



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices declined sharply on all sizes. Early in the week regional prices were unchanged to lower on extra large and lower on the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices were trending downward. The trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned shell egg demand was light to moderate. Loose shell egg demand remained light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Demand was quiet as most breakers' needs were fulfilled for the upcoming week. Offerings were ample. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were adequate to generally fully adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. North Central regional light type hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate while offerings were 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 3 cents lower on all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was weak. Both cartoned and loose shell egg demand were light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was light for the ample offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and MIDWEST AREA.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Medium and larger sizes were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was very light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for regular processing schedules.

Table with columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and rows for EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and NORTHEAST AREA.

COMBINED REGIONAL

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

Table with columns: REGIONS, EX LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, and rows for 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 columns: Large, Medium, and rows for 04-27-10, 04-20-10, 04-28-09.

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 26, 2010, Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, Atl Pacific, 5-Area, and rows for Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total.

Table with columns: TOTAL, No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops, and rows for 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, No Cent, So Cent, Atl Pacific, 5-Area, and rows for Large, Ungraded, Total.

Table with columns: TOTAL, No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops, and rows for 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 24-APR-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,381,952	34,210	13,305	6,865	2,884	4,759
PW	1,364,952	32,328	14,045	7,049	2,688	4,476
LY	1,314,920	31,455	13,546	6,827	2,881	4,408
% PW	1%	6%	-5%	-3%	7%	6%
% LY	5%	9%	-2%	1%	0%	8%
2010*	20,027,053	488,149	196,771	97,677	39,050	68,858
2009*	19,870,100	491,681	186,397	94,541	41,199	67,859
% YTD	1%	-1%	6%	3%	-5%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.79	42.42	42.77
(Inedible Excluded)	39.35	39.14	39.42

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	760,870	55.1%	19,480	56.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	744,797	54.6%	18,890	58.4%
LAST YEAR	689,453	52.4%	17,482	55.6%

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

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Apr 17	Apr 24	Apr 17	Apr 24
	Thousand			
AL	30,182	30,292	21,438	20,455
AR	23,825	23,301	20,910	21,729
DE	*3,783	3,782	*5,404	4,866
FL	1,382	1,389	1,102	1,140
GA	31,808	31,695	*26,360	25,735
KY	7,566	7,747	*6,001	6,175
LA	3,500	3,470	3,134	3,187
MD	8,906	8,184	*5,735	6,336
MS	19,160	19,023	16,879	16,766
NC	18,748	19,497	15,600	15,578
OK	*7,133	6,915	4,399	3,507
PA	*3,784	3,802	*3,029	2,899
SC	5,507	5,667	5,344	5,781
TX	15,654	15,816	12,462	12,825
VA	6,531	6,792	*4,658	5,035
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,366	19,465	*16,772	17,468
19 State Total	*206,835	206,837	*169,227	169,482
Previous Year Total	203,819	202,068	166,888	169,887
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	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 05-Jun-10 is estimated at 156.0 million head. This compares to 157.5 million head the previous week and to 158.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 87.11 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/22/10 – 04/28/10						
CURRENT LDS 83.75		FUTURE LDS 28.25		TOTAL LDS 112.00		
SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST LOADS
GNR W 1	42.00	--	47.50	46.29	--	-- 7.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	58.25	--	--	79.00 1.25
GL W J	--	--	65.50	67.00	64.33	66.50 5.00
GL W XL	60.00	61.29	59.50	60.15	54.30	-- 23.00
GL W LG	52.00	--	--	45.86	45.67	46.67 26.25
GL W MD	--	--	44.50	50.50	44.16	48.00 7.75
GL W SM	--	42.50	56.00	59.00	35.00	38.00 5.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	46.00	45.75	40.04	45.28 47.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	39.50	43.00 4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Apr-10

Selected	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	Cases, in thousands		LW	LY
Atlanta	14.4	14.5	-1	-31
Boston	2.7	2.5	8	8
Chicago	56.3	62.7	-10	11
Los Angeles	53.5	63.5	-16	-9
New Orleans	5.5	5.2	6	15
New York	30.5	28.1	9	2
St. Louis	69.8	67.8	3	2
San Francisco	19.2	18.3	5	10
Total	251.9	262.6	-4	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	274.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-Apr-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
Head	1,601	2,639	30	2	4,272
Avg Wt	16.98	37.97	25.16	33.41	30.01
Last week	1,934	2,498	24	10	4,466
Same wk yr ago	2,128	2,634	38	1	4,801
Avg Wt	16.85	37.96	35.02	34.65	28.58
To-date/2010*	28,529	40,171	373	105	69,178
To-date/2009*	29,872	41,494	432	90	71,888
% Change YTD	-4%	-3%	-14%	17%	-4%

<i>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</i>					
Current week	21,747	80,165	581	51	102,544
Last week	26,291	77,236	455	227	104,209
Same wk yr ago	28,327	78,989	1,018	27	108,361
To-date/2010*	388,676	1,258,203	7,432	2,718	1,657,029
To-date/2009*	398,904	1,286,255	8,943	2,261	1,696,363
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	-17%	20%	-2%

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 24-Apr-10	(Preliminary)			Old	Total	Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----			Breeders		
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	-Thousand head-		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt			Live wt
North East	622	-2	26.28	(A)	623	26.28
South Atlantic	666	-10	34.31	(A)	667	34.31
North Central	2,047	0	33.73	(A)	2,047	33.73
South Central	713	-11	18.99	(A)	713	18.99
West	222	-10	28.66	(A)	222	28.66
U.S. total	4,270 (B)	-4	30.01	2	4,272	30.01
To-date						
2010*	69,073 (B)			105	69,178	
To-date						
2009*	71,798 (B)			90	71,888	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date* 373,000; for last year to date* 432,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 24-Apr-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	162,987	1,532	1,458	2,990	427
Avg Wt	5.64	3.31	7.82	5.51	6.86
Last week	161,552	1,598	1,314	2,912	396
Same wk yr ago	158,718	1,164	1,679	2,843	427
Avg Wt	5.53	3.42	7.78	5.99	6.85
To-date/2010*	2,544,587	23,555	21,181	44,736	6,540
To-date/2009*	2,476,417	19,476	24,247	43,723	6,570
% Change YTD	3%	21%	-13%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	684,839	2,662	7,582	10,244	2,109
Last week	673,995	2,601	6,842	9,443	1,962
Same wk yr ago	653,894	2,010	8,687	10,697	2,091

To-date/2010*	10,535,820	40,344	109,548	149,892	32,080
To-date/2009*	10,133,496	32,259	125,853	158,112	31,602
% Change YTD	4%	25%	-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 159.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 5.4 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
Mar 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
17	163.5	158.7	103%	5.60
24	165.0	159.6	103%	5.64
Year to date	2575.4	2501.0	103%	
May 1		160.0		
8		159.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 01-May-10

Class	Current Week 05/01/10 (1)	Previous Week 04/24/10
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	165,587 (2)	163,515
Light hens	1,535	1,658
Heavy hens	1,435	1,482
Total	168,557	166,655

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-May-10 is 160.0 million head compared to 159.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.9 million head or 5.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-May-10 the estimated available is 159.6 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 04/26/10	3,172	123,143	52,441
AM 04/01/10	3,115	114,546	50,373
CHG	57	8,597	2,068
PCT CHG	2%	8%	4%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen offering prices on a national basis ranged for hens 79.00-83.00 cents shipping point and toms ranged 79.00-83.00 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 26-Apr-10

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-16 CENTS/LB.		12.23
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) 23-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 24-Apr-2010	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	171.1	-11	-4
East North Central	676.4	-3	15
West North Central	316.1	-2	10
South Atlantic	136.6	-2	-13
South Central	48.5	-4	-2
West	142.0	-6	2
Total	1490.7	-4	7

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 truck-lot sales of RTC ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 26-Apr-2010 (cents per lb)

	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Los Angeles	94.00	92.92	39	86.59	92
New York	81.00-84.00	82.64	22	82.72	46

	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Chicago	71.00-77.00			75.85	44

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

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER

Loads	04/26/10	Change Last Wk	04/19/10	04/27/09
386	82.28	1.07	81.21	77.14
Month		Weighted Average		Loads
April		82.12		1,715.20

