



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices were unchanged with regional prices mostly unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was usually moderate to very good. Loose egg demand was light. Supplies were mostly adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good with offerings tight. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were 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 mostly steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was good to very good as orders for the upcoming Easter holiday continue to increase. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to tight. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and price ranges for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes 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 remained steady. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were barely adequate to tight for the fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate for generally regular processing schedules.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and price ranges for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM. Includes Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT.

COMBINED REGIONAL Mar 19, 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. Lists prices 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: Size (Large, Medium), 03-23-10, 03-16-10, 03-24-09. Shows price ranges for Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/
(Includes Conventional and Specialty - 30 dozen cases-in thousands)

Main inventory table for March 22, 2010. Columns: No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total, and Shell Egg Breaking Stock.

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/

Specialty shell egg inventory table. Columns: No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops. Rows include Large, Ungraded, Total, and Specialty Shell Egg.

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 20-MAR-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,195,753	29,781	11,498	5,632	2,181	4,157
PW	1,205,176	30,127	11,173	5,598	1,926	4,231
LY	1,243,197	31,481	11,411	5,644	2,337	4,254
% PW	-1%	-1%	3%	1%	13%	-2%
% LY	-4%	-5%	1%	0%	-7%	-2%
2010*	13,488,945	327,547	133,355	65,852	27,372	46,479
2009*	13,655,368	337,553	127,768	65,040	28,987	46,760
% YTD	-1%	-3%	4%	1%	-6%	-1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.71	42.43	42.46		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.23	38.91	39.04		

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	660,350	55.2%	17,919	60.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	670,661	55.6%	18,250	60.6%
LAST YEAR	644,774	51.9%	18,009	57.2%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 13	Mar 20
	Thousand			
AL	29,667	30,564	21,449	20,750
AR	*22,958	23,762	*21,477	21,698
DE	3,782	3,615	4,581	4,994
FL	1,303	1,316	1,030	1,029
GA	31,691	31,701	25,946	26,433
KY	7,710	7,995	*6,450	6,070
LA	3,440	3,500	3,021	3,043
MD	8,856	9,141	6,115	6,069
MS	19,156	19,503	16,809	16,891
NC	18,901	18,559	15,790	15,610
OK	*7,113	7,233	4,658	4,417
PA	*3,839	3,647	*3,023	3,000
SC	5,640	6,048	4,841	4,810
TX	15,566	15,541	13,376	13,204
VA	6,543	6,412	5,212	5,052
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,498	19,236	*16,379	17,040
19 State Total	*205,663	207,773	*170,157	170,110
Previous Year Total	203,072	200,382	169,505	170,633
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	104	100	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 01-May-10 is estimated at 156.5 million head. This compares to 155.9 million head the previous week and to 160.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.14 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/18/10 - 03/24/10		CURRENT LDS 70.00		FUTURE LDS 32.50		TOTAL LDS 102.50	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	102.75	105.00	105.70	110.08	--	102.00	36.00
GNR BR 1	--	110.50	121.00	118.00	--	120.00	5.50
GL W J	--	--	121.50	123.00	90.60	95.00	4.75
GL W XL	--	118.00	112.50	114.00	106.86	106.00	12.75
GL W LG	--	113.00	96.50	119.10	104.86	104.44	35.00
GL W MD	--	--	81.63	85.60	80.22	83.20	17.25
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.00	50.00	53.00	1.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	112.50	--	.75
NRBS - 50	--	66.75	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	68.50	68.71	10.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	64.00	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-Mar-10

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	LW	LY
Atlanta	14.4	16.1	-11	-34	
Boston	3.0	3.1	-3	11	
Chicago	61.9	59.1	5	-5	
Los Angeles	58.5	65.0	-10	1	
New Orleans	5.4	5.2	4	4	
New York	30.8	29.7	4	-11	
St. Louis	88.6	83.6	6	11	
San Francisco	21.3	21.0	1	13	
Total	283.9	282.8	0	-1	
4 Week Moving Avg.	280.5				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Avg Wt	16.84	38.42	27.16	31.06	29.41
Last week	1,847	2,499	21	10	4,377
Same wk yr ago	1,739	2,678	33	5	4,455
Avg Wt	16.66	38.05	23.94	44.15	29.60
To-date/2010*	19,619	27,769	282	88	47,758
To-date/2009*	20,645	28,978	274	78	49,975
% Change YTD	-5%	-4%	3%	13%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,917	79,296	188	311	104,712
Last week	24,640	76,987	417	233	102,277
Same wk yr ago	23,177	81,518	604	169	105,468
To-date/2010*	266,386	873,390	5,699	2,213	1,147,688
To-date/2009*	277,409	908,569	5,523	1,893	1,193,394
% Change YTD	-4%	-4%	3%	17%	-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 20-Mar-10	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head	Live wt
North East	664	8	26.12	(A)	667 26.12
South Atlantic	644	-4	34.18	(A)	647 34.18
North Central	2,088	2	33.6	(A)	2,091 33.60
South Central	718	0	18.68	(A)	720 18.68
West	324	3	23.45	(A)	326 23.45
U.S. total	4,438 (B)	2	29.41	13	4,451 29.41
To-date					
2010*	47,670 (B)			88	47,758
To-date					
2009*	49,897 (B)			78	49,975

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date* 282,000; for last year to date* 274,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 20-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%
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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 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 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
20	161.7	154.7	105%	5.58
Year to date	1767.0	1710.5	103%	
Mar 27		154.3		
Apr 3		158.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 27-Mar-10

Class	Current Week 03/27/10 (1)	Previous Week 03/20/10
Broiler/fryer	160,719 (2)	162,075
Light hens	1,588	1,551
Heavy hens	1,273	1,443
Total	163,580	165,069

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Mar-10 is 154.3 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.0 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Apr-10 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 03/22/10	3,111	56,275
AM 03/01/10	3,082	63,848
CHG	29	-7573
PCT CHG	1%	-12%

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 22-Mar-10

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-15.5 CENTS/LB.		12.04
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) 19-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 20-Mar-2010

REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	194.6	0	2
East North Central	718.2	1	9
West North Central	327.9	4	6
South Atlantic	163.9	2	-12
South Central	55.6	8	6
West	172.3	11	8
Total	1632.5	3	5

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: 22-MAR-2010 (cents per lb)

Grade A	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg
	Wtd Avg	Lds

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Los Angeles	93.00	93.53	36	:	87.43	115
New York	86.00-89.00	87.90	21	:	86.75	47

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

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

Chicago	79.00-85.00	:	83.08	42
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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	03/22/10	Change Last Wk	03/15/10	03/23/09
432	85.77	1.06	84.71	76.67

