Aircraft Bluebook-Price Digest At-a-Glance has reviewed the current market status of the Luscombe 8A. Research for this study was obtained in part from Aircraft Bluebook, Controller, Trade-A-Plane, AeroTrader and the FAA registry Web site.

**Demand**
According to FAA records, there are approximately 1,600 Luscombe 8As registered in the United States. This figure does not necessarily reflect the number of 8As currently flying however, as many are not in valid airworthiness condition. At the time of the writing of this article, there were less than a dozen Luscombes for sale in the major aircraft trade publications, less than 1 percent of the total fleet. This number does not take into account aircraft for sale that are not listed in these publications, but a simple search on the internet revealed there were other 8As available for sale elsewhere. The model 8A has an all metal structure with fabric covered wings, a fixed tail-wheel undercarriage and for the 1946 model year, was powered by a Continental A-65-A, 65hp engine.

**Pricing**
Current offerings for the 8A range in asking prices from $3,000 to $40,000, with the average asking price closer to $25,000. As expected, time, equipment and condition will impact not only the asking price, but selling price as well. It is not unusual for older aircraft to have such a wide range in asking prices because this usually reflects aircraft that are sold for parts at the lower end and restored aircraft at the upper end. As of spring 2009, the Aircraft Bluebook listed the 1946 Luscombe 8A with an average retail price of $16,000.

**Residual Values**
The 1946 Luscombe 8A, whose market values have been tracked since the fourth quarter of 1982 was reported new with a list price of $3,195. Aircraft Bluebook-Price Digest’s Historical Value Reference has demonstrated the Luscombe 8A’s market value performance by quarter in the graph for this 1946 model.

Other historical values can be obtained at Aircraft Bluebook’s website, www.aircraftbluebook.com.

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