---------	
Broiler/fryer	164,951 (2)	162,796
Light hens	1,553	1,569
Heavy hens	1,364	1,485
Total	167,868	165,850

(1) Estimated
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-May-09 is 157.9 million head compared to 169.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 7.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-May-09 the estimated available is 156.8 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 05/18/09	3,174	144,140	67,056
AM 05/01/09	3,429	136,202	68,523
CHG	-255	7938	-1467
PCT CHG	-7%	6%	-2%

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Weekly 18-MAY-2009	Change from 11-MAY-2009	11-MAY-2009	19-MAY-2008
84.51	2.61	81.90	80.78
NUMBER OF LOADS	480		

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/	77-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-81.5	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	77-81.5	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	77-80	-	-	-

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% 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 18-MAY-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-18 CENTS/LB.		11.41
Southeast (2)	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
South Central (1)	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

(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) 15-MAY-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 16-MAY-2009 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.0	0	6
East North Central	652.2	0	6
West North Central	309.1	2	0
South Atlantic	161.8	2	-5
South Central	50.1	-14	-2
West	163.6	3	-10
Total	1518.8	0	1
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)

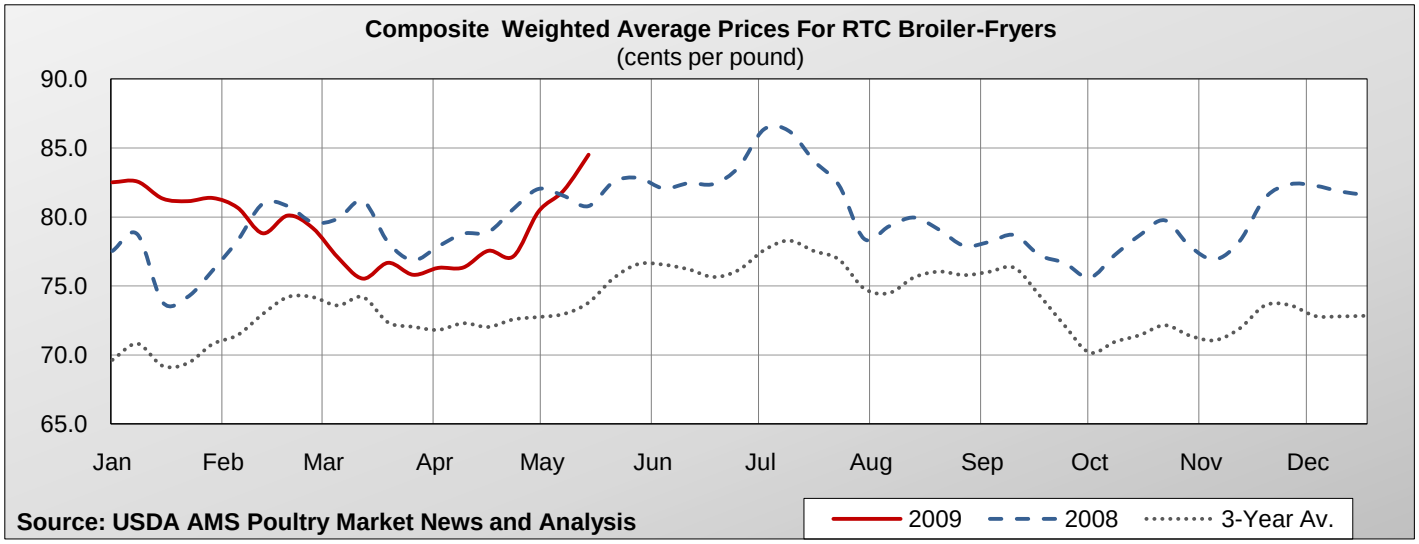
FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT
Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 18-MAY-2009 (cents per lb)

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:						
Los Angeles	95.00	94.04	55	:	95.67	137
New York	76.00-79.00	78.05	21	:	79.54	45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	76.00-84.00			:	82.04	51

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


Composite Weighted Average Prices For RTC Broiler-Fryers
(cents per pound)
90.0
85.0
80.0
75.0
70.0
65.0
Jan
Feb
Mar
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May
Jun
Jul
Aug
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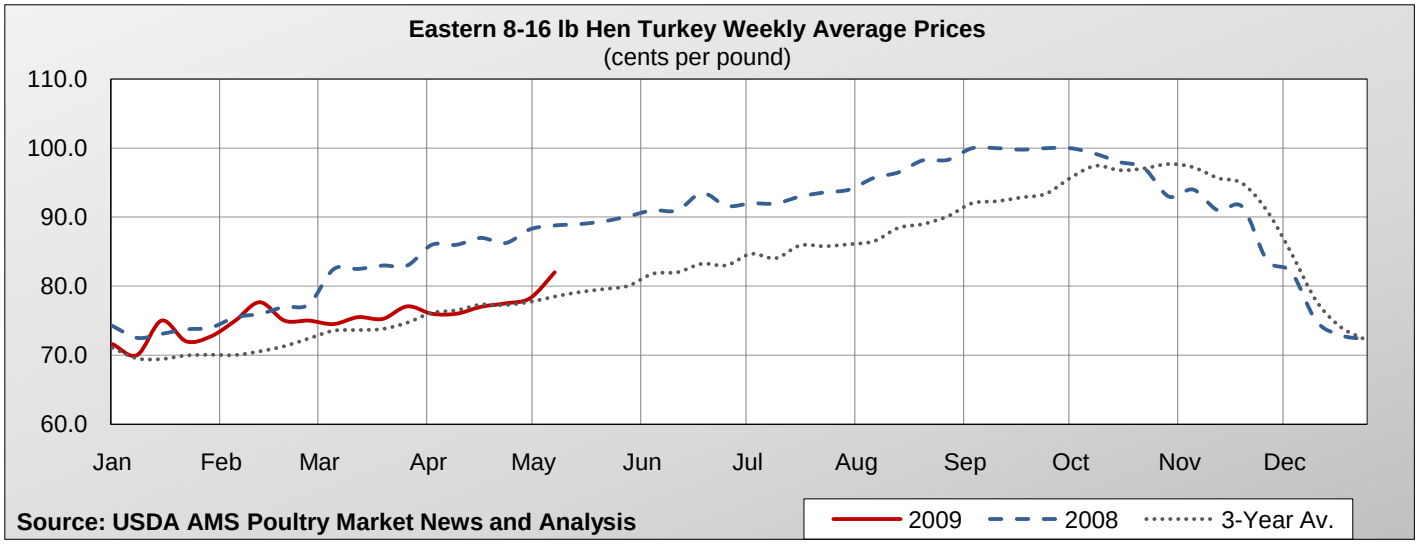
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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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Jul
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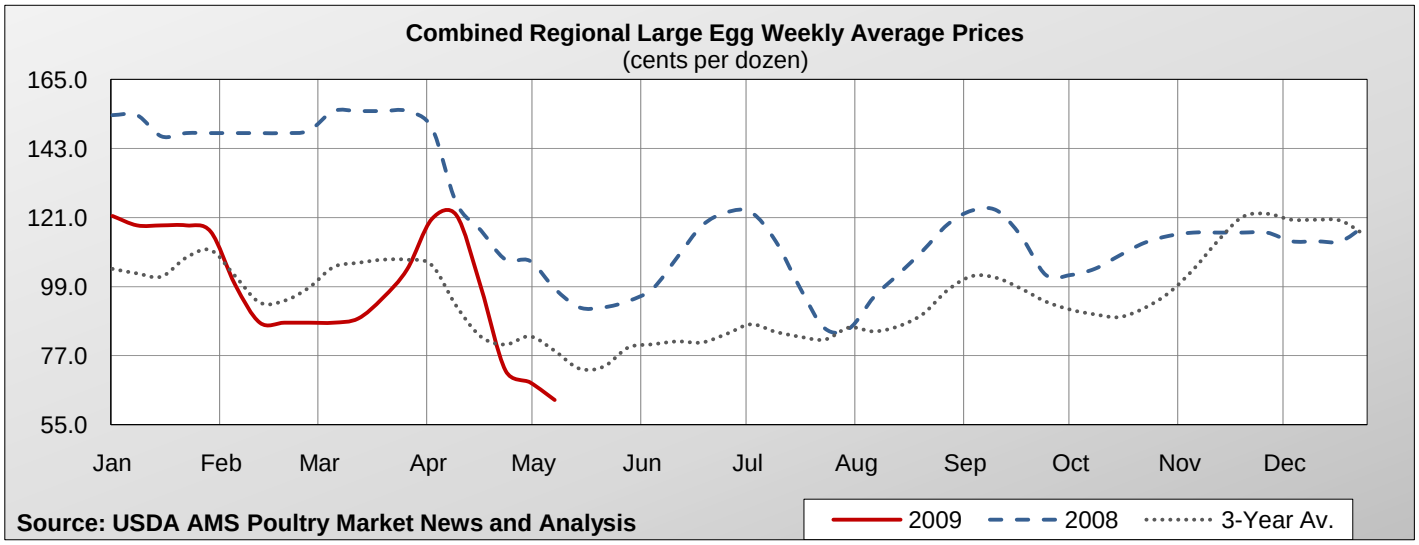
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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
2009
2008
3-Year Av.

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