



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices increased on all sizes. Regional asking prices were trending higher for next week. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was mostly moderate to good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were tight to adequate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were higher. Demand was good with offerings very tight to short; forcing breakers to look into liquid channels for available product. Schedules were varied. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Schedules were part-time to full-time. The trade sentiment was steady.



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 were 3 cents higher for large, 1 cent higher for medium, and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to usually good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate and noted as improved. Supplies were tight to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good for the tight offerings. Processing schedules varied from plant to plant. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and egg sizes (EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM) with corresponding price ranges.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate for present requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and egg sizes (EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM) with corresponding price ranges.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Mar 05, 2009

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

Table with 4 columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM and rows for Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, South Central, and Combined Regional.

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

Table with 4 columns: Egg sizes (Large, Medium) and price ranges for 03-09-10, 03-02-10, and 03-10-09.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

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

Main inventory table with columns for MARCH 08, 2010, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific, and 5-Area. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, and Ungraded.

Summary table with columns: TOTAL, No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops. Rows include Shell Egg, Shell Egg Breaking Stock, and Total Shell Egg.

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/

Specialty inventory table with columns for Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl Pacific, and 5-Area. Rows include Large, Ungraded, and Total.

Summary row for Specialty Shell Egg: 35.6 cases, 2% change, 41 coops.

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.

3/ Changes in the cooperator universe did not have an impact on last week's inventory.

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 06-MAR-2010 | (Lbs In Thousands) | | (Excludes Ingredients) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Total | Cases | Liquid | Liquid | Liquid | | |
| | Broken | Whole | White | Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
| CW | 1,189,483 | 30,753 | 10,681 | 5,320 | 1,953 | 4,268 |
| PW | 1,213,221 | 28,681 | 12,274 | 6,245 | 2,537 | 4,027 |
| LY | 1,225,004 | 31,837 | 10,588 | 5,527 | 2,468 | 4,163 |
| % PW | -2% | 7% | -13% | -15% | -23% | 6% |
| % LY | -3% | -3% | 1% | -4% | -21% | 3% |
| 2010* | 11,088,016 | 267,639 | 110,684 | 54,621 | 23,264 | 38,091 |
| 2009* | 11,192,701 | 275,165 | 105,362 | 53,835 | 24,588 | 38,451 |
| % YTD | -1% | -3% | 5% | 1% | -5% | -1% |
| Average Yield Per Case - | | Current | Previous | Last | | |
| | | Week | Week | Year | | |
| (Inedible Included) | | 42.89 | 42.22 | 42.54 | | |
| (Inedible Excluded) | | 39.31 | 38.91 | 39.14 | | |

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 | 670,867 | 56.4% | 18,264 | 59.4% |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 677,662 | 55.9% | 16,970 | 59.2% |
| LAST YEAR | 637,889 | 52.1% | 18,236 | 57.3% |

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

BROILER HATCHERY

| 19 Selected States STATE | Broiler Eggs Set | | Broiler Chicks Placed | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Feb 27 | Mar 06 | Feb 27 | Mar 06 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | *30,106 | 30,031 | *20,739 | 20,701 |
| AR | *24,481 | 24,429 | *20,773 | 22,509 |
| DE | 3,264 | 3,193 | 5,629 | 3,625 |
| FL | 1,385 | 1,338 | 1,040 | 1,037 |
| GA | *31,747 | 31,594 | *26,205 | 25,869 |
| KY | *7,553 | 7,596 | *6,110 | 6,009 |
| LA | 3,470 | 3,470 | 3,049 | 3,032 |
| MD | 9,106 | 9,062 | *5,316 | 6,589 |
| MS | 19,465 | 19,349 | 16,897 | 17,174 |
| NC | 18,763 | 18,772 | 15,411 | 15,299 |
| OK | *6,924 | 6,889 | 4,505 | 3,103 |
| PA | *3,698 | 3,583 | *2,609 | 2,884 |
| SC | 5,977 | 5,643 | 5,071 | 5,156 |
| TX | *15,813 | 15,453 | 13,167 | 13,254 |
| VA | 6,427 | 6,549 | 4,561 | 5,751 |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV | *19,647 | 19,193 | *17,172 | 16,888 |
| 19 State Total | *207,826 | 206,144 | *168,254 | 168,880 |
| Previous Year Total | 206,753 | 202,111 | 166,495 | 167,577 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 101 | 102 | 101 | 101 |

*Revised
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 17-Apr-10 is estimated at 154.8 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.33 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/04/10 - 03/10/10

| CURRENT LDS | 81.75 | | FUTURE LDS | | 97.00 | | TOTAL LDS | | 178.75 | |
|-------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--|--------|--|
| | SE | NE | MW | | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 100.17 | 98.75 | 100.86 | 103.55 | -- | -- | 53.00 | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | 126.00 | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 123.50 | 125.00 | 103.03 | 106.21 | 8.50 | | | |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 111.00 | 112.27 | 107.08 | -- | 29.00 | | | |
| GL W LG | -- | 115.00 | 111.50 | 118.70 | 112.08 | -- | 69.75 | | | |
| GL W MD | -- | 93.00 | 86.63 | 89.67 | 87.40 | 88.43 | 24.75 | | | |
| GL W SM | -- | -- | 56.50 | 58.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | 72.50 | 75.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.00 | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 68.67 | 3.00 | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 8.00 | | | |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-Mar-10

| Selected Consuming Centers | CW | | PW | | % CHANGE | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----|----------|--|
| | Cases | in thousands | LW | LY | | |
| Atlanta | 16.5 | | 16.6 | -1 | -33 | |
| Boston | 3.1 | | 3.1 | 0 | 15 | |
| Chicago | 59.7 | | 57.1 | 5 | -14 | |
| Los Angeles | 56.2 | | 67.3 | -16 | -3 | |
| New Orleans | 5.4 | | 4.8 | 13 | -11 | |
| New York | 30.4 | | 29.5 | 3 | -13 | |
| St. Louis | 85.8 | | 81.5 | 5 | 22 | |
| San Francisco | 17.7 | | 20.4 | -13 | -27 | |
| Total | 274.8 | | 280.3 | -2 | -5 | |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | | | 278.9 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

| | YOUNG | | YOUNG | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------|---------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | OLD | |
| Head | 1,706 | 2,605 | 29 | 8 | 4,348 |
| Avg Wt | 16.70 | 38.08 | 26.70 | 31.57 | 29.61 |
| Last week | 1,674 | 2,535 | 20 | 4 | 4,233 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,970 | 2,631 | 8 | 3 | 4,612 |
| Avg Wt | 16.42 | 38.44 | 24.42 | 23.73 | 29.00 |
| To-date/2010* | 15,923 | 22,690 | 252 | 65 | 38,930 |
| To-date/2009* | 17,163 | 23,628 | 214 | 70 | 41,075 |
| % Change YTD | -7% | -4% | 18% | -7% | -5% |
| Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage | | | | | |
| Current week | 22,798 | 79,368 | 596 | 194 | 102,956 |
| Last week | 23,085 | 78,172 | 377 | 86 | 101,720 |
| Same wk yr ago | 25,878 | 80,909 | 149 | 54 | 106,990 |
| To-date/2010* | 216,829 | 717,107 | 5,094 | 1,669 | 940,699 |
| To-date/2009* | 229,342 | 745,053 | 4,380 | 1,634 | 980,409 |
| % Change YTD | -5% | -4% | 16% | 2% | -4% |
| Dressing % | 80.0% | 80.0% | 77.0% | 77.0% | |

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

| W/E 06-Mar-10 | -----Young turkeys----- | | Old | Total | Turkeys |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | Thousand | Pct chg | | | |
| | Head | PW | Avg | Thousand | head-Live wt |
| North East | 598 | -3 | 25.72 | (A) | 600 25.72 |
| South Atlantic | 650 | 12 | 35.49 | (A) | 652 35.49 |
| North Central | 2,115 | 2 | 33.41 | (A) | 2,117 33.41 |
| South Central | 685 | 4 | 18.00 | (A) | 686 18.00 |
| West | 292 | -1 | 24.09 | (A) | 293 24.09 |
| U.S. total | 4,340(B) | 3 | 29.61 | 8 | 4,348 29.61 |
| To-date | | | | | |
| 2010* | 38,865(B) | | | 65 | 38,930 |
| To-date | | | | | |
| 2009* | 41,005(B) | | | 70 | 41,075 |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date* 252,000; for last year to date* 214,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

| (Preliminary) W/E 06-Mar-2010 | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens | Ducks |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| | -----Thousands----- | | | | |
| Head | 158,789 | 1,179 | 1,286 | 2,465 | 402 |
| Avg Wt | 5.60 | 3.16 | 7.70 | 5.53 | 6.77 |
| Last week | 158,311 | 1,356 | 1,258 | 2,614 | 400 |
| Same wk yr ago | 153,409 | 1,183 | 1,430 | 2,613 | 392 |
| Avg Wt | 5.53 | 3.21 | 7.81 | 5.73 | 6.74 |
| To-date/2010* | 1,427,121 | 12,936 | 11,818 | 24,754 | 3,696 |
| To-date/2009* | 1,396,841 | 11,226 | 13,628 | 24,854 | 3,695 |
| % Change YTD | 2% | 15% | -13% | 0% | 0% |

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Current week | 662,468 | 1,993 | 6,585 | 8,578 | 1,960 |
| Last week | 647,500 | 2,401 | 6,609 | 9,010 | 1,881 |
| Same wk yr ago | 632,022 | 1,918 | 7,427 | 9,345 | 1,902 |
| To-date/2010* | 5,900,821 | 22,131 | 61,046 | 83,177 | 18,052 |
| To-date/2009* | 5,729,260 | 18,757 | 70,953 | 89,710 | 17,652 |
| % Change YTD | 3% | 18% | -14% | -7% | 2% |

Dressing % 74.5% 53.5% 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 156.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 3.8 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

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

| Week Ending | Million Head Slaughtered | Million Head Available* | Pct | Avg Wt |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------|-----------|
| Jan 30 | 153.2 | 157.8 | 97% | 5.48 |
| Feb 6 | 161.8 | 158.0 | 102% | 5.53 |
| 13 | 158.2 | 158.5 | 100% | 5.48 |
| 20 | 161.0 | 157.1 | 102% | 5.52 |
| 27 | 160.2 | 156.2 | 103% | 5.49 |
| Mar 6 | 160.7 | 156.9 | 102% | 5.60 |
| Year to date | 1444.3 | 1399.8 | 103% | |
| Mar 13 | | 156.0 | | |
| 20 | | 154.7 | | |

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 13-Mar-10

| Class | Current Week 03/13/10 (1) | Previous Week 03/06/10 |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | ----- Thousand head ----- | |
| Broiler/fryer | 161,830 (2) | 158,860 |
| Light hens | 1,637 | 1,300 |
| Heavy hens | 1,479 | 1,296 |
| Total | 164,946 | 161,456 |

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Mar-10 is 156.0 million head compared to 155.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.2 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Mar-10 the estimated available is 154.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

| (Inc. Gov't Stocks) | (In Thousands) | Proc. other Poultry Lbs |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Frozen Eggs Lbs Proc. Turkeys Lbs | |
| AM 03/08/10 | 3,096 | 121,245 |
| AM 03/01/10 | 3,082 | 117,910 |
| CHG | 14 | 3335 |
| PCT CHG | 0% | 3% |
| | | 58,110 |
| | | 63,848 |
| | | -5738 |
| | | -9% |

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 75-82 cents shipping point and toms ranged 75-82 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 08-Mar-10

| REGIONS | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Southeast (1) | 8-15.5 CENTS/LB. | | 12.06 |
| 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) 05-MAR-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 06-Mar-2010 | Cases | % Change From | |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----|
| REGIONS | (In thousands) | LW | LY |
| North Atlantic | 183.2 | -2 | -2 |
| East North Central | 696.6 | 4 | 7 |
| West North Central | 321.2 | 3 | 5 |
| South Atlantic | 151.2 | -3 | -16 |
| South Central | 52.7 | 4 | 1 |
| West | 156.0 | -2 | 0 |
| Total | 1560.9 | 2 | 2 |

Matched plants reporting

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 RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 08-MAR-2010 (cents per lb)

| | Grade A | | Lds | Composite | |
|--|---------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | Maj | Wtd Avg | | Wtd Avg | Lds |

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| Los Angeles | 92.00 | 91.29 | 38 | 87.56 | 95 |
| New York | 81.00-84.00 | 82.52 | 21 | 82.10 | 41 |

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

| | Whole Body 2/: | | Lds | Composite | |
|--|----------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | Maj | Wtd Avg | | Wtd Avg | Lds |

| | | | | | |
|---------|-------------|--|--|-------|----|
| Chicago | 76.00-81.00 | | | 78.62 | 47 |
|---------|-------------|--|--|-------|----|

1/: Includes branded product.

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

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE

| Loads | 03/08/10 | Change Last Wk | 03/01/10 | 03/09/09 |
|-------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| 381 | 82.59 | .50 | 82.09 | 77.05 |

