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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York prices are lower on all sizes this week. Early in the week, regional prices declined for larger and medium sized eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for heavier and lighter weight eggs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Demand is light with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. North Central regional light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is moderate to good with offerings moderate to heavy. Schedules are full-time to increased due to heavy post Easter disposal. Market activity is moderate.



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 2 cents lower for large, 1 cent lower for medium, and steady for small. Midwest delivered prices are steady with a lower undertone. Food service and retail demand is light to moderate, but trending more toward light at the retail level. Offerings and supplies are moderate with instances heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	99-108	102-105
Large	98-107	100-103
Medium	82-91	84-87

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is very light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for mixed breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are usually sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	110-126	112-115
Large	104-118	109-111
Medium	86-99	90-92

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

COMBINED REGIONAL April 22, 2011

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	118.50	115.00	98.00
Southeast	116.50	114.50	97.00
Midwest	109.50	107.50	92.50
South Central	121.50	116.50	98.50
Combined Regional	116.72	113.50	96.57

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

Prices paid to producers for loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

	04-26-11	04-19-11	04-27-10
Large	80-90	86-96	48-58
Medium	62-66	71-75	44-49

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

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

APR 25, 201	l1 Nor	theast	N Cent	S Cent	S Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk Change	7.7 -1.6	12.6 -3.6	6.5 -1.1	11.0 -1.7	18.8 -6.0	56.6 -20%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk Change	20.2 -8.7	28.4 -7.6	8.1 -7.7	18.7 -5.5		108 -27%
Large	Curr Wk Change	36.1 -13.0	83.4 -28.7	45.2 -22.5	103.7 -12.6	_	385.1 -21%
Medium	Curr Wk Change	8.9 -2.0	39.4 -5.2	21.3 -2.2	18.1 0.6		125.7 -10%
Small	Curr Wk Change	2.4 -0.2	3.9 0.5	2.8 1.3	2.7 0.9		17.4 7%
Misc	Curr Wk Change	2.0 -0.2	21.7 3.6	12.4 3.4	9.6 0.0		56.2 20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk Change	6.0 -1.1	55.2 12.2	9.2 -3.1	7.3 0.8	_	103.8 14%
Total Percent	Curr Wk Change	83.3 -24%	244.6 -11%	105.5 -23%	171.1 -9%	248.3 -15%	852.8 -15%
TOTAL		No. of	Cases	% Char	nge M	lo. of Co	oops
Shell Egg Shell Egg B	reaking Sto	ock	852.8 262.5		5% 7%		157 29
Total Shell Egg			1115.3	-1 -1	1% =====		186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

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

•	No	rtheast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl I	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.1	7.9	1.6	8.8	6.4	28.8
	Change	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	17.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	21.2
	Change	0.0	5.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	30%
Total	Curr Wk	4.1	25.1	5.6	8.8	6.4	50.0
Percent	Change	-11%	27%	-8%	-3%	-17%	6%
TOTAL		No. of	Cases	% Chan	ge N	o. of Co	oops
Specialty S	hell Eaa		50.0	6	5%		44

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, LIT, WA, WY

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EGGS I	EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION								
W/E 23	-APR-2011	(Lbs In Th	ousands)	(Exclud	des Ingre	dients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid					
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible			
CW	1,278,497	31,114	12,558	6,363	2,480	4,192			
PW	1,280,813	30,800	12,554	6,451	2,054	4,290			
LY	1,381,952	34,210	13,305	6,865	2,884	4,759			
% PW	0%	1%	0%	-1%	21%	-2%			
% LY	-7%	-9%	-6%	-7%	-14%	-12%			
2011*	20,885,057	496,768	213,327	108,388	45,145	70,467			
2010*	20,027,053	488,149	196,771	97,677	39,050	68,858			
% YTD	4%	2%	8%	11%	16%	2%			
Average Yield Per Case - Current Previous Last Week Week Year						Last Year			
(Inedible	e Included)		42.41	42.	23 4	2.79			
(Inedibl	e Excluded)		39.14	38.	89 3	9.35			

<u>IN-LINE PRODUCTION</u> (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	735,455	57.5%	19,170	61.6%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	713,849	55.7%	19,314	62.7%	
LAST YEAR	760,870	55.1%	19,480	56.9%	

BROILER HATCHERY

<u> </u>		Eggs Set	Broiler Chic	ks Placed
19 Selected States	APR 16	APR 23	APR 16	APR 23
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	31,264	29,960	21,978	21,592
Arkansas	23,464	23,681	21,847	21,231
Delaware	3,902	3,903	4,634	4,663
Florida	1,344	1,221	1,243	1,252
Georgia	33,304	33,768	27,852	28,182
Kentucky	7,651	7,918	6,937	6,771
Louisiana	3,440	3,334	3,064	2,921
Maryland	7,749	7,733	6,221	6,320
Mississippi	19,520	19,382	17,133	16,695
North Carolina	20,584	20,214	15,874	16,194
Oklahoma	7,219	7,182	4,199	3,740
Pennsylvania	3,461	3,743	2,982	2,816
South Carolina	5,496	5,478	5,069	4,480
Texas	15,446	15,640	12,608	13,294
Virginia	6,040	6,232	5,532	5,112
California, Missouri, Ten	nessee			
and West Virginia	19,239	19,292	16,704	17,291
19 State total	209,123	208,681	173,877	172,554
Previous year total	206,893	207,422	169,539	169,643
Percent of previous ye	ear 101	101	103	102

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 04-Jun-11 is estimated at 159.4 million head. This compares to 159.4 million head the previous week and to 160.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 88.52 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/21/11 – 04/27/11
CURRENT LDS 101 50 FUTURE LDS 35 25 TOTAL LDS 136 75

CURRENT	וטו פעב	.ou r	UIUKE LI	JS 33.23	IUIA	L LDO	30.73
	S	E	1	NE	M	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	80.50	85.83	82.38	83.88			15.00
GL W J					65.79		10.75
GL W XL		96.47	94.50	95.00	77.40		18.00
GL W LG			87.67	86.13	70.06	75.30	37.75
GL W MD			63.64	71.25	61.50		19.50
GL W SM			58.00	61.00	58.00	65.00	5.50
GL BR J					68.00		.25
GL BR XL					63.00		.25
GL BR LG					67.92	75.67	1.50
NRBS - 48			55.36	57.59		61.43	22.00
NRBS - 45							5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-Apr-11

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in t	housands	LW	LY
Atlanta	22.3	27.2	-18	55
Boston	2.8	3.7	-24	4
Chicago	65.3	53.5	22	16
Los Angeles	60.1	59.3	1	12
New Orleans	5.6	6.8	-18	2
New York	34.8	37.9	-8	12
St. Louis	95.8	97.5	-2	37
San Francisco	31.8	26.1	22	66
Total	318.5	312.0	2	26
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	TURKEYS
Head	1,592	2,475	13	4	4,084
Avg Wt	17.16	38.71	22.50	42.24	30.26
Last week	1,928	2,500	19	3	4,450
Same wk yr ago	1,601	2,639	30	2	4,272
Avg Wt	16.98	37.97	25.16	33.41	28.58
To-date/2011*	27,875	40,402	343	115	68,735
To-date/2010*	28,529	40,171	373	105	69,178
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	-8%	10%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook V	Veight and	Dressing Pe	ercentage		
Current week	21,720	76,161	227	131	98,239
Last week	25,965	79,077	331	111	105,484
Same wk yr ago	21,748	80,162	581	51	102,542
To-date/2011*	381,648	1,276,707	6,776	2,807	1,667,938
To-date/2010*	388,683	1,258,198	7,432	2,718	1,657,031
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	-9%	3%	1%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS W/E 23-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

•	Young turkeys			Old	Total	Turkeys
•	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breede	ers	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousar	nd head-	Live wt
North East	505	-18	26.51	(A)	506	26.51
South Atlantic	629	6	36.34	(A)	630	36.34
North Central	2,011	-7	33.14	(A)	2,012	33.14
South Central	l 680	-16	18.70	(A)	681	18.70
West	255	-4	30.59	(A)	255	30.59
U.S. total	4,080 (E	3) -8	30.26	4	4,084	30.26
To-date 2011* To-date	68,620 (I	3)		115	68,735	
2010*	69,073 (E	3)		105	69,178	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 343,000; for last year to date* 373,000

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

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION						
(Preliminary)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
W/E 23-Apr-2011	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
			Thousand	ls		
Head	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431	
Avg Wt	5.83	3.26	8.18	5.61	6.75	
Last week	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421	
Same wk yr ago	162,987	1,532	1,458	2,990	427	
Avg Wt	5.64	3.31	7.82	5.51	6.86	
To-date/2011*	2,550,050	22,983	23,487	46,470	7,160	
To-date/2010*	2,544,587	23,555	21,181	44,736	6,540	
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	11%	4%	9%	
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	sing Percer	ntage			
Current week	671,729	2,674	7,375	10,049	2,095	
Last week	689,224	2,247	7,031	9,278	1,928	
Same wk yr ago	684,839	2,713	7,582	10,295	2,109	
To-date/2011*	10,824,333	39,037	123,496	162,533	35,215	
To-date/2010*	10,535,820	40,518	109,548	150,066	32,080	
% Change YTD	3%	-4%	13%	8%	10%	
Dressing %	74.5%	54.0%	65.0%		72.0%	
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⁽A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 2.5 million less than estimated available.

EST U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week M		Million Head	Million Head Million Head		Avg	
E	nding	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt	
Mar	19	162.0	158.3	102%	5.65	
	26	160.0	158.1	101%	5.64	
Apr	2	164.5	157.8	104%	5.77	
	9	161.7	158.2	102%	5.69	
	16	162.3	158.3	103%	5.77	
	23	156.5	159.0	98%	5.83	
Year t	o date	2581.1	2530.6	102%		
Apr	30		160.4			
May	7		162.1			
	30					

^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 30-Apr-11

Current Week 04/30/11 (1)		Previous Week 04/23/11			
Class		Thousand head			
Broiler/fryer	159,256 (2)	161,780			
Light hens	1,648	1,640			
Heavy hens	1,474	1,382			
Total	162,378	164,802			
(1) Estimated					

⁽²⁾ The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Apr-11 is 160.4 million head compared to 165.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-May-11 the estimated available is 162.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

TTEETICE: OU		OIL/ TOE HOLD	00.0000	
(Inc. Gov't Sto	ocks)	(in thousands)		Proc. other
F	rozen	Eggs lbs.	Proc. Turkeys lbs.	Poultry lbs.
AM 04/25/11		3,808	126,002	53,149
AM 04/01/11		3,696	112,608	54,581
CHG		112	13394	-1432
PCT CHG		3%	12%	-3%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-99.00 cents shipping point and toms 96.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

LIVE HEN MARKETS

Heavy Type (7 pounds and up)*

Final price, Cents per lb, Generally for slaughter the week of 25-Apr-11 Regions Range Majority Wtd Avg

Southeast (1) 8-17.75 cents/lb.
Southeast (2) Too Few to Report
South Central (1) Too Few to Report

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

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) 22-Apr-11

Regions:	Eastern	South Central	North Central
Range:	2-11	TFEWR	0-10.5
Majority:	3-7		0-5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

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W/E 23-Apr-2011	Cases	% Chang	e From				
Regions	(in thousands)	LW	LY				
North Atlantic	209.3	0	22				
East North Central	706.1	4	9				
West North Central	281.5	11	-10				
South Atlantic	149.3	2	9				
South Central	60.1	12	24				
West	58.7	5	26				
Total	1465.0	5	8				
Matched plants reporti Areas Covered:	ng	71	71				

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 25-Apr-2011

110011 01 20 71p1 2		:	Compo	ite		
Delivered to Firs	Maj st Receivers	-	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	96.00	95.32	22	:	84.53	87

Delivered to First Receivers 1/: Whole Body 2/:

80.00-83.00

	VVIIC	Wildle Body 2/.			Composite			
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	: '	Wtd Avg	Lds		
Chicago	75.00-82.00			:	79.71	40		

82.24

84.58

New York

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER Loads 04/25/11 Change Last Wk 04/18/11 04/26/10 349 83.42 .05 83.37 82.28

⁽B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

^{*}Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

^{2/:} Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.





