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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week the New York shell egg prices increased 3 cents for all sizes. All regional prices increased 4 cents for medium and were unchanged for the larger sizes with the exception of the Midwest region which was up 4 cents for medium and 1 cent higher for extra large and large. California reported benchmark prices increased 4 cents for medium and small and were unchanged for the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was usually light. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings tight. The trade sentiment was firm. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to good with offerings adequate. 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 to producers were 1 cent higher for medium. All other prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady for medium. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good for the tight offerings. Schedules reduced in some off-line production due to shortages. The trade sentiment was firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66

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 ranged steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trading purposes. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were adequate to short for irregular breaking schedules. Light hen demand was mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-102	88-92
LARGE	82-96	87-91
MEDIUM	61-74	66-68

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

COMBINED REGIONAL **SEPTEMBER 18, 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	91.00	89.00	63.50
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	63.00
MIDWEST	80.50	78.50	60.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	87.50	64.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.42	85.42	62.94

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

	09-22-09	09-15-09	09-23-08
Large	58-68	57-67	75-85
Medium	43-47	41-45	64-68

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.2	14.6	7.4	8.7	17.6	59.5
	Change	3.1	1.1	1.2	-1.4	-1.8	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.3	30.6	14.4	26.3	41.1	134.7
	Change	-0.8	-2.0	0.3	-4.2	7.5	1%
Large	Curr Wk	43.6	99.7	73.7	113.1	122.6	452.7
	Change	-3.4	11.6	5.1	-0.8	3.8	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	37.4	14.1	18.7	38.4	122.6
	Change	0.9	-5.5	-1.4	-6.5	-0.3	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	8.4	0.4	3.1	6.5	22.9
	Change	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	-2.9	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.2	20.3	9.0	11.7	9.6	51.8
	Change	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	2.9	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.9	40.2	21.9	23.4	25.1	115.5
	Change	-3.7	-10.8	3.2	3.3	-0.9	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	101.7	251.2	140.9	205.0	260.9	959.7
Percent	Change	-4%	-2%	6%	-5%	3%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	959.7	0%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	218.3	-10%	30
Total Shell Egg	1178.0	-2%	186

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 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 19-SEP-2009 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,310,045	32,300	12,792	6,113	2,561	4111
PW	1,262,056	31,079	11,467	5,670	2,783	4165
LY	1,437,341	35,095	13,608	7,286	3,330	4812
% PW	4%	4%	12%	8%	-8%	-1%
% LY	-9%	-8%	-6%	-16%	-23%	-15%
2009	47,725,354	1,161,292	462,663	233,292	105,702	160,065
2008	48,605,943	1,192,451	458,016	240,197	108,362	162,664
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-2%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.22	41.51	42.30
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.09	38.21	38.95

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	689,622	52.6%	18,621	57.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	696,274	55.2%	18,712	60.2%
LAST YEAR	708,372	49.3%	19,196	54.7%

*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009	Sep 12 2009	Sep 19 2009
State	*Thousands*			
AL	*27,470	27,613	*19,669	20,598
AR	23,018	22,377	21,575	20,907
DE	*3,289	3,218	*5,153	4,335
FL	900	902	648	661
GA	*30,922	29,307	*26,849	26,589
KY	7,360	7,025	6,665	6,511
LA	3,394	3,379	2,953	2,996
MD	8,180	7,786	*5,256	6,387
MS	17,872	17,563	*15,799	15,456
NC	16,744	17,408	15,496	15,330
OK	*6,460	6,674	*4,824	4,934
PA	*3,890	3,856	*2,983	3,263
SC	5,783	5,487	4,591	4,974
TX	14,111	13,591	12,861	12,689
VA	5,918	5,792	5,172	4,653
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,618	17,848	*15,273	15,723
19 State Total	*192,929	189,826	*165,767	166,006
Previous Year Total	197,833	193,569	170,671	168,148
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	99

* Revised
Source: NASS, USDA

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-SEP-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW (Cases in Thousands)	% CHANGE LW	% CHANGE LY
Atlanta	23.4	21.0	11	0
Boston	2.9	2.7	7	4
Chicago	45.5	45.9	-1	-34
Los Angeles	57.5	61.9	-7	-34
New Orleans	4.6	4.6	0	10
New York	35.3	29.0	22	29
St. Louis	59.1	68.5	-14	11
San Francisco	23.6	17.0	39	63
Total	251.9	250.6	1	-11
4 Week Moving Avg.	248.6			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 17 - SEP 23, 2009

Current Loads 121.25 Future Loads 53.50 Total Loads 174.75

CLASS	SE ORG	SE DST	NE ORG	NE DST	MW ORG	MW DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	63.50	65.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 1	61.30	--	61.83	65.78	--	63.00	26.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	69.50	71.00	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	83.50	85.00	70.43	73.40	6.00
GL W XL	73.50	77.50	74.00	76.52	69.83	73.45	31.00
GL W LG	--	--	72.00	78.59	65.85	68.40	65.50
GL W MD	62.00	--	53.33	--	56.16	58.91	20.00
GL W SM	37.67	--	36.38	39.00	28.00	--	6.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	67.25	--	.25
GL BR XL	73.00	--	--	81.00	--	--	1.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	80.00	80.00	82.00	4.75
GL BR MD	52.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR SM	--	--	30.00	33.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	52.00	54.00	5.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	52.33	54.67	3.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	46.00	48.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	44.00	47.00	.50
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	28.89	38.00	4.50

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Oct-09 is estimated at 152.7 million head. This compares to 153.1 million head the previous week and to 159.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.75 cents per pound.

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 19-SEP-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys -Thousand Head-		Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Old Banded -Thousand head-	Total turkeys -Thousand head-	Avg Live wt
North East	709		21	25.52	(A)	712	25.52
South Atlantic	701		21	34.34	(A)	704	34.34
North Central	2,247		21	31.50	(A)	2,250	31.50
South Central	741		11	18.80	(A)	744	18.80
West	318		17	26.91	(A)	321	26.91
U.S. total	4,716	(B)	19	28.72	15	4,731	28.72
To-date 2009*	167,902	(B)			217	168,119	
To-date 2008*	176,715	(B)			367	177,082	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 42,000; for the current year to date* 890,000; for last year to date* 1,009,000.
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 19-SEP-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,901	2,773	42	15	4,731
Avg Wt	16.88	36.88	25.37	28.69	28.72
Last week	1,644	2,302	24	2	3,972
Same wk yr ago	2,072	2,801	59	6	4,938
Avg Wt	16.63	37.57	25.05	29.37	28.62
To-date/2009*	71,135	95,877	890	217	168,119
To-date/2008*	74,154	101,552	1,009	367	177,082
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,676	81,824	815	329	108,644
Last week	22,096	67,857	448	88	90,489
Same wk yr ago	27,566	84,187	1,131	135	113,019
To-date/2009*	932,946	2,830,230	17,970	5,112	3,786,258
To-date/2008*	937,771	3,032,868	19,009	8,346	3,997,994
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 19-SEP-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	163,511	1,203	1,608	2,811	445
Avg Wt	5.57	3.14	7.82	5.82	6.81
Last week	148,041	1,011	1,341	2,352	394
Same wk yr ago	165,893	1,179	1,890	3,069	450
Avg Wt	5.56	3.13	7.76	5.98	6.75
To-date/2009*	5,831,921	47,693	55,635	103,328	15,174
To-date/2008*	6,102,913	51,366	60,471	111,837	16,235
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	678,513	1,964	8,362	10,326	2,152
Last week	611,010	1,688	6,902	8,590	1,897
Same wk yr ago	687,162	1,919	9,753	11,672	2,157
To-date/2009*	23,898,182	79,361	289,696	369,057	72,288
To-date/2008*	25,085,232	85,351	317,495	402,846	76,946
Dressing %	74.5%	52.0%	66.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.5 million head, or 7.1 million more 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
Aug	15	165.2	160.7	103%	5.52
	22	166.0	159.5	104%	5.53
	29	167.1	158.5	105%	5.61
Sep	5	167.6	157.5	106%	5.46
	12	149.8	157.2	95%	5.54
	19	165.5	158.4	104%	5.57
Year to date		5902.5	5840.2	101%	
Sep	26		158.4		
Oct	3		157.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Sep-09

Class	**Current Week** 09/26/09 (1)	**Previous Week** 09/19/09
	---------- Thousand head ----------	
Broiler/fryer	163,323 (2)	166,578
Light hens	1,510	1,326
Heavy hens	1,586	1,525
Total	166,419	169,429

(1) Estimated
(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Sep-09 is 158.4 million head compared to 167.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.7 million head or 5.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Oct-09 the estimated available is 157.0 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 09/21/09	3,352	191,790	64,488
AM 08/01/09	3,329	196,907	70,275
CHG	23	-5117	-5787
PCT CHG	1%	-3%	-8%

WEEKLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Loads	09/21/09	Change Last Wk	09/14/09	09/22/08
475	71.89	-1.51	73.40	77.22

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/	78-82	79.5-82	80.29	380
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-82	81	81.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-82	82.5	82.50	40
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	78-82	80.5	80.50	20
CENTRAL REGION	78-82	81	81.00	40
WESTERN REGION	78-82	-	-	-

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 21-SEP-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7.25-16.75 CENTS/LB.		11.42
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) 18-SEP-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 19-SEP-2009 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	170.7	-3	-3
East North Central	531.6	-16	-14
West North Central	309.6	1	-2
South Atlantic	174.4	4	2
South Central	50.5	-3	-9
West	147.1	-6	-22
Total	1383.9	-7	-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)

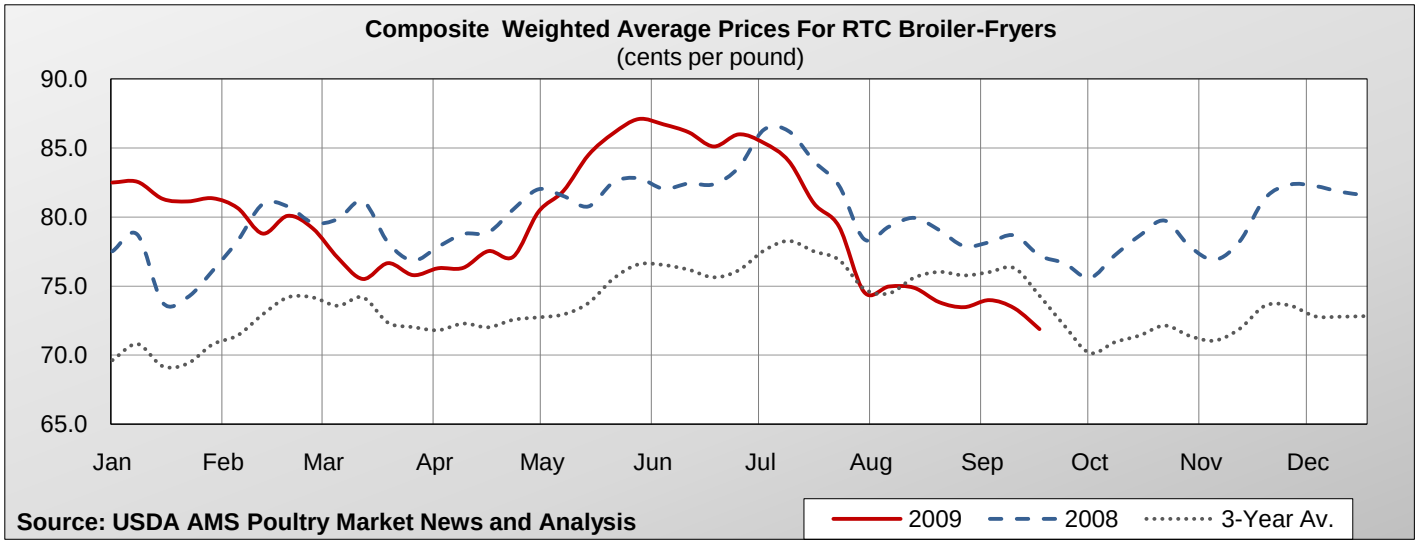
FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

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: 21-SEP-2009 (cents per lb)

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:						
Los Angeles	94.00	88.25	56	:	79.26	122
New York	69.00-72.00	70.52	21	:	72.27	48

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	48.00-60.00			:	58.82	54

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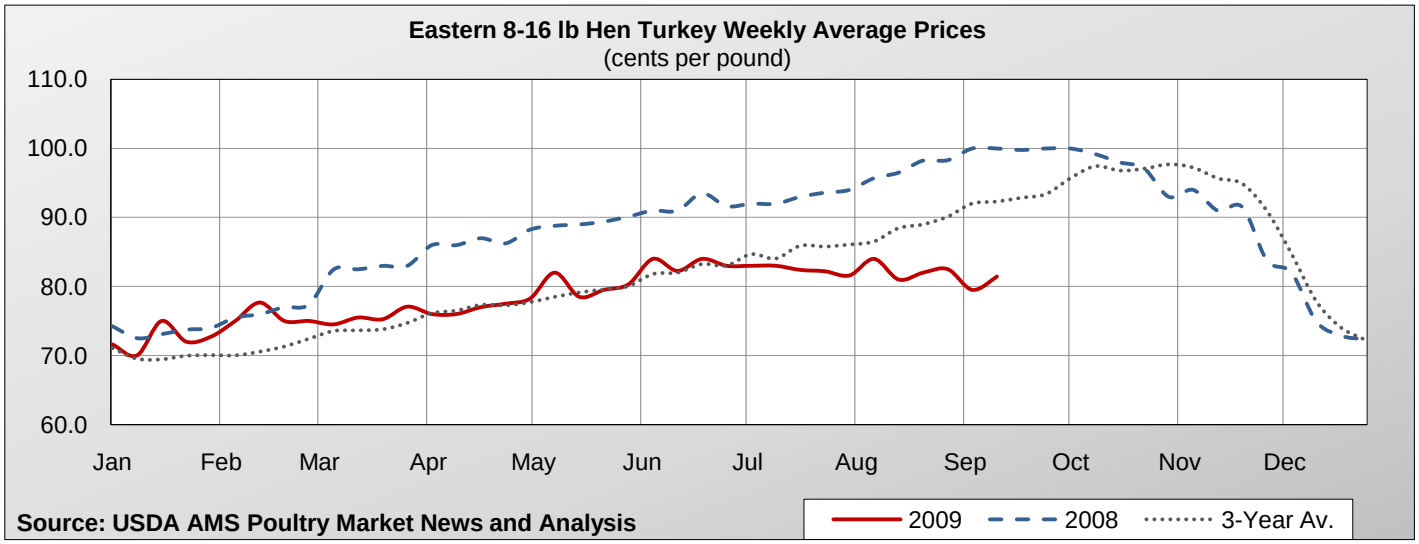
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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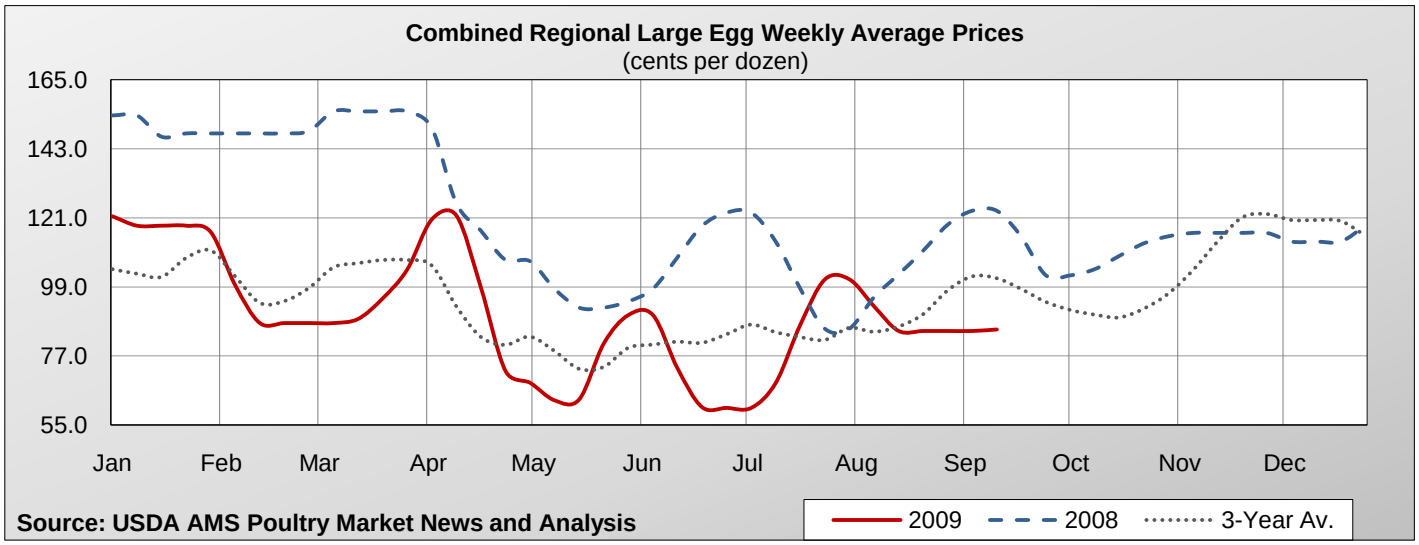
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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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