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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, prices continue sharply higher on all sizes in New York. Early in the week, regional prices were higher for heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional prices are trending higher for all sizes. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is active in most regions with the Southwestern region moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. Offerings are very light for the good demand. Supplies are mostly light. Market activity is moderate to active. North Central regional light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is moderate to good while offerings are light to moderate. Schedules are mostly full-time. Market activity is moderate to active.



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 are 4 cents higher on large, 2 cents higher on medium, and steady on small. Midwest delivered prices are steady. A higher undertone is noted. Food service demand is moderate, while retail demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate and held with confidence. Market activity is active. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is good on very light offerings. Supplies are mostly light. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-86	79-82
MEDIUM	59-68	61-64

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged, but trending sharply higher on Medium and larger sizes. Offerings are light to moderate for present trading requirements. Retail demand is moderate to at times good. Market activity is active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen demand in the East is mostly moderate for at least adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-107	86-98
LARGE	79-93	84-88
MEDIUM	60-73	65-67

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

## COMBINED REGIONAL

October 15, 2010

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	80.00	74.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	54.00
MIDWEST	71.50	69.50	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	87.50	75.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	78.85	72.98	55.59

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

	10-19-10	10-12-10	10-20-09
Large	63-73	50-60	62-72
Medium	45-49	34-38	51-55

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

(Includes Conventional and Specialty - 30 dozen cases-in thousands)

OCT 18, 2010		No	So	So			
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	12.6	5.8	9.3	13.4	50.3
	Change	-0.6	2.7	1.4	0.8	3.0	17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.1	27.1	10.9	22.4	36.6	122.1
	Change	1.6	4.9	1.3	2.4	1.6	11%
Large	Curr Wk	54.1	80.0	60.4	99.6	117.2	411.3
	Change	2.7	3.5	3.7	3.9	5.0	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	39.6	15.2	19.5	30.6	117.3
	Change	-2.7	-6.8	-2.5	-1.8	0.1	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	6.2	0.3	3.6	5.4	19.3
	Change	0.3	0.8	-1.0	0.4	0.4	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	24.6	7.7	9.2	6.1	50.9
	Change	0.6	2.0	0.5	1.0	-2.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	58.0	10.8	8.2	29.2	129.2
	Change	4.8	-0.9	0.3	1.4	0.6	5%
Total	Curr Wk	130.9	248.1	111.1	171.8	238.5	900.4
Percent	Change	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>No. of Cases</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No. of Coops</b>			
Shell Egg		900.4	4%	157			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		261.6	-7%	29			
Total Shell Egg		1162.0	1%	186			

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/  
(30 dozen cases - in thousands)

		No	So	So			
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Large	Curr Wk	4.4	10.5	1.5	4.3	4.9	25.6
	Change	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	8.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	11.3
	Change	0.0	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	4.4	18.5	4.8	4.3	4.9	36.9
Percent	Change	10%	-5%	-2%	-2%	0%	-2%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>No. of Cases</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>No. of Coops</b>			
Specialty Shell Egg		36.9	-2%	41			

1/ Information supplied by a universe of size indicated by the number of cooperators. Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

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

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 16-OCT-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,352,984	35,156	11,928	5,789	2,685	4,374
PW	1,382,974	34,075	13,362	6,815	3,172	4,572
LY	1,322,623	32,692	12,598	6,677	2,741	4,389
% PW	-2%	3%	-11%	-15%	-15%	-4%
% LY	2%	8%	-5%	-13%	-2%	0%
2010*	54,705,900	1,327,075	537,938	262,511	118,130	181,776
2009*	52,970,573	1,290,934	512,963	258,584	115,921	177,499
% YTD	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.31	42.53	42.61
(Inedible Excluded)	39.08	39.23	39.29

**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	680,442	50.3%	18,442	52.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	692,024	50.0%	18,026	52.9%
LAST YEAR	696,499	52.7%	18,430	56.4%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	OCT 09	OCT 16	OCT 09	OCT 16
	Thousand			
Alabama	29,445	28,620	19,989	20,902
Arkansas	23,216	23,350	21,101	20,825
Delaware	3,862	3,336	4,668	4,709
Florida	1,358	1,095	1,105	1,149
Georgia	30,319	30,223	24,744	28,139
Kentucky	7,510	7,427	5,899	7,101
Louisiana	3,440	3,424	3,039	3,053
Maryland	7,514	7,145	5,542	6,761
Mississippi	17,605	18,527	16,017	15,492
North Carolina	17,523	18,831	14,585	14,715
Oklahoma	6,533	6,306	4,016	4,488
Pennsylvania	3,622	3,829	2,908	3,054
South Carolina	5,127	5,313	4,705	4,803
Texas	15,771	14,343	11,942	12,916
Virginia	6,461	6,229	5,436	4,698
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,124	18,097	16,551	16,403
19 State total	198,430	196,095	162,247	169,208
Previous year total	190,600	186,101	155,860	160,297
Percent of previous year	104	105	104	106

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 27-Nov-10 is estimated at 152.3 million head. This compares to 152.4 million head the previous week and to 148.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.04 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/14/10 - 10/20/10						
CLASS	CURRENT LDS 112.25		FUTURE LDS 45.75		TOTAL LDS 158.00	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE
ORG						
DST						
ORG						
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ORG						
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LOADS						

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 16-Oct-10

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY	
Atlanta	17.3	17.6	-2	-28		
Boston	3.1	2.4	29	15		
Chicago	50.3	52.5	-4	0		
Los Angeles	56.9	68.5	-17	1		
New Orleans	5.7	5.5	4	19		
New York	33.1	35.0	-5	0		
St. Louis	80.7	80.1	1	29		
San Francisco	19.3	19.0	2	-8		
Total	266.4	281.1	-5	5		
4 Week Moving Avg.	274.5					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 16-Oct-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
Head	1,897	2,980	21	2	4,900
Avg Wt	17.24	36.83	25.40	32.01	29.19
Last week	1,956	2,731	39	8	4,734
Same wk yr ago	1,656	2,822	22	10	4,510
Avg Wt	17.20	37.28	26.22	27.83	29.83
To-date/2010*	73,635	105,380	885	293	180,193
To-date/2009*	77,814	107,210	997	278	186,299
% Change YTD	-5%	-2%	-11%	5%	-3%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	26,160	87,799	411	49	114,419
Last week	27,117	82,262	753	197	110,329
Same wk yr ago	22,787	84,163	441	213	107,604
To-date/2010*	997,229	3,213,006	17,484	7,476	4,235,195
To-date/2009*	1,046,404	3,232,566	20,610	6,585	4,306,165
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	-15%	14%	-2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 16-Oct-10	(Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg Live wt		
	Thousand	Pct chg		Avg Live wt	-Thousand head-
North East	765	18	25.92	(A)	766 25.92
South Atlantic	754	9	33.62	(A)	755 33.62
North Central	2,388	9	31.64	(A)	2,388 31.64
South Central	762	9	20.33	(A)	762 20.33
West	229	-20	29.42	(A)	229 29.42
U.S. total	4,898 (B)	9	29.19	2	4,900 29.19
To-date					
2010*	179,900 (B)			293	180,193
To-date					
2009*	186,021 (B)			278	186,299

(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\* 885,000; for last year to date\* 997,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 16-Oct-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	166,049	1,274	1,529	2,803	397
Avg Wt	5.85	3.26	8.14	5.92	6.92
Last week	165,979	1,643	1,392	3,035	429
Same wk yr ago	160,360	1,120	1,564	2,684	407
Avg Wt	5.69	3.24	7.82	5.91	6.84
To-date/2010*	6,627,019	57,836	57,947	115,783	17,177
To-date/2009*	6,475,234	52,859	61,965	114,824	16,785
% Change YTD	2%	9%	-6%	1%	2%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	723,683	2,201	8,277	10,478	1,978
Last week	715,959	2,821	7,581	10,402	2,103
Same wk yr ago	679,774	1,887	8,133	10,020	1,977
To-date/2010*	27,548,928	98,688	305,259	403,947	84,978
To-date/2009*	26,601,308	88,079	322,635	410,714	80,081
% Change YTD	4%	12%	-5%	-2%	6%

Dressing % 74.5% 53.0% 66.5% 72.0%  
 (A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.1 million head, or 7.9 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**EST U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Sept 11	150.8	159.7	94%	5.53
18	170.8	161.4	106%	5.68
25	168.6	162.2	104%	5.67
Oct 2	169.7	161.6	105%	5.74
9	168.0	161.0	104%	5.79
16	168.1	160.2	105%	5.85
Year to date	6707.6	6542.1	103%	
Oct 23		160.1		
30		159.9		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

**EST SLAUGHTER of U.S. BROILER/FRYERS and FOWL**

Class	Current Week 10/23/10 (1)	Previous Week 10/16/10
Broiler/fryer	171,657 (2)	160,598
Light hens	1,328	1,404
Heavy hens	1,343	1,445
Total	174,328	163,447

(1) Estimated  
 (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Oct-10 is 160.1 million head compared to 162.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.0 million head or 11.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Oct-10 the estimated available is 159.9 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 10/18/10	3,197	127,695	62,132
AM 10/01/10	3,080	155,588	61,130
CHG	117	-27893	1002
PCT CHG	4%	-18%	2%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 101.00-112.00 cents shipping point and toms 101.00-109.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

**LIVE HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)\***

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17 CENTS/LB.		12.50
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**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (Includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 15-Oct-10

REGIONS:	Eastern	South Central	North Central
RANGE:	2-11	TFEWR	0-10.5
MAJORITY:	3-7		0-5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)**

W/E 16-Oct-2010	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.0	3	9
East North Central	677.5	1	15
West North Central	228.3	3	-23
South Atlantic	141.1	2	-18
South Central	53.7	3	6
West	102.1	-3	-6
Total	1400.7	1	0

Matched plants reporting 76 76

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 ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 18-Oct-2010

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	96.00	94.64	28	84.05	107
New York	76.00-79.00	77.67	21	79.20	45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	70.00-74.00			76.60	46

1/: Includes branded product.  
 2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER**

Loads	10/18/10	Change Last Wk	10/11/10	10/19/09
423	80.03	-.09	80.12	71.22

