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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices decreased on all sizes. Regional prices were lower for mediums and unchanged to lower for on heavier weights. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light with offerings sufficient. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday. The trade sentiment was weak. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was good while offerings were mostly adequate to fully 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 weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-119	113-116
LARGE	109-118	111-114
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to satisfy immediate needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the seasonally light demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were balanced for the moderate to mostly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-130	119-123
LARGE	113-127	118-122
MEDIUM	86-101	92-95

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

COMBINED REGIONAL **DECEMBER 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	121.00	120.00	93.50
SOUTHEAST	124.50	122.50	95.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	87.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	127.50	127.50	96.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	123.09	121.90	93.25

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

	12-22-09	12-15-09	12-23-08
Large	88-99	95-105	90-100
Medium	58-62	66-70	59-63

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

DECEMBER 21, 2009		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	13.4	8.8	9.9	15.9	57.7
	Change	-1.4	-2.8	0.8	-4.1	-4.0	-17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.8	35.7	13.4	26.8	30.6	136.3
	Change	-2.1	-5.9	-6.3	-7.2	0.9	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	51.9	97.3	82.4	129.7	139.9	501.2
	Change	-13.4	-16.2	-29.0	-41.8	-15.2	-19%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	39.9	21.6	22.2	37.6	132.1
	Change	-2.1	-2.0	-0.4	-1.8	0.1	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	4.6	0.5	2.9	6.3	16.1
	Change	0.1	1.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	19.5	11.0	11.9	8.1	53.6
	Change	0.9	-1.4	2.4	2.5	-1.9	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.3	44.0	12.0	11.5	20.6	96.4
	Change	0.8	-12.9	-2.3	5.8	-9.5	-16%
Total	Curr Wk	115.4	254.4	149.7	214.9	259.0	993.4
Percent	Change	-13%	-14%	-19%	-18%	-11%	-15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	993.4	-15%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	197.1	-11%	30
Total Shell Egg	1190.5	-14%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
132.6	294.5	184.8	261.6	289.6	1163.1

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 19-DEC-2009 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,268,148	30,429	12,571	6,256	2,553	4,153
PW	1,258,886	31,313	11,816	5,810	2,008	4,393
LY	1,205,081	30,599	10,559	5,383	2,696	3,891
% PW	1%	-3%	6%	8%	27%	-5%
% LY	5%	-1%	19%	16%	-5%	7%
2009	64,131,002	1,570,761	615,027	309,838	135,497	214,587
2008	65,528,538	1,615,608	611,623	319,528	145,543	218,556
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-7%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.12	42.36	41.85
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.84	38.87	38.62

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	668,223	52.7%	17,558	57.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	681,122	54.1%	18,138	57.9%
LAST YEAR	619,589	51.4%	17,936	58.6%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States Week Ending Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009	Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States Week Ending Dec 12 2009	Dec 19 2009
	Thousands			
AL	29,548	29,459	20,232	20,436
AR	*23,852	24,307	*21,515	21,206
DE	*3,377	3,425	*4,097	4,836
FL	1,327	1,297	1,010	1,015
GA	31,544	31,147	25,688	26,389
KY	8,005	7,998	6,069	6,250
LA	3,349	3,349	3,075	3,022
MD	8,918	9,006	*6,828	6,024
MS	18,780	18,882	15,903	16,187
NC	*18,823	18,909	15,505	15,671
OK	*6,930	7,170	3,869	5,228
PA	*4,096	3,954	*3,037	3,125
SC	5,589	5,825	4,586	4,656
TX	15,689	15,273	13,631	13,575
VA	5,968	6,114	5,065	4,966
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,336	18,592	*16,827	15,848
19 State Total	*205,131	204,707	*166,937	168,434
Prev. Year Total	205,041	203,388	167,904	168,272
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	99	100

* Revised
Source: NASS, USDA

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

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	27.6	21.6	28	-11
Boston	3.7	3.8	-3	23
Chicago	60.9	59.9	2	-8
Los Angeles	67.0	66.3	1	-33
New Orleans	5.6	5.7	-2	12
New York	36.1	36.1	0	-10
St. Louis	70.0	58.9	19	-13
San Francisco	21.0	21.2	-1	35
Total	291.9	273.5	7	-15
4 Week Moving Avg.	272.1			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 17 - DEC 23, 2009

Current Loads 77.75 Future Loads 39.50 Total Loads 117.25

CLASS	SE ORG	SE DST	NE ORG	NE DST	MW ORG	MW DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	83.50	--	--	86.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 1	86.17	89.00	79.13	88.20	--	90.07	28.00
GNR W 4	--	44.00	40.00	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	98.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	90.00	--	--	--	81.51	83.75	5.25
GL W XL	--	--	97.60	98.86	69.67	72.50	18.75
GL W LG	--	90.00	95.00	85.14	72.62	--	18.50
GL W MD	--	65.33	65.89	70.00	56.82	62.70	23.75
GL W SM	--	--	60.50	63.00	54.00	57.00	1.75
GL BR J	--	--	125.00	--	81.75	--	.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	45.00	47.00	42.20	46.67	12.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	36.33	38.33	3.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	30.50	32.50	1.00

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-Jan-10 is estimated at 154.4 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 158.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.14 cents per pound.

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 19-DEC-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young turkeys -Thousand Head-		Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	Old Banded	Total turkeys --Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	587		-12	26.46	(A)	590	26.46
South Atlantic	691		-5	35.31	(A)	694	35.31
North Central	2,118		-4	32.55	(A)	2,120	32.55
South Central	749		-15	19.45	(A)	751	19.45
West	409		-12	22.50	(A)	411	22.50
U.S. total	4,554	(B)	-8	29.13	12	4,566	29.13
To-date 2009*	229,296	(B)			319	229,615	
To-date 2008*	242,029	(B)			480	242,509	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date* 1,161,000; for last year to date* 1,434,000.
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 19-DEC-2009 (Preliminary)

	Young Hens	Young Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousands				
Head	1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566
Avg Wt	16.30	38.69	25.92	28.67	29.13
Last week	2,277	2,661	21	3	4,962
Same wk yr ago	2,280	2,694	20	15	5,009
Avg Wt	16.53	40.89	28.75	30.12	29.72
To-date/2009*	96,250	131,885	1,161	319	229,615
To-date/2008*	102,457	138,138	1,434	480	242,509
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,273	80,626	218	263	106,380
Last week	29,514	81,327	403	90	111,334
Same wk yr ago	30,151	88,126	437	343	119,057
To-date/2009*	1,272,270	3,885,437	23,466	7,502	5,188,675
To-date/2008*	1,324,679	4,157,842	27,374	10,908	5,520,803
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 19-DEC-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475	438
Avg Wt	5.53	3.27	7.76	5.68	6.68
Last week	158,204	1,402	1,412	2,814	425
Same wk yr ago	153,795	1,380	1,411	2,791	435
Avg Wt	5.48	3.20	7.71	5.48	6.65
To-date/2009*	7,872,288	63,167	74,688	137,855	20,568
To-date/2008*	8,152,486	68,108	81,353	149,461	21,929
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	656,420	1,950	6,853	8,803	2,077
Last week	665,920	2,399	7,305	9,704	2,067
Same wk yr ago	627,883	2,274	7,234	9,508	2,083
To-date/2009*	32,431,820	105,456	388,699	494,155	98,380
To-date/2008*	33,549,585	113,273	424,677	537,950	104,553
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 146.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.3 million head, or 14.5 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	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
	19	161.3	146.8	110%	5.53
Year to date		7967.8	7821.1	102%	
Dec	26		155.1		
Jan	2		153.7		

*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-Dec-09

Class	Current Week 12/26/09 (1)	Previous Week 12/19/09
	---------- Thousand head ----------	
Broiler/fryer	126,587 (2)	158,109
Light hens	1,097	1,592
Heavy hens	897	1,238
Total	128,581	160,939

(1) Estimated
(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Dec-09 is 155.1 million head compared to 109.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 126.8 million head or 28.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 02-Jan-10 the estimated available is 153.7 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 12/21/09	2,889	75,272	59,530
AM 12/01/09	2,936	73,050	56,224
CHG	-47	2222	3306
PCT CHG	-2%	3%	6%

WEEKLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Loads	12/21/09	Change Last Wk	12/14/09	12/22/08
371	74.69	3.21	71.48	81.59

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/	75-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-83	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-84	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	75-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-83	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-84	-	-	-

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-DEC-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.15
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-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 19-DEC-2009 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	192.7	0	1
East North Central	664.4	0	-5
West North Central	309.2	1	-8
South Atlantic	170.4	-3	-9
South Central	59.0	22	-2
West	163.0	0	-22
Total	1558.7	0	-7
Matched plants reporting		81	81

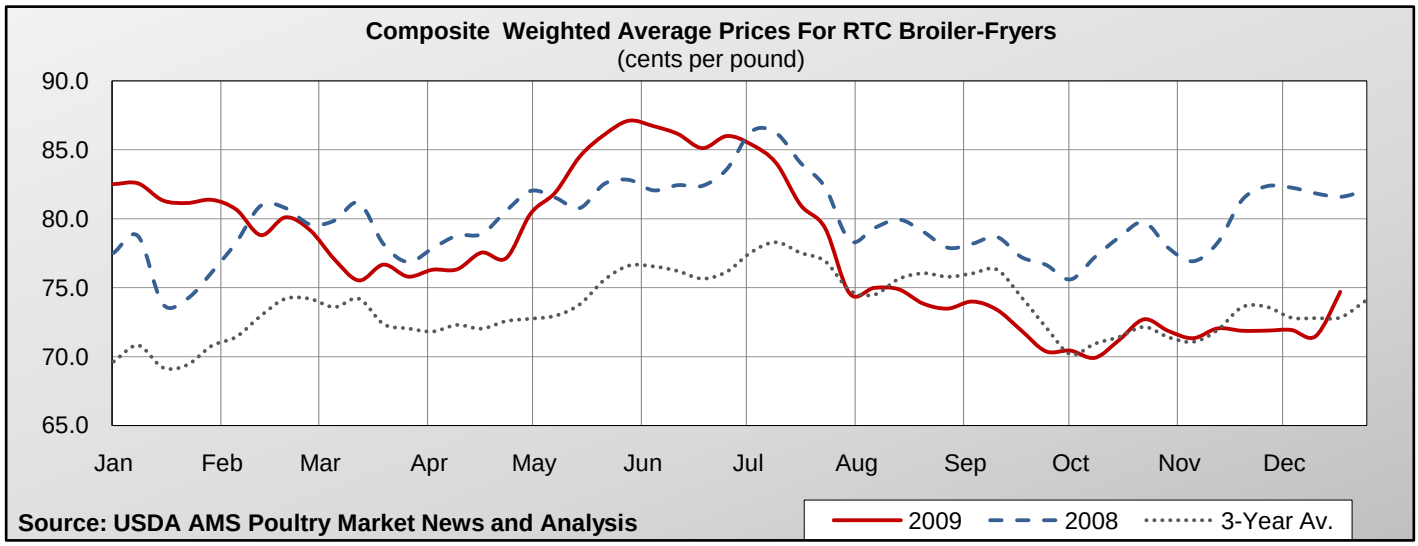
Areas Covered:
North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

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-DEC-2009 (cents per lb)

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:						
Los Angeles	91.00	88.33	42	:	80.62	93
New York	69.00-72.00	71.19	21	:	73.13	43

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	62.00-67.00			:	68.01	47

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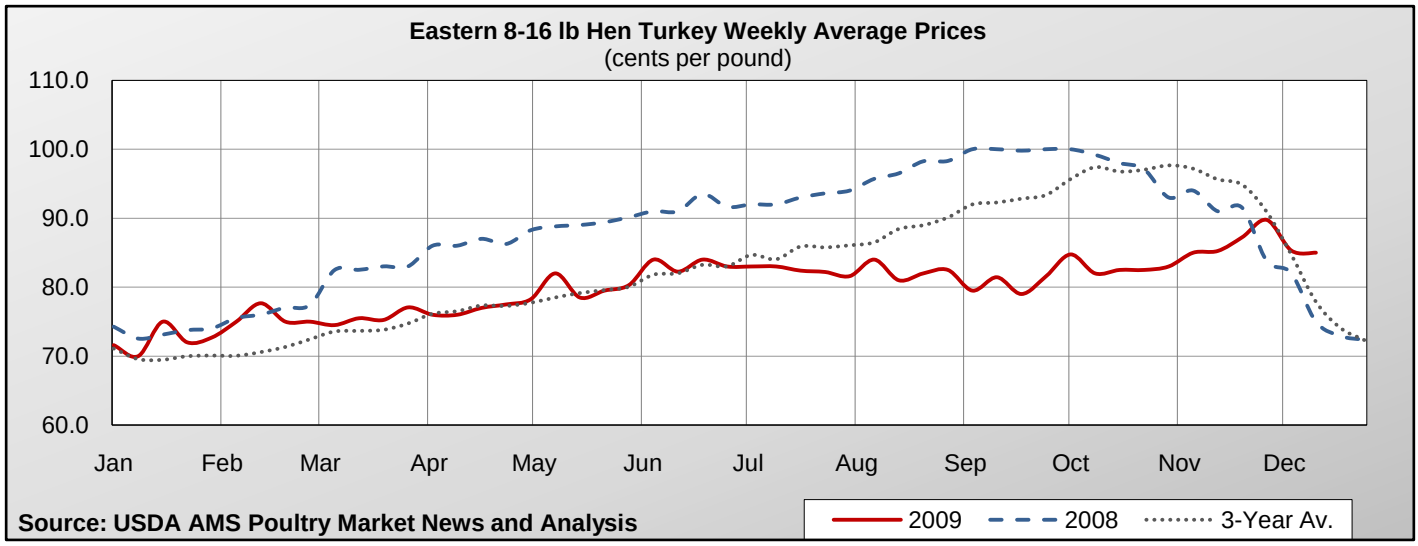
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


Eastern 8-16 lb Hen Turkey Weekly Average Prices
(cents per pound)
110.0
100.0
90.0
80.0
70.0
60.0
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May
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Jul
Aug
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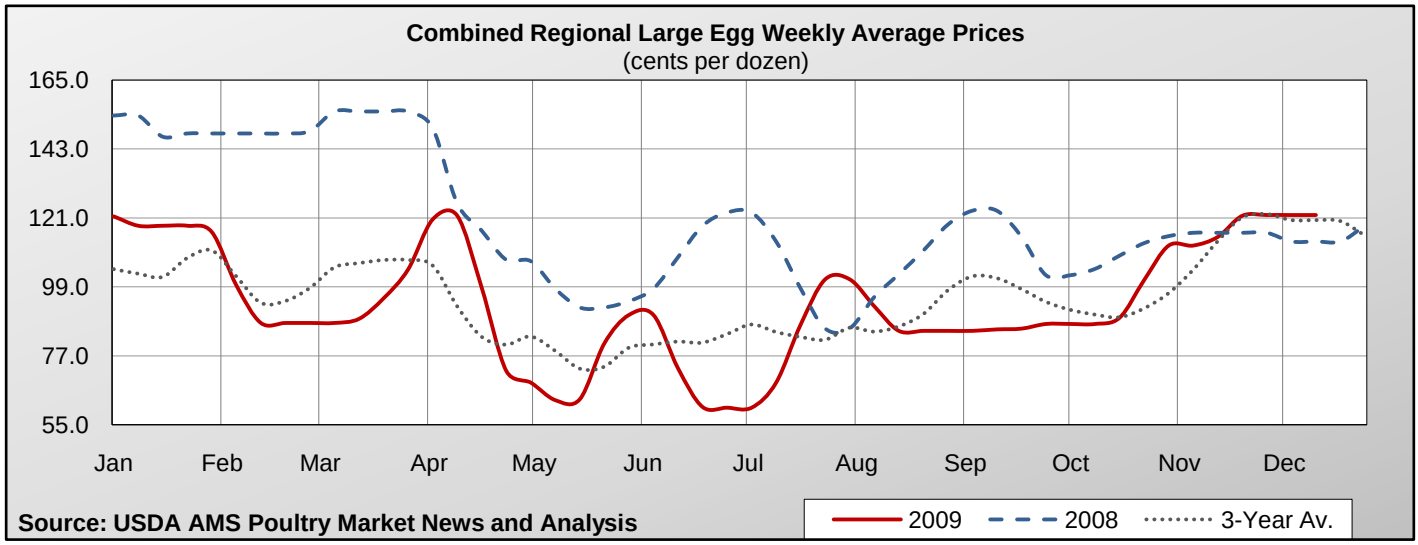
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


Combined Regional Large Egg Weekly Average Prices
(cents per dozen)
165.0
143.0
121.0
99.0
77.0
55.0
Jan
Feb
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Jul
Aug
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Oct
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Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
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