



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York and regional prices declined sharply this week. Next week's regional asking prices were trending lower. The trade sentiment ranged steady to instances weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was light to moderate. Loose shell egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were fully adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings 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 2 cents lower for large, 1 cent lower for small, and unchanged for medium. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. RANGE MOSTLY EXTRA LARGE 81-90 84-87 LARGE 80-89 82-85 MEDIUM 67-76 69-72 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 barely steady to steady. Retail demand was light. Distributive demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for the light demand. Spent hen offerings were at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules. RANGE MOSTLY EXTRA LARGE 89-103 92-96 LARGE 85-99 90-94 MEDIUM 71-84 75-78 NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL APRIL 09, 2010 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 3 columns: 04-13-10, 04-06-10, 04-14-09. Rows include Large, Medium.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

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

Table with 7 columns: Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

Summary table with 4 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 7 columns: Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Large, Ungraded, Total.

Summary table with 4 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 the number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in plant operations.

3/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

Table with 6 columns: NORTHEAST, NO CENT, SO CENT, SO ATL, PACIFIC, 5-AREA. Row includes values: 119.2, 336.5, 137.1, 183.1, 228.3, 1004.2

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 10-APR-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,306,067	31,995	12,668	6,201	2,348	4,483
PW	1,246,484	30,986	11,663	5,999	1,998	4,381
LY	1,191,946	30,138	10,808	5,545	2,461	4,287
% PW	5%	3%	9%	3%	18%	2%
% LY	10%	6%	17%	12%	-5%	5%
2010*	17,280,149	421,611	169,422	83,762	33,478	59,623
2009*	17,304,005	429,933	160,687	81,215	35,729	59,226
% YTD	0%	-2%	5%	3%	-6%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.38	42.54	42.60		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.94	39.03	39.00		

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	730,522	55.9%	18,727	58.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	714,285	57.3%	19,308	62.3%
LAST YEAR	661,422	55.5%	18,173	60.3%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Apr 03	Apr 10	Apr 03	Apr 10
	Thousand			
AL	29,344	30,132	20,504	20,875
AR	*23,520	24,034	*21,932	21,837
DE	*3,771	3,782	*4,672	4,602
FL	1,350	1,342	*972	944
GA	31,094	31,925	26,235	26,788
KY	7,784	8,301	6,837	6,792
LA	3,379	3,500	3,023	3,112
MD	*8,965	9,058	*6,099	7,083
MS	19,204	18,939	16,463	17,013
NC	18,654	18,464	15,705	15,089
OK	*6,880	7,209	3,290	5,179
PA	*3,716	3,874	*2,996	3,004
SC	5,735	5,770	4,775	5,416
TX	*15,568	15,548	*12,984	13,021
VA	6,466	6,527	5,316	4,840
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,939	19,573	*16,697	16,961
19 State Total	*204,369	207,978	*168,500	172,556
Previous Year Total	203,634	203,036	168,980	166,390
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	100	104

*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 22-May-10 is estimated at 157.0 million head. This compares to 155.6 million head the previous week and to 157.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 84.51 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/08/10 - 04/14/10

CURRENT LDS	SE		NE		MW		TOTAL LDS	153.50
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	54.90	--	56.83	57.63	--	--	8.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	52.50	55.00	1.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	91.00	--	--	--	2.00	
GL W J	74.00	--	75.50	77.00	71.55	--	4.75	
GL W XL	--	--	67.75	69.46	61.41	62.00	41.75	
GL W LG	55.00	57.00	58.75	55.33	57.02	60.00	28.75	
GL W MD	--	--	57.00	59.25	54.60	--	12.25	
GL W SM	--	52.00	53.33	56.33	45.00	48.00	5.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	86.00	--	--	.75	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	84.80	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	53.00	55.00	47.75	53.58	46.00	

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Selected Consuming Centers	W/E 10-Apr-10		% CHANGE	
	CW	PW	LW	LY
Atlanta	14.6	18.6	-22	-47
Boston	2.4	3.5	-31	-33
Chicago	65.0	69.1	-6	11
Los Angeles	63.0	54.5	16	-15
New Orleans	5.3	5.8	-9	-7
New York	27.8	31.1	-11	-17
St. Louis	86.7	94.1	-8	-7
San Francisco	19.6	21.1	-7	-32
Total	284.4	297.8	-4	-13
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.0			

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

	YOUNG YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL	TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,885	2,428	18	2	4,333
Avg Wt	17.18	39.01	25.25	60.53	29.47
Last week	1,673	2,344	7	1	4,025
Same wk yr ago	1,624	2,393	39	1	4,057
Avg Wt	16.56	38.37	27.00	29.53	29.53
To-date/2010*	24,994	35,034	319	93	60,440
To-date/2009*	25,987	36,581	371	87	63,026
% Change YTD	-4%	-4%	-14%	7%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,900	75,782	350	93	102,125
Last week	23,314	73,176	121	42	96,653
Same wk yr ago	21,246	72,537	806	23	94,612
To-date/2010*	340,638	1,100,802	6,396	2,440	1,450,276
To-date/2009*	346,536	1,140,993	7,473	2,138	1,497,140
% Change YTD	-2%	-4%	-14%	14%	-3%
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 10-Apr-10	-----Young turkeys-----		Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-Live wt
North East	620	13	26.50	(A)	621 26.50
South Atlantic	662	11	33.56	(A)	663 33.56
North Central	2,033	7	33.48	(A)	2,033 33.48
South Central	791	13	18.39	(A)	791 18.39
West	225	-20	27.93	(A)	225 27.93
U.S. total	4,331 (B)	8	29.47	2	4,333 29.47
To-date					
2010*	60,347 (B)			93	60,440
To-date					
2009*	62,939 (B)			87	63,026

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date* 319,000; for last year to date* 371,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 15-AUG-2009	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584	404
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.84	5.33	6.78
Last week	156,199	1,634	1,230	2,864	389
Same wk yr ago	148,483	1,112	1,444	2,556	389
Avg Wt	5.49	3.26	7.86	5.86	6.86
To-date/2010*	2,220,048	20,425	18,409	38,834	5,717
To-date/2009*	2,162,691	17,124	21,057	38,181	5,723
% Change YTD	3%	19%	-13%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	654,625	2,564	5,917	8,481	1,972
Last week	645,844	2,711	6,388	9,099	1,930
Same wk yr ago	607,303	1,831	7,548	9,379	1,908
To-date/2010*	9,176,986	35,081	95,124	130,205	28,009
To-date/2009*	8,839,837	28,341	109,238	137,579	27,508
% Change YTD	4%	24%	-13%	-5%	2%

Dressing %	74.5%	52.5%	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 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

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

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER AVAILABLE COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE*	PCT	AVG WT
MILLION HEAD				
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
10	162.0	157.2	103%	5.49
Year to date	2246.9	2182.7	103%	
Apr 17		158.7		
24		159.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
04/17/10 (1)	04/10/10
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	159,896
Light hens	1,552
Heavy hens	1,139
Total	162,587

(1)ESTIMATED
 (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Apr-10 is 158.7 million head compared to 156.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.5 million head or 5.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Apr-10 the estimated available is 159.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – SELECTED CENTERS (INCL GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 04/12/10	3,142	117,000	50,163
AM 04/01/10	3,115	114,546	50,373
CHG	27	2454	-210
PCT CHG	1%	2%	0%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 78-83 cents shipping point and toms ranged 78-83 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

LIVE HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8-16	CENTS/LB.	12.16
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)
 09-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 10-Apr-10	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	197.9	0	5
East North Central	699.6	0	2
West North Central	317.8	-7	3
South Atlantic	142.9	-13	-24
South Central	53.8	4	3
West	167.3	-9	-5
Total	1,579.3	-3	-1
Matched plants reporting		82	81
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 trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 12-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	94.00	93.36	33 :	85.53	95
New York	81.00-84.00	82.30	23 :	81.51	47

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
	71.00-77.00		:	75.30	50

1/: Includes branded product.

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

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

WEEKLY	Change from			
12-APR-2010	05-APR-2010	05-APR-2010	13-APR-2009	
81.59	-83	82.42	76.33	
NUMBER OF LOADS	397			

