



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week New York and regional prices declined sharply with next week's regional asking prices trending lower. The trade sentiment continued weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was light to moderate. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Demand was usually light with offerings fully adequate to available. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were adequate to available. The trade sentiment was weak. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings ranging barely adequate to ample. Processing 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 Producer prices were 4 cents lower for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment remained weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was light to at times moderate. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was usually light for the fully adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was weak.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and values for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Medium and larger size egg prices continued trending lower. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. Retail demand was very light. Current supplies were fully adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks in the Eastern region were adequate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings were generally sufficient for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Apr 02, 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. Rows include NORTHEAST, SOUTHEAST, MIDWEST, SOUTH CENTRAL, 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: Large, Medium, 04-06-10, 03-30-10, 04-07-09.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

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

Table with columns: APRIL 05, 2010, Northeast, Cent, No, So, Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total, Percent.

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

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

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

Table with columns: Northeast, Cent, No, So, Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Large, Ungraded, Total, Percent.

Table with columns: TOTAL, No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops. Row includes 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 03-APR-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,246,484	30,986	11,663	5,999	1,998	4,381
PW	1,238,653	31,083	11,736	5,710	1,760	4,279
LY	1,231,562	30,849	10,983	5,248	2,246	3,999
% PW	1%	0%	-1%	5%	13%	2%
% LY	1%	0%	6%	14%	-11%	10%
2010*	15,974,082	389,616	156,754	77,561	31,130	55,140
2009*	16,112,059	399,794	149,879	75,671	33,268	54,939
% YTD	-1%	-3%	5%	2%	-6%	0%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>		<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Last</b>		
		<b>Week</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>		
(Inedible Included)		42.54	42.63	41.48		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.03	39.18	38.23		

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	714,285	57.3%	19,308	62.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	676,162	54.6%	18,329	59.0%
LAST YEAR	660,285	53.6%	17,695	57.4%

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

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 27	Apr 03	Mar 27	Apr 03
	Thousand			
AL	30,325	29,344	20,850	20,504
AR	23,437	23,360	21,428	22,035
DE	3,709	3,640	4,391	4,529
FL	1,343	1,350	1,096	997
GA	31,500	31,094	27,287	26,235
KY	7,708	7,784	6,256	6,837
LA	3,470	3,379	3,059	3,023
MD	9,089	9,121	6,223	6,395
MS	19,405	19,204	16,766	16,463
NC	18,743	18,654	15,853	15,705
OK	*7,137	6,888	4,347	3,290
PA	*3,791	3,777	*2,943	2,961
SC	5,990	5,735	4,114	4,775
TX	14,758	15,564	12,821	12,965
VA	6,178	6,466	5,328	5,316
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,782	18,962	*16,421	16,721
19 State Total	*205,365	204,322	*169,183	168,751
Previous Year Total	199,817	203,634	167,014	168,980
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	100	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 15-May-10 is estimated at 155.6 million head. This compares to 156.2 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.90 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/01/10 - 04/07/10						
CURRENT LDS 90.25		FUTURE LDS 31.00		TOTAL LDS 121.25		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	70.50	80.00	75.50	81.00	--	--
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	61.25	65.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	93.60
GL W J	--	--	--	--	71.38	73.00
GL W XL	--	--	72.92	77.63	65.38	70.50
GL W LG	--	--	57.18	68.81	61.88	65.23
GL W MD	--	--	57.00	58.71	56.60	58.57
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.25	--	--
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	63.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	55.67	56.50	50.67	62.45
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	60.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Selected Consuming Centers	W/E 03-Apr-10		% CHANGE	
	CW	PW	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.6	25.8	-28	-33
Boston	3.5	4.0	-13	-22
Chicago	69.1	66.8	3	1
Los Angeles	54.5	61.9	-12	-8
New Orleans	5.8	5.0	16	-2
New York	31.1	31.4	-1	-27
St. Louis	94.1	105.4	-11	-3
San Francisco	21.1	29.7	-29	-18
Total	297.8	330.0	-10	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	298.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 03-Apr-10 (Preliminary)

Head	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
Avg Wt	17.42	39.02	22.40	54.18	30.02
Last week	1,817	2,493	12	2	4,324
Same wk yr ago	1,873	2,634	22	5	4,534
Avg Wt	16.02	38.52	25.52	38.00	29.16
To-date/2010*	23,109	32,606	301	91	56,107
To-date/2009*	24,363	34,188	332	86	58,969
% Change YTD	-5%	-5%	-9%	6%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weightand Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,314	73,176	121	42	96,653
Last week	25,038	78,454	226	92	103,810
Same wk yr ago	23,704	80,155	430	145	104,434
To-date/2010*	314,738	1,025,020	6,046	2,347	1,348,151
To-date/2009*	325,290	1,068,456	6,667	2,115	1,402,528
% Change YTD	-3%	-4%	-9%	11%	-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 03-Apr-10	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg	Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg				
North East	549	-16	27.17	(A)	550	27.17
South Atlantic	596	-6	32.61	(A)	596	32.61
North Central	1,893	-9	34.82	(A)	1,893	34.82
South Central	703	1	19.21	(A)	703	19.21
West	283	12	24.74	(A)	283	24.74
U.S. total	4,024 (B)	-7	30.02	1	4,025	30.02
To-date						
2010*	56,016 (B)			91	56,107	
To-date						
2009*	58,883 (B)			86	58,969	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date\* 301,000; for last year to date\* 332,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 03-Apr-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864	389
Avg Wt	5.55	3.16	7.81	5.16	6.89
Last week	157,866	1,458	1,281	2,739	430
Same wk yr ago	153,914	1,193	1,560	2,753	411
Avg Wt	5.49	3.14	7.79	5.77	6.77
To-date/2010*	2,059,995	18,976	17,274	36,250	5,313
To-date/2009*	2,014,208	16,012	19,613	35,625	5,334
% Change YTD	2%	19%	-12%	2%	0%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	645,844	2,711	6,388	9,099	1,930
Last week	651,560	2,699	6,628	9,327	2,102
Same wk yr ago	629,516	1,892	8,081	9,973	1,989
To-date/2010*	8,522,361	32,517	89,207	121,724	26,037
To-date/2009*	8,232,534	26,510	101,690	128,200	25,600
% Change YTD	4%	23%	-12%	-5%	2%

Dressing %	74.5%	52.5%	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 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.1 million head, or 0.0 million less 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 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
27	159.8	156.9	102%	5.54
Apr 3	158.1	158.1	100%	5.55
Year to date	2084.9	2025.5	103%	
Apr 10		157.2		
Apr 17		158.7		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 10-Apr-10			
Class	Current Week 04/10/10 (1)	Previous Week 04/03/10	
	----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	159,896 (2)		158,527
Light hens	1,552		1,821
Heavy hens	1,139		1,275
Total	162,587		161,623

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Apr-10 is 157.2 million head compared to 150.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Apr-10 the estimated available is 158.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers  
(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)**

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 04/05/10	3,110	115,061	47,229
AM 03/01/10	3,082	117,910	63,848
CHG	28	-2849	-16619
PCT CHG	1%	-2%	-26%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2010 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2010 are:

Frozen Eggs	24	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	358	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	493	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 76.50-82 cents shipping point and toms ranged 76.50-82 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 05-Apr-10

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-15.75 CENTS/LB.		12.12
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) 02-Apr-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 03-Apr-2010	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.4	3	5
East North Central	696.9	-3	-2
West North Central	341.7	1	6
South Atlantic	163.9	-2	-17
South Central	51.8	-9	-16
West	183.1	-5	1
Total	1635.8	-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: 05-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>					
Los Angeles	94.00	93.76	33	86.36	101
New York	81.00-84.00	82.29	21	82.65	41

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	76.00-79.00			77.52	49

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	04/05/10	Change Last Wk	03/29/10	04/06/09
381	82.42	-2.86	85.28	76.30

