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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Regional prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and lower for mediums. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate with offerings mostly adequate. Processing schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was good while offerings were adequate. Processing schedules were normal. 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 2 cents lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for all sizes. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	84-93	86-89

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 cautiously steady. Demand into retail and distributive channels was moderate at best. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to readily available for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were adequate; processing schedules were normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-130	119-123
LARGE	113-127	118-122
MEDIUM	88-101	92-95

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

COMBINED REGIONAL DECEMBER 11, 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	121.00	120.00	95.00
SOUTHEAST	124.50	122.50	96.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	91.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	127.50	127.50	99.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	123.09	121.90	95.68

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

	12-15-09	12-08-09	12-16-08
Large	95-105	95-105	85-95
Medium	66-70	73-77	57-61

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

DECEMBER 14, 2009		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	16.1	8.0	14.0	19.9	69.1
	Change	0.8	-4.1	-1.1	0.4	0.6	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.9	41.6	19.7	34.0	29.7	156.9
	Change	-0.2	1.4	2.3	3.9	-11.7	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	65.3	113.2	111.4	171.5	155.1	616.5
	Change	-17.2	-12.4	1.7	43.0	8.0	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	41.9	22.0	24.0	37.5	138.3
	Change	-0.9	-4.6	-2.9	0.7	1.9	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	1.7	3.5	0.8	3.0	7.3	16.3
	Change	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.3	2.9	25%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	20.9	8.6	9.4	10.0	51.1
	Change	0.1	-2.1	1.5	-2.9	1.6	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.5	55.7	14.3	5.7	30.1	113.3
	Change	-4.2	-7.1	0.8	-4.8	2.0	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	132.6	292.9	184.8	261.6	289.6	1161.5
Percent	Change	-14%	-9%	1%	18%	2%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1161.5	0%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	222.2	-7%	30
Total Shell Egg	1383.7	-1%	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

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EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 12-DEC-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,258,886	31,313	11,816	5,810	2,008	4,393
PW	1,272,088	31,548	12,236	5,946	2,345	4,235
LY	1,263,850	30,616	11,050	6,044	2,887	4,143
% PW	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-14%	4%
% LY	0%	2%	7%	-4%	-30%	6%
2009*	62,862,854	1,540,331	602,456	303,581	132,944	210,434
2008*	64,323,457	1,585,009	601,065	314,145	142,847	214,665
% YTD	-2%	-3%	0%	-3%	-7%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.36	42.42	41.03
(Inedible Excluded)	38.87	39.09	37.75

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	681,122	54.1%	18,138	57.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	684,622	53.8%	18,171	57.6%
LAST YEAR	628,218	49.7%	17,074	55.8%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set Dec 05	Broiler Eggs Set Dec 12	Broiler Chicks Placed Dec 05	Broiler Chicks Placed Dec 12
	Thousand			
AL	29,465	29,548	*21,077	20,232
AR	*22,541	23,758	*21,571	21,537
DE	*3,102	3,295	4,961	4,150
FL	1,329	1,327	821	1,010
GA	31,043	31,544	*25,026	25,688
KY	8,047	8,005	6,290	6,069
LA	3,424	3,349	2,969	3,075
MD	8,922	8,918	5,385	6,770
MS	18,271	18,780	15,785	15,903
NC	*18,243	18,846	15,379	15,505
OK	*6,869	6,925	4,322	3,869
PA	*3,635	3,821	*3,170	3,088
SC	5,685	5,589	5,199	4,586
TX	15,302	15,689	13,414	13,631
VA	6,193	5,968	4,973	5,065
CA, MO, TN, & W	*17,697	18,662	15,932	16,739
19 State Total	*199,768	204,024	*166,274	166,917
Prev. Year Total	200,741	205,041	166,189	167,904
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	99

*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 23-Jan-10 is estimated at 153.4 million head. This compares to 149.5 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 150.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.33 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/10/09 – 12/16/09

CURRENT LDS 104.25 FUTURE LDS 19.25 TOTAL LDS 123.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	90.50	--	91.13	93.67	--	100.30	29.00
GNR W 4	--	46.00	42.00	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	99.50	--	--	97.00	--	7.00
GL W J	--	--	105.50	110.00	93.82	83.50	7.50
GL W XL	--	--	102.58	103.39	93.04	--	17.25
GL W LG	--	--	91.58	91.62	84.40	--	27.00
GL W MD	90.00	79.00	73.28	77.14	64.20	66.44	27.00
GL W SM	59.00	--	58.00	61.00	52.00	--	5.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	120.00	--	3.00
NRBS - 48	54.00	--	50.00	52.27	49.75	56.25	23.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	49.00	51.00	--	--	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-DEC-09

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	% CHANGE LY
Atlanta	21.6	23.7	-9	-14
Boston	3.8	2.9	31	31
Chicago	59.9	59.2	1	-8
Los Angeles	66.3	61.9	7	-32
New Orleans	5.7	5.5	4	2
New York	36.1	29.4	23	8
St. Louis	58.9	61.0	-3	-19
San Francisco	21.2	17.9	18	39
Total	273.5	261.5	5	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	271.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 12-DEC-09

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Avg Wt	16.20	38.20	25.06	39.28	28.05
Last week	2,141	2,589	15	7	4,752
Same wk yr ago	2,351	2,763	25	3	5,142
Avg Wt	16.56	41.12	29.34	65.39	29.85
To-date/2009*	94,312	129,280	1,150	307	225,049
To-date/2008*	100,177	135,444	1,414	465	237,500
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	29,514	81,327	403	90	111,334
Last week	28,238	79,405	326	227	108,196
Same wk yr ago	31,146	90,892	557	149	122,744
To-date/2009*	1,246,997	3,804,811	23,248	7,239	5,082,295
To-date/2008*	1,294,528	4,069,716	26,937	10,565	5,401,746
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 12-DEC-09 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
North East	669	23	25.01	(A)	670	25.01
South Atlantic	726	0	35.78	(A)	727	35.78
North Central	2,212	-1	31.42	(A)	2,213	31.42
South Central	885	3	18.73	(A)	885	18.73
West	467	18	22.02	(A)	467	22.02
U.S. total	4,959 (B)	5	28.05	3	4,962	28.05
To-date 2009*	224,742 (B)			307	225,049	
To-date 2008*	237,035 (B)			465	237,500	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 21,000; for the current year to date *1,150,000; for last year to date *1,414,000.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 12-DEC-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814	425
Avg Wt	5.65	3.29	7.78	5.54	6.85
Last week	160,222	1,059	1,383	2,442	470
Same wk yr ago	158,061	1,350	1,460	2,810	440
Avg Wt	5.45	3.23	7.65	5.53	6.69
To-date/2009*	7,712,957	62,020	73,360	135,380	20,130
To-date/2008*	7,998,691	66,728	79,942	146,670	21,494
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	665,920	2,399	7,305	9,704	2,067
Last week	683,964	1,817	7,128	8,945	2,299
Same wk yr ago	641,767	2,246	7,427	9,673	2,119
To-date/2009*	31,775,400	103,506	381,846	485,352	96,303
To-date/2008*	32,921,702	110,999	417,443	528,442	102,470
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 145.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.1 million head, or 14.8 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
Nov 7	162.0	154.0	105%	5.64
14	160.1	151.2	106%	5.56
21	159.6	148.4	108%	5.50
28	122.9	148.4	83%	5.58
Dec 5	162.2	146.2	111%	5.73
12	160.1	145.3	110%	5.65
Year to date	7806.5	7674.3	102%	
Dec 19		146.8		
26		155.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Dec-09

Class	Current Week 12/19/09 (1)	Previous Week 12/12/09
	---------- Thousand head ----------	
Broiler/fryer	158,109 (2)	162,214
Light hens	1,592	1,462
Heavy hens	1,238	1,393
Total	160,939	165,069

(1) Estimated
(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Dec-09 is 146.8 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 11.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Dec-09 the estimated available is 155.1 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 12/14/09	2,849	71,498	56,099
AM 12/01/09	2,936	73,050	56,224
CHG	-87	-1552	-125
PCT CHG	-3%	-2%	0%

WEEKLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Loads	12/14/09	Change Last Wk	12/07/09	12/15/08
391	71.48	-.45	71.93	81.84

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/	84-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-86	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-87	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	84-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	83-86	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	84-87	-	-	-

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 14-DEC-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.09
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) 11-DEC-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 12-DEC-2009 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	192.7	3	1
East North Central	665.9	4	-5
West North Central	305.3	-1	-8
South Atlantic	176.4	-1	-13
South Central	48.4	-12	-11
West	162.4	2	-21
Total	1551.1	1	-8
Matched plants reporting		81	81

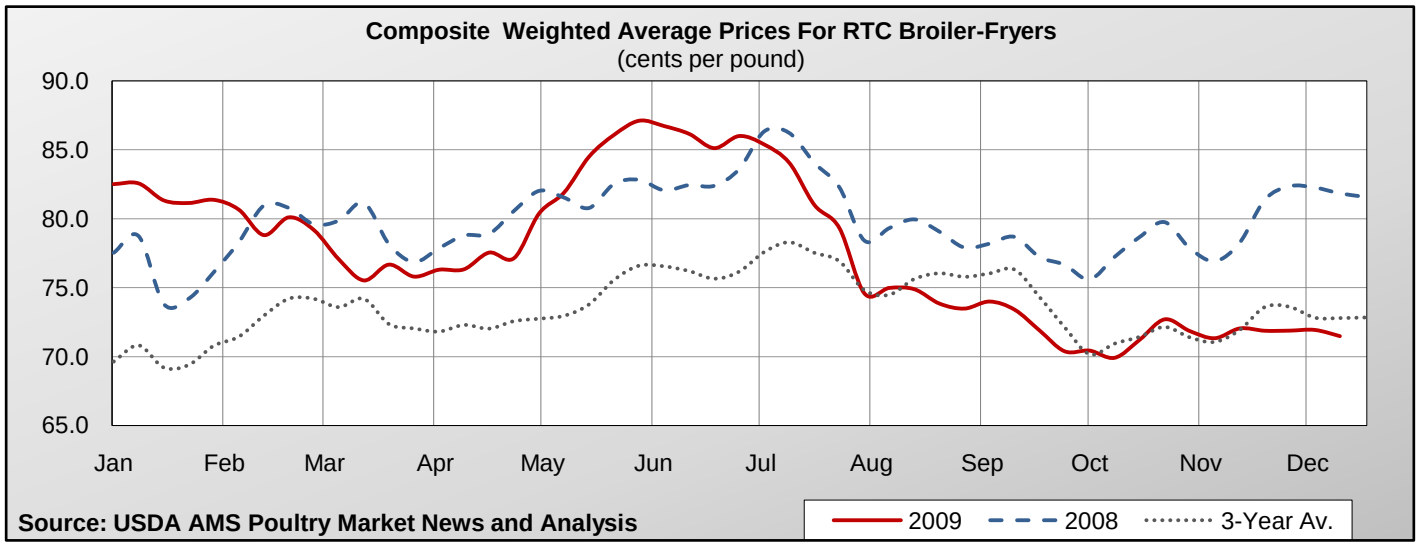
Areas Covered:
North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

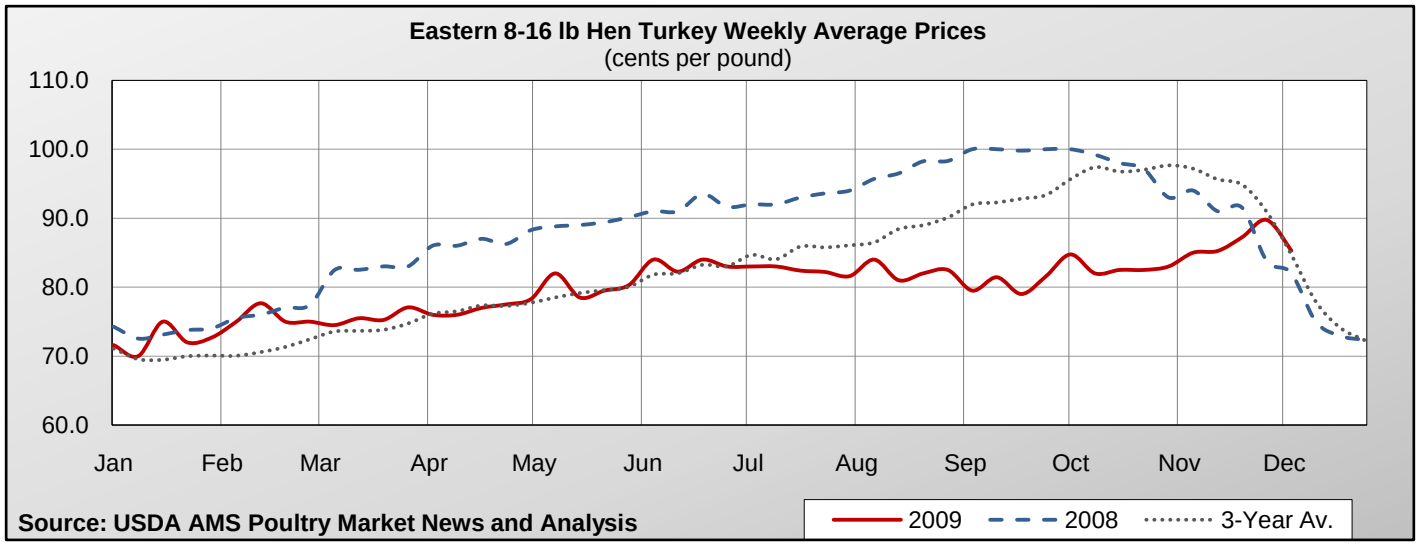
FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT
Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 14-DEC-2009 (cents per lb)

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:						
Los Angeles	91.00	87.24	42	:	77.45	99
New York	65.00-68.00	66.91	22	:	69.04	43

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	58.00-63.00			:	63.96	45

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
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
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
Feb
Mar
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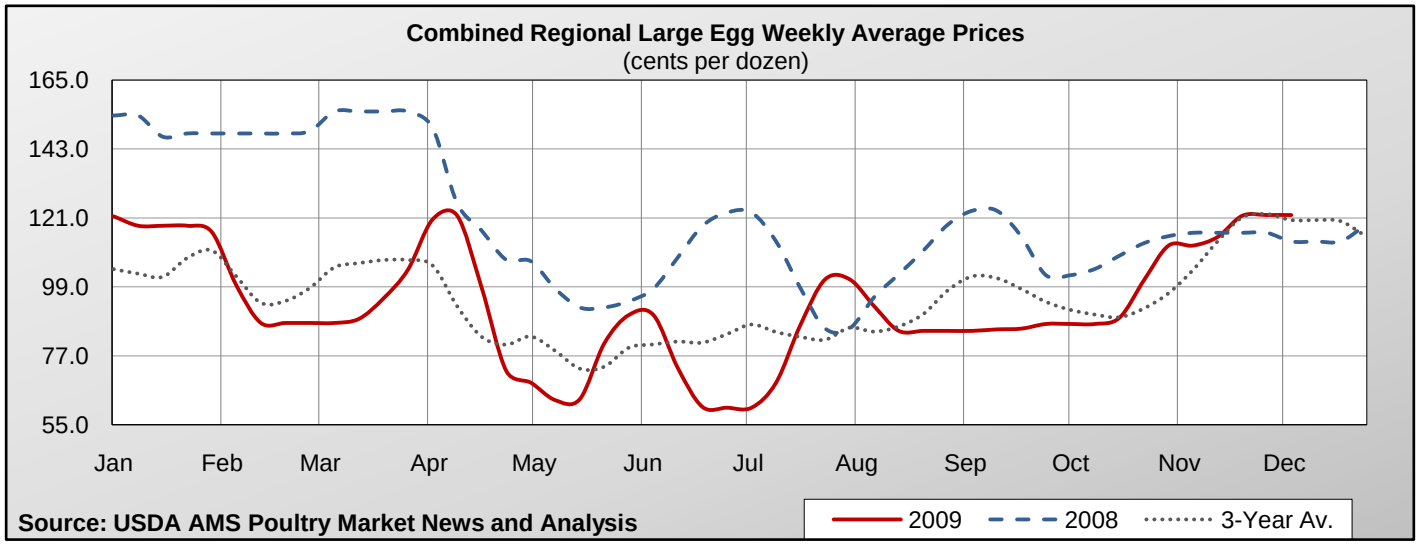
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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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