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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York prices were unchanged this week, while regional prices increased sharply on all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices were trending unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand ranged moderate to very good. Loose egg demand was light. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were irregular with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate to good with offerings barely adequate. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings mostly adequate. Schedules were 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 Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to very good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight to barely adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122-131	125-128
LARGE	121-130	123-126
MEDIUM	100-109	102-105

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. Retail demand was light to fair. Distributive demand was moderate to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient for breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings were light to moderate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129-143	135-136
LARGE	127-141	132-136
MEDIUM	102-115	107-109

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Mar 12, 2009
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	123.00	122.00	102.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	100.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	121.50	120.50	103.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	118.98	117.51	100.87

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

	03-16-10	03-09-10	03-17-09
Large	103-113	94-104	61-72
Medium	82-86	80-84	53-57

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

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

MARCH 15, 2010		No	So	So			
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	19.2	6.6	11.8	19.7	68.1
	Change	1.3	1.5	-0.6	0.3	2.3	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.3	34.2	13.4	25.2	43.0	143.1
	Change	2.6	0.2	0.0	1.1	6.0	7%
Large	Curr Wk	74.8	142.5	109.1	132.8	181.2	640.4
	Change	10.0	15.4	17.4	20.3	21.9	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	43.2	14.7	17.6	40.2	129.7
	Change	0.6	3.5	-0.4	-2.2	3.8	4%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	6.4	3.9	2.9	5.2	21.3
	Change	0.9	-0.4	2.8	0.9	0.7	30%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	25.1	4.2	9.6	6.0	46.5
	Change	-0.7	0.4	-2.2	1.5	-0.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	51.8	19.4	7.8	24.2	117.9
	Change	6.4	5.6	1.6	1.9	-2.9	12%
Total	Curr Wk	146.1	322.4	171.3	207.7	319.5	1167.0
	Change	17%	9%	12%	13%	11%	12%
TOTAL		No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops			
Shell Egg		1167.0	12%	157			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		206.5	-6%	29			
Total Shell Egg		1373.5	9%	186			

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

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

		No	So	So			
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Large	Curr Wk	4.1	8.4	3.5	4.3	5.4	25.7
	Change	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	11.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	15.1
	Change	0.0	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	24%
Total	Curr Wk	4.1	19.6	7.4	4.3	5.4	40.8
	Change	14%	17%	14%	10%	13%	15%
TOTAL		No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops			
Specialty Shell Egg		40.8	15%	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.

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 13-MAR-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,205,176	30,127	11,173	5,598	1,926	4,231
PW	1,189,483	30,753	10,681	5,320	1,953	4,268
LY	1,219,470	30,907	10,995	5,562	2,062	4,055
% PW	1%	-2%	5%	5%	-1%	-1%
% LY	-1%	-3%	2%	1%	-7%	4%
2010*	12,293,192	297,766	121,857	60,219	25,191	42,323
2009*	12,412,171	306,072	116,356	59,397	26,650	42,506
% YTD	-1%	-3%	5%	1%	-5%	0%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.43	42.89	42.25		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.91	39.31	38.92		

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	670,661	55.6%	18,250	60.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	670,867	56.4%	18,264	59.4%
LAST YEAR	643,344	52.8%	17,974	58.2%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 06	Mar 13	Mar 06	Mar 13
	Thousand			
AL	*30,030	29,667	*20,883	21,449
AR	*24,439	23,114	*22,446	21,430
DE	3,193	3,782	3,625	4,581
FL	1,338	1,303	1,037	1,030
GA	31,594	31,691	*25,847	25,946
KY	*7,655	7,710	*6,033	6,405
LA	3,470	3,440	3,032	3,021
MD	9,062	8,856	6,589	6,115
MS	19,349	19,156	17,174	16,809
NC	18,772	18,901	15,299	15,790
OK	*6,879	7,122	*3,172	4,658
PA	*3,692	3,615	*2,854	2,956
SC	5,643	5,640	5,156	4,841
TX	*15,448	15,566	*13,249	13,376
VA	6,549	6,543	5,751	5,212
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,424	19,464	*16,869	16,236
19 State Total	*206,537	205,570	*169,016	169,855
Previous Year Total	202,111	203,072	167,577	169,505
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	101	100

*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 24-Apr-10 is estimated at 155.9 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.54 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

		(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/11/10 - 03/17/10					
		CURRENT LDS 66.25		FUTURE LDS 51.00		TOTAL LDS 117.25	
		SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	105.25	107.00	106.00	110.85	--	--	35.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	105.00	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	124.50	124.00	--	--	--	5.50
GL W J	98.00	--	120.50	122.00	100.92	--	6.75
GL W XL	--	120.33	116.50	118.80	111.63	--	16.50
GL W LG	--	118.43	112.00	122.21	108.61	105.00	58.25
GL W MD	--	100.00	90.00	91.80	78.81	--	17.25
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.00	51.50	--	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	122.75	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	69.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	69.33	8.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	46.25	47.25	--	50.00	8.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-Mar-10

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY			
Atlanta	16.1	16.5	-2	-35		
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	15		
Chicago	59.1	59.7	-1	-13		
Los Angeles	65.0	56.2	16	-1		
New Orleans	5.2	5.4	-4	-7		
New York	29.7	30.4	-2	-13		
St. Louis	83.6	85.8	-3	0		
San Francisco	21.0	17.7	19	-4		
Total	282.8	274.8	3	-8		
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.2					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,377
Avg Wt	16.68	38.51	25.80	30.30	29.22
Last week	1,706	2,605	29	8	4,348
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,672	27	3	4,445
Avg Wt	17.85	38.36	26.10	39.31	30.24
To-date/2010*	17,770	25,189	273	75	43,307
To-date/2009*	18,906	26,300	241	73	45,520
% Change YTD	-6%	-4%	13%	3%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,640	76,987	417	233	102,277
Last week	22,798	79,368	596	194	102,956
Same wk yr ago	24,890	81,998	539	90	107,517
To-date/2010*	241,469	794,094	5,511	1,902	1,042,976
To-date/2009*	254,232	827,051	4,919	1,724	1,087,926
% Change YTD	-5%	-4%	12%	10%	-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 13-Mar-10	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
North East	613	3	26.21	(A)	615
South Atlantic	674	4	34.47	(A)	676
North Central	2,049	-3	33.36	(A)	2,051
South Central	715	4	17.72	(A)	717
West	316	8	22.94	(A)	318
U.S. total	4,367 (B)	1	29.22	10	4,377
To-date					
2010*	43,232 (B)			75	43,307
To-date					
2009*	45,447 (B)			73	45,520

(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* 273,000; for last year to date* 241,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 13-Mar-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	159,069	1,482	1,519	3,001	398
Avg Wt	5.57	3.12	7.84	5.51	6.90
Last week	158,789	1,179	1,286	2,465	402
Same wk yr ago	153,780	1,244	1,457	2,701	433
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.74	5.66	6.67
To-date/2010*	1,586,190	14,418	13,337	27,755	4,094
To-date/2009*	1,550,621	12,470	15,085	27,555	4,128
% Change YTD	2%	16%	-12%	1%	-1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	660,081	2,474	7,919	10,393	1,977
Last week	662,468	1,993	6,585	8,578	1,960
Same wk yr ago	619,803	2,023	7,499	9,522	2,079
To-date/2010*	6,560,902	24,605	68,965	93,570	20,029
To-date/2009*	6,349,063	20,780	78,452	99,232	19,731
% Change YTD	3%	18%	-12%	-6%	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 156.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.0 million head, or 5.0 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
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
13	161.0	156.0	103%	5.57
Year to date	1605.3	1555.8	103%	
Mar 20		154.7		
27		156.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 20-Mar-10

Class	Current Week 03/20/10 (1)	Previous Week 03/13/10
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	162,075 (2)	161,830
Light hens	1,551	1,637
Heavy hens	1,443	1,479
Total	165,069	164,946

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Mar-10 is 154.7 million head compared to 156.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.4 million head or 7.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Mar-10 the estimated available is 154.3 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 03/15/10	3,094	121,090
AM 03/01/10	3,082	117,910
CHG	12	3180
PCT CHG	0%	3%
		57,732
		63,848
		-6116
		-10%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 77-82 cents shipping point and toms ranged 77-82 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 15-Mar-10

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-15.5 CENTS/LB.		12.07
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) 12-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 13-Mar-2010	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	194.0	6	4
East North Central	713.3	2	9
West North Central	315.2	-2	4
South Atlantic	161.2	7	-9
South Central	51.7	-2	-7
West	154.8	-1	-9
Total	1590.2	2	3

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: 15-MAR-2010 (cents per lb)

	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Los Angeles	93.00	92.71	38	:	87.83	115
New York	83.00-86.00	84.82	22	:	85.22	41

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

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

Chicago	79.00-84.00		:	84.14	47
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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	03/15/10	Change Last Wk	03/08/10	03/16/09
413	84.71	2.12	82.59	75.52

