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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Regional prices were lower for all sizes. The trade sentiment was mostly steady in all areas. 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 unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to barely adequate offerings. Supplies balanced to adequate for reduced, off-line breaking schedules. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was good while offerings were mostly adequate for the holiday and early 2010 processing schedules. The trade sentiment was about 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 Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week 3 cents lower for medium and unchanged for extra large and large. Producer prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for the lighter weight eggs. 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 unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to tight offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-110	104-107
LARGE	100-109	102-105
MEDIUM	71-80	73-76

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 unchanged on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were balanced to adequate for less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-122	111-115
LARGE	104-118	109-113
MEDIUM	79-94	86-88

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

COMBINED REGIONAL DECEMBER 24, 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	122.50	120.50	91.00
MIDWEST	114.50	112.50	81.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	127.50	125.50	94.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	121.66	119.89	90.30

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

	12-29-09	12-22-09	12-30-08
Large	82-92	88-99	93-103
Medium	53-57	58-62	60-64

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

DECEMBER 28, 2009		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.9	15.2	9.4	9.0	15.8	57.3
	Change	-1.8	1.8	0.6	-0.9	-0.1	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.4	37.5	11.5	22.0	28.9	130.3
	Change	0.6	1.8	-1.9	-4.8	-1.7	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	39.8	120.1	76.3	108.2	119.2	463.6
	Change	-12.1	22.8	-6.1	-21.5	-20.7	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.8	44.4	19.5	21.2	34.9	128.8
	Change	-2.0	4.5	-2.1	-1.0	-2.7	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	0.9	4.1	0.8	2.6	7.4	15.8
	Change	-0.9	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	1.1	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	25.5	9.9	11.9	9.4	59.7
	Change	-0.1	6.0	-1.1	0.0	1.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	5.5	66.7	11.1	8.2	20.5	112.0
	Change	-2.8	22.7	-0.9	-3.3	-0.1	16%
Total	Curr Wk	96.3	313.5	138.5	183.1	236.1	967.5
Percent	Change	-17%	23%	-7%	-15%	-9%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	967.5	-3%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.2	20%	30
Total Shell Egg	1203.7	1%	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.

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 26-DEC-2009 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,090,810	26,642	10,435	5,201	2,357	3,200
PW	1,268,148	30,429	12,571	6,256	2,553	4,153
LY	993,129	24,684	9,052	4,527	2,407	3,310
% PW	-14%	-12%	-17%	-17%	-8%	-23%
% LY	10%	8%	15%	15%	-2%	-3%
2009*	65,221,812	1,597,402	625,462	315,039	137,855	217,786
2008*	66,521,667	1,640,292	620,676	324,056	147,950	221,866
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-7%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.69	42.12	41.86
(Inedible Excluded)	38.76	38.84	38.53

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN Cases	CASES BROKEN % of Total	LIQUID WHOLE Lbs.	LIQUID WHOLE % of Total
CURRENT WEEK	670,297	61.4%	17,415	65.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	668,223	52.7%	17,558	57.7%
LAST YEAR	618,377	62.3%	16,639	67.4%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set Dec 19	Broiler Eggs Set Dec 26	Broiler Chicks Placed Dec 19	Broiler Chicks Placed Dec 26
	Thousand			
AL	29,459	29,859	20,436	21,064
AR	*24,446	24,140	*21,151	21,425
DE	3,425	3,438	4,836	4,589
FL	1,297	1,296	1,015	999
GA	31,147	31,202	26,389	25,996
KY	7,998	8,026	6,250	6,475
LA	3,349	3,379	3,022	3,066
MD	9,006	8,960	6,024	5,390
MS	18,882	18,735	16,187	16,031
NC	18,909	18,759	*15,695	15,156
OK	*7,165	7,149	5,228	3,865
PA	*3,771	3,841	*3,091	2,921
SC	5,825	5,814	4,656	5,099
TX	15,273	15,395	13,575	13,204
VA	6,114	6,224	4,966	5,459
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,483	17,856	*15,872	15,644
19 State Total	*204,549	204,073	*168,393	166,383
Previous Year Total	203,388	202,493	168,272	166,152
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	100	100

*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 06-Feb-10 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 154.4 million head the previous week and to 157.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.37 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/24/09 – 12/30/09

CURRENT LDS 63.75 FUTURE LDS 48.00 TOTAL LDS 111.75

CLASS	SE ORG	SE DST	NE ORG	NE DST	MW ORG	MW DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	80.75	85.33	81.00	83.67	86.00	85.29	31.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	69.50	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	103.00	--	106.00	5.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	81.25	83.75	4.00
GL W XL	--	100.00	91.38	90.39	66.46	66.33	21.25
GL W LG	--	--	--	86.54	65.64	--	23.75
GL W MD	78.00	63.00	66.75	66.20	49.48	54.14	25.00
GL W SM	--	--	59.75	62.00	52.00	55.00	3.00
GL BR J	--	--	125.00	--	--	--	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	94.00	6.25
NRBS - 39	--	33.00	--	--	31.00	--	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-DEC-09

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	% CHANGE LY
Atlanta	22.7	27.6	-18	-15
Boston	3.1	3.7	-16	7
Chicago	60.8	60.9	0	-26
Los Angeles	59.3	67.0	-11	-38
New Orleans	5.4	5.6	-4	-13
New York	35.3	36.1	-2	5
St. Louis	74.1	70.0	6	13
San Francisco	22.2	21.0	6	45
Total	282.9	291.9	-3	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	277.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-DEC-09

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
Head	1,017	1,824	10	8	2,859
Avg Wt	16.24	38.48	26.89	29.20	30.50
Last week	1,938	2,605	11	12	4,566
Same wk yr ago	1,277	1,817	4	2	3,100
Avg Wt	15.91	39.00	23.14	28.03	29.46
To-date/2009*	97,267	133,709	1,171	327	232,474
To-date/2008*	103,734	139,955	1,438	482	245,609
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	13,209	56,156	206	179	69,750
Last week	25.273	80,626	218	263	106,380
Same wk yr ago	16,254	56,690	70	43	73,057
To-date/2009*	1,285,479	3,941,593	23,672	7,681	5,258,425
To-date/2008*	1,340,933	4,214,532	27,444	10,951	5,593,860
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 26-DEC-09 (Preliminary)

	---Young turkeys--- Thousand Head	Pct chg PW	Avg Live wt	Old Breeders -Thousand head-	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
North East	409	-30	27.11	(A)	411	27.11
South Atlantic	526	-24	31.77	(A)	528	31.77
North Central	1,265	-40	35.55	(A)	1,267	35.55
South Central	442	-41	20.02	(A)	443	20.02
West	209	-49	25.64	(A)	210	25.64
U.S. total	2,851(B)	-37	30.50	8	2,859	30.50
To-date 2009*	232,147(B)			327	232,474	
To-date 2008*	245,127(B)			482	245,609	

(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* 1,171,000; for last year to date* 1,438,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 26-DEC-2009	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	----------Thousands----------				
Head	115,268	974	873	1,847	380
Avg Wt	5.45	3.26	7.73	5.37	6.91
Last week	159,331	1,147	1,328	2,475	438
Same wk yr ago	108,455	991	755	1,746	325
Avg Wt	5.53	3.25	7.82	5.23	6.81
To-date/2009*	7,987,556	64,141	75,561	139,702	20,948
To-date/2008*	8,260,941	69,099	82,108	151,207	22,254
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	468,017	1,651	4,488	6,139	1,864
Last week	656,420	1,950	6,853	8,803	2,077
Same wk yr ago	446,818	1,659	3,926	5,585	1,594
To-date/2009*	32,899,837	107,107	393,187	500,294	100,244
To-date/2008*	33,996,403	114,932	428,603	543,535	106,147
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 155.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 116.7 million head, or 38.4 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
Nov	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
	26	116.7	155.1	75%	5.45
Year to date		8084.5	7976.2	101%	
Jan	2		153.7		
	9		145.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Jan-10

Class	Current Week 01/02/10 (1)	Previous Week 12/26/09
	---------- Thousand head ----------	
Broiler/fryer	126,980 (2)	126,587
Light hens	1,401	1,097
Heavy hens	916	897
Total	129,297	128,581

(1) Estimated
(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Jan-10 is 153.7 million head compared to 129.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 127.2 million head or 26.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 09-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 12/28/09	2,855	76,850	58,386
AM 12/01/09	2,936	73,050	56,224
CHG	-81	3800	2162
PCT CHG	-3%	5%	4%

WEEKLY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Loads	12/28/09	Change Last Wk	12/21/09	12/9/08
347	78.25	3.56	74.69	82.03

Note: Monthly and yearly data will be included in next week's report.

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/	75-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	75-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-81	-	-	-

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 28-DEC-09

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-18 CENTS/LB.		12.20
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) 24-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 26-DEC-2009 REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.8	3	1
East North Central	648.0	-2	-4
West North Central	308.8	0	-3
South Atlantic	170.4	0	-9
South Central	55.3	-6	2
West	159.5	-2	-12
Total	1540.8	-1	-5
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

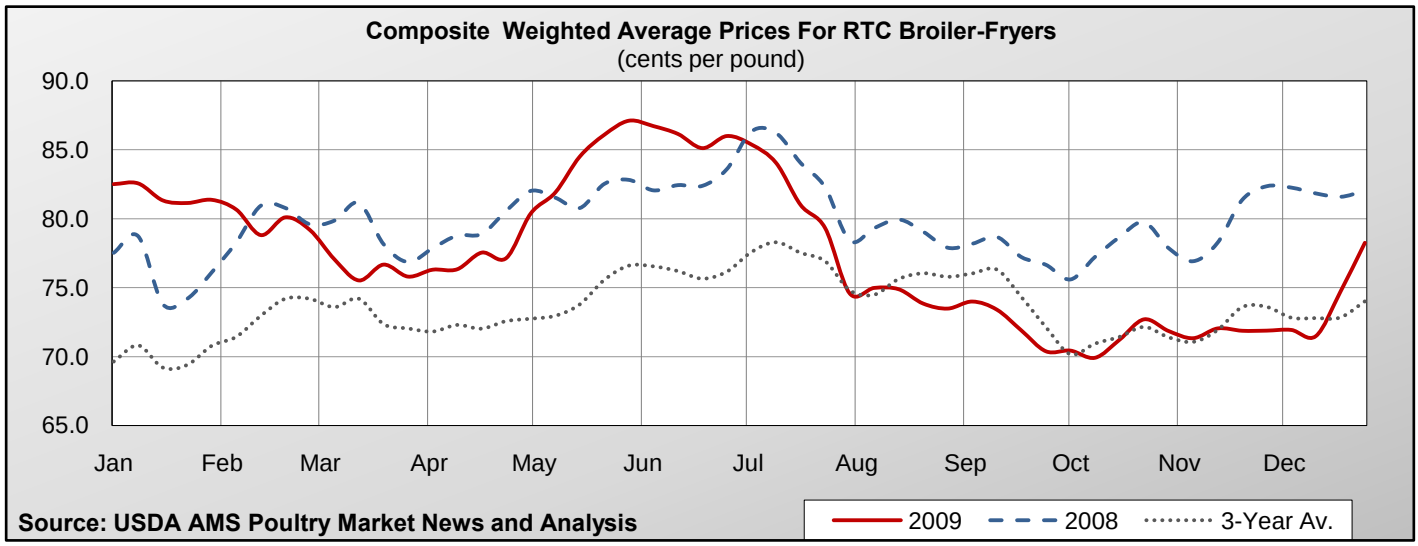
Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 28-DEC-2009 (cents per lb)

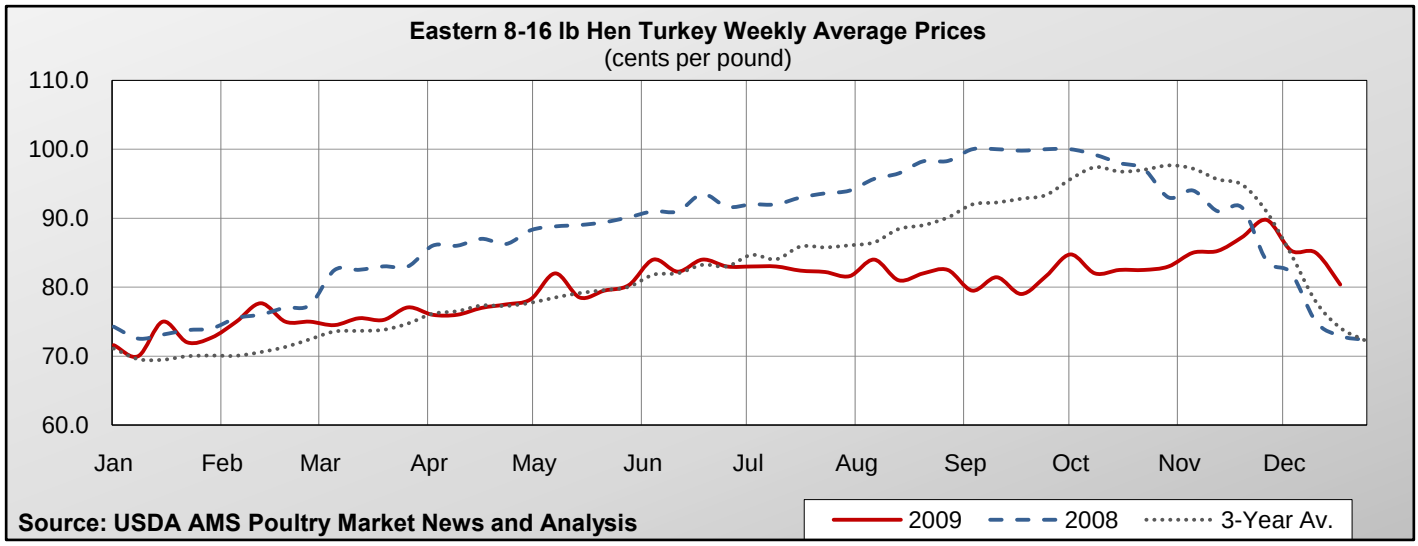
	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:						
Los Angeles	91.00	88.90	40	:	85.10	78
New York	73.00-76.00	75.20	20	:	76.77	41

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/: Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	66.00-72.00			:	72.06	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
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
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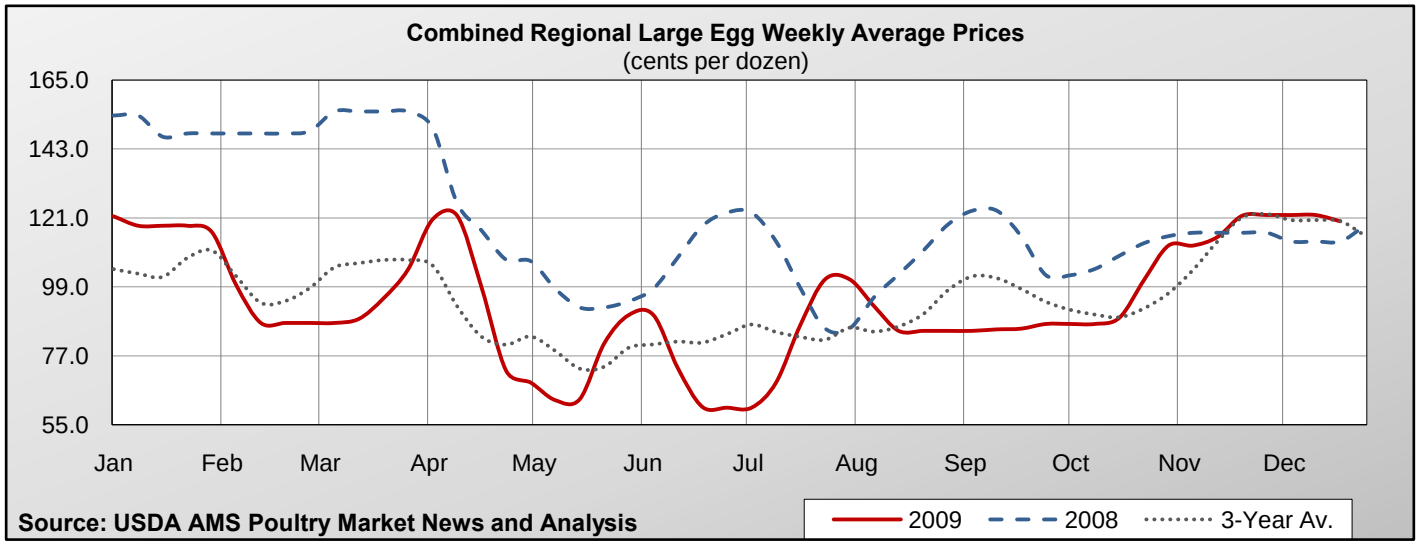
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis
2009
2008
3-Year Av.


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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