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National Egg Review

This week in New York, prices are higher for all sizes. Earlier in the week, regional prices were sharply higher for the larger and smaller sized eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone ranges steady to firm. Retail demand is mixed, light to good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is

moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. Demand is moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Regional Prices - to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A & Grade A, white egg in cartons, delivered to warehouse, cents per dozen.

	La	rge	Medium		
Regions	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	
Midwest	102-111	104-107	87-96	89-92	
Northeast	105-119	110-114	88-101	93-95	
South Central	112.5-121	114-117	95.5-104	97-100	
Southeast	101.5-117	111-114	85.5-101	94-98	

Prices paid to Producers - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged,

grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	09/27/11	09/20/11	09/28/10
Large	86-96	75-85	34-44
Medium	72-76	60-64	23-27

09/23/11 **Weekly Combined Regional**

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	107.00	103.00	85.00
Southeast	103.50	101.50	85.00
Midwest	98.50	96.50	81.50
South Central	108.50	104.50	87.50
Combined Regional	104.55	101.50	84.85
Computed from simple weekly a	averages weighted	by regional a	rea populations

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

September 26,	2011	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.3	10.8	17.2	11.6	11.3	3.7	62.8
	% Change	20.9%	-6.5%	12.9%	2.9%	11.5%	-2.6%	6.9%
Extra Large	This Week	25.5	21.5	31.5	19.2	30.0	5.1	132.9
	% Change	1.0%	4.3%	-6.4%	17.1%	17.2%	18.8%	5.6%
Large	This Week	58.3	95.2	116.2	92.5	88.1	52.2	502.4
_	% Change	10.8%	-5.1%	11.5%	14.4%	10.5%	-7.4%	6.0%
Medium	This Week	13.0	23.8	38.0	18.6	29.3	10.1	132.8
	% Change	-12.7%	-10.6%	12.9%	-11.9%	22.9%	-11.7%	0.9%
Small	This Week	1.3	4.7	6.7	1.5	2.1	1.4	17.7
	% Change	4.7%	15.0%	23.9%	-28.2%	13.0%	-46.6%	2.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	9.0	30.6	11.3	3.6	1.1	58.6
	% Change	6.3%	-6.7%	-0.8%	22.7%	-3.2%	-6.1%	2.0%
Ungraded	This Week	19.2	3.6	78.5	16.0	11.1	9.3	137.6
_	% Change	-13.5%	-51.8%	28.1%	-4.2%	7.6%	-5.3%	7.8%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	128.7	168.5	318.6	170.7	175.5	82.8	1,044.8
	% Change	2.2%	-6.5%	12.1%	8.3%	13.1%	-7.4%	5.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,044.8	5.3%
Breaking Stock	270.3	3.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,315.1	4.9%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	3.2	7.0	3.7	2.5	2.4	4.0	22.8
	% Change	18.8%	29.6%	94.7%	-9.4%	-20.5%	162.3%	31.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	3.9	5.3	0.0	1.8	11.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-53.9%	-1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-29.9%
Total Specialt	y This Week	3.2	7.0	7.6	7.8	2.4	5.7	33.8
	% Change	18.8%	29.6%	-27.0%	-4.1%	-20.5%	74.7%	2.4%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large: 31.0% **Ungraded:** 40.2% Total: 34.0%

1/ 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.

Regional Definitions: Northeast = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; Southeast = AL, FL. GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; Midwest = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; South Central = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT;

Southwest = CA & NV; Northwest = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

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W/E 24-Sep-2011		(Lbs In Th	ousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,358,012	33,655	12,712	6,821	2,652	4,598
PW	1,368,577	32,303	13,244	7,196	2,618	4,784
LY	1,530,108	36,684	14,860	7,383	3,441	4,974
% PW	-1%	4%	-4%	-5%	1%	-4%
% LY	-11%	-8%	-14%	-8%	-23%	-8%
2011*	51,192,218	1,203,848	521,404	263,936	113,301	170,738
2010*	50,500,175	1,222,146	498,366	243,077	109,012	168,098
% YTD	1%	-1%	5%	9%	4%	2%
Average	e Yield Per C	ase -	Current	Prev	ious	Last
			Week	We	ek	Year
(Inedible	e Included)		42.55	42	.03 4	11.76
(Inedible	Excluded)		39.17	38	.54 3	38.51

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	719,623	53.0%	20,247	60.2%		
PREVIOUS WEEK	739,554	54.0%	19,586	60.6%		
LAST YEAR	757,257	49.5%	18,436	50.3%		

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler	Eggs Set	Broiler Chic	ks Placed
19 Selected States	Sept 17	Sept 24	Sept 17	Sept 24
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	25,701	27,117	20,087	18,304
Arkansas	19,104	18,961	19,412	18,760
Delaware	2,852	2,895	5,154	5,074
Florida	1,074	1,351	1,140	1,156
Georgia	29,570	31,268	26,026	27,801
Kentucky	7,140	7,760	6,747	5,910
Louisiana	3,183	3,242	2,851	2,676
Maryland	6,852	6,820	5,397	4,784
Mississippi	17,813	16,824	15,314	14,533
North Carolina	18,245	18,670	15,445	15,218
Oklahoma	6,465	6,751	4,842	3,712
Pennsylvania	3,438	3,593	3,045	3,224
South Carolina	5,522	5,263	4,932	3,699
Texas	12,835	14,127	11,481	11,732
Virginia	5,363	5,663	4,439	5,067
California, Missouri, Ter				
and West Virginia	16,110	17,708	15,667	17,088
19 State total Previous year total Percent of previous y	181,267 196,963 ear 92	188,013 205,808 91	161,979 169,940 95	158,738 167,630 95
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 05-Nov-11 is estimated at 147.6 million head. This compares to 148.7 million head the previous week and to 159.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.69 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen) National trading for 09/22/11 - 09/28/11

CURRENT I		-		DS 47.50	_	TAL LDS	133.75
	S	SE .		NE	N	ΛW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	88.00	92.60	89.00	92.30		85.00	32.00
GNR BR 1						146.00	2.00
GL W J			110.00	112.00	90.89	116.00	7.75
GL W XL		114.00	105.21	108.47	100.30		21.00
GL W LG		105.00	98.08	101.44	96.07	98.61	44.00
GL W MD			86.00	90.50	84.73		11.00
GL W SM	60.00		60.00	63.13			5.00
GL BR J					90.00		.25
NRBS - 48			83.60			84.00	7.00
NRBS - 45						78.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Sep-11

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in the	ousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	19.3	23.2	-17	32
Boston	3.2	2.6	23	10
Chicago	57.7	61.3	-6	5
Los Angeles	54.3	57.4	-5	-15
New Orleans	5.7	5.9	-3	8
New York	39.0	38.7	1	21
St. Louis	68.0	74.6	-9	-9
San Francisco	15.7	15.9	-1	-22
Total	262.9	279.6	-6	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	271.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-Sep-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREE	DERS	TURKEYS
Head	1,775	2,565	30	2	4,372
Avg Wt	17.79	38.08	25.01	32.91	29.75
Last week	2,050	2,645	14	2	4,711
Same wk yr ago	1,739	2,814	27	11	4,591
Avg Wt	16.46	36.58	27.49	34.20	29.22
To-date/2011*	68,653	97,571	801	259	167,284
To-date/2010*	68,048	96,929	795	270	166,042
% Change YTD	1%	1%	1%	-4%	1%
Ready-to-Cook V	Veight and	Dressing P	ercentage		
Current week	25,259	78,131	578	51	104,019
Last week	23,323	65,671	491	82	109,837
Same wk yr ago	22,899	82,349	572	290	106,110
To-date/2011*	934,276	3,023,413	16,024	6,216	3,979,929
To-date/2010*	920,436	2,962,709	15,659	6,902	3,905,706
% Change YTD	2%	2%	2%	-10%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

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W/E 24-Sept	:-11 (Pi	reliminary)				
Young turkeys				Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt
Niamila Cast	040	_	07.44	/ A \	044	07.44

	Thousand I	Pct chg	Ávg	Breede	rs	Ávg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousan	d head-	Live wt
North East	610	0	27.11	(A)	611	27.11
South Atlantic	668	-9	33.42	(A)	669	33.42
North Central	2,175	-5	31.94	(A)	2,175	31.94
South Centra	l 681	-20	21.48	(A)	681	21.48
West	236	4	29.8	(A)	236	29.80
U.S. total	4,370(B)) -7	29.75	2	4,372	29.75
To-date						
2011*	167,025(B))		259	167,284	
To-date						
2010*	165,772(B))		270	166,042	
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(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date* 801,000; for last year to date* 795,000.

Live Poultry Slau	Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection						
(Preliminary)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total			
W/E 24-Sep-2011	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks		
			Thousand	ls			
Head	160,196	1,187	1,685	2,872	414		
Avg Wt	5.80	3.14	8.04	6.01	6.87		
Last week	159,518	1,585	1,602	3,187	443		
Same wk yr ago	166,576	1,564	1,485	3,049	465		
Avg Wt	5.67	3.16	8.05	5.54	6.90		
To-date/2011*	6,040,726	51,870	58,723	110,593	16,423		
To-date/2010*	6,127,319	53,525	53,592	107,117	15,902		
% Change YTD	-1%	-3%	10%	3%	3%		
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	sing Percei	ntage				
Current week	692,207	1,975	8,670	10,645	2,048		
Last week	697,596	2,697	8,141	10,838	2,147		
Same wk yr ago	703,642	2,619	7,950	10,569	2,310		
To-date/2011*	25,760,036	88,685	304,303	392,988	80,188		
To-date/2010*	25,392,270	91,850	281,705	373,555	78,660		
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	8%	5%	2%		
Dressing %	74.5%	53.0%	64.0%		72.0%		

Dressing % 74.5% 53.0% 64.0% 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 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.1 million head, or 8.0 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending		Million Head	Million Head		Avg
		Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Aug	20	160.7	158.1	102%	5.67
	27	159.1	156.0	102%	5.63
Sep	3	163.4	154.6	106%	5.64
	10	143.2	153.8	93%	5.73
	17	161.5	154.3	105%	5.87
	24	162.1	154.1	105%	5.80
Year to date		6114.0	6055.6	101%	
Oct	1		152.9		
	8		153.2		

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

Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers and Fowl

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Current Week 10/01/11 (1)		Previous Week 09/24/11		
Class		Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	160,799 (2)	164,434		
Light hens	1,418	1,234		
Heavy hens	1,635	1,784		
Total	163,852	167,452		
(1) Estimated				

⁽²⁾ The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Oct-11 is 152.9 million head compared to 169.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.1 million head or 8.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Oct-11 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings - Selected Centers

TTCCKIY COIG C	torage moraniga	- Ocicolod Ocificis	
(Incl. Gov't Sto	cks) (in thousand	ds)	Proc. other
Fr	ozen Eggs Ibs.	Proc. Turkeys lbs.	Poultry lbs.
AM 09/26/11	3,224	167,709	42,293
AM 09/01/11	3,236	174,551	48,843
CHG	-12	-6842	-6550
PCT CHG	0%	-4%	-13%

Whole Young Turkeys

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 109.00-116.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 108.00-113.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

National Fowl Markets

23-Sep-11

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.5 - 19.5	13.32

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

The majority of removal costs range 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV;

North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI;

South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

Commercial Egg Movement (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 24-Sep-2011	Cases	% Chang	e From
Regions	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	211.3	3	13
East North Central	655.7	-2	2
West North Central	283.1	1	39
South Atlantic	141.4	-1	9
South Central	50.4	-1	-14
West	53.5	8	6
Total	1395.4	0	9
Matched plants reporting	ng	71	71

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 26-Sep-2011

	Grade A			:	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to F	First Receivers 1	/ :				
Los Angeles	98.00	96.48	21	:	81.84	58
New York	63.00-66.00	64.52	21	:	67.39	40

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:			Composite			
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	: \	Ntd Avg	Lds	
Chicago	55.00-61.00			:	59.24	45	

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer

Loads	09/26/11	Change Last Wk	09/19/11	09/27/10
327	72.35	38	72.73	81.66

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

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





