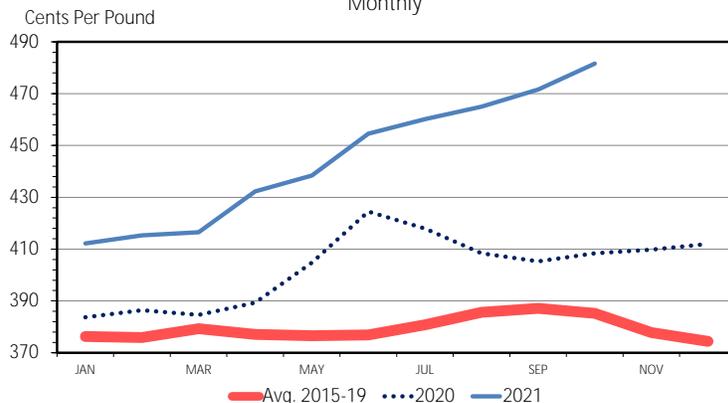


Retail meat prices continued to climb in October according to the [meat price spread](#) data released yesterday from USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). Choice beef prices for October were \$7.90 per pound, a record for the third consecutive month in a row and 24.3% above last year. The all fresh beef price in October fell from the prior month to \$6.76 per pound, a \$0.64 per pound decrease from September but an 8.3% increase over a year ago. Lean ground beef, sirloin steak (choice, boneless), and beef stew (boneless) all set record high prices in October at \$6.37, \$11.65, and \$6.92 per pound, respectively. Chuck roast (choice boneless) was \$7.40 per pound in October, the second highest on record behind last month (\$7.46). Ground chuck, ground beef (100% beef), and all uncooked ground beef were \$4.87, \$4.72, and \$5.24, respectively, in October, the second highest price only behind records set during the pandemic (June 2020).

Pork retail prices continued their upward climb with October marking the seventh consecutive month for a record price at \$4.82 per pound, up 17.9% from last year. Bacon reached another record price at \$7.32 per pound, up 27.9% from last year and this also marks the fifth consecutive month that bacon has set a record price. Chops (bone-in, boneless, and all pork chops) were up 11.3%, 8.6%, and 14.2%, respectively from the prior year to \$4.39, \$4.50, and \$4.15. Boneless ham and all ham (not canned or sliced) both set records at \$4.96 and \$3.92 per pound, respectively.

The retail chicken composite price was \$2.17 per pound, up 8.8% from last year and the fourth consecutive month a record price has been set. Boneless chicken breast was \$3.59 per pound, up 9.1% from

## RETAIL PORK PRICE Monthly



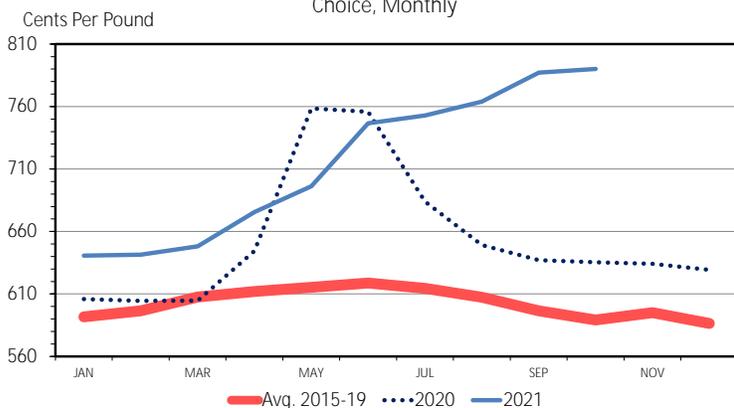
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last year and the highest since October 2013. Chicken legs (bone-in) were \$1.71 per pound, up 10.2% from last year and the second highest price behind September 2021 (\$1.72). Whole fresh chicken fell 3.6% to \$1.52 per pound. Eggs rose 29.3% from last year to \$1.82 per dozen.

Milk (fresh, whole) increased 8.4% from a year ago to \$3.66 per gallon which is the highest price so far in 2021. American and cheddar cheese both declined from a year ago by 5.8% and 3.3%, respectively, to \$3.99 and \$5.40 per pound while ice cream increased marginally (0.5%) to \$4.95 per pound.

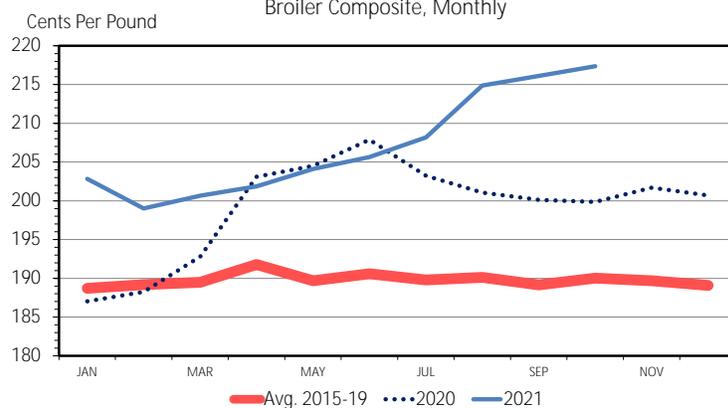
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## RETAIL CHICKEN PRICE Broiler Composite, Monthly



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