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This week New York and regional prices are steady with a slight increase for large in the Southwest region. Retail and food service shell egg demand is light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for jumbo and extra large, mostly moderate for large, and moderate to heavy for medium and smalls. Market activity is moderate to instances slow. Breaking stock prices are higher with checks and undergrades steady. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. North Central regional light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is moderate to good with offerings light to moderate. Processing schedules were part-time to full-time.

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 are 4 cents lower on small with the balance of prices steady. The undertone is unsettled. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on jumbo and extra large, moderate to instances heavy on large, and moderate to heavy on medium and small sizes. Market activity ranges slow to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light to good with offerings light. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-82	76-79
LARGE	72-81	74-77
MEDIUM	49-58	51-54

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy for trading requirements. Retail demand is light, featuring is limited. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-98	80-84
LARGE	72-76	77-81
MEDIUM	52-65	57-59

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	82.00	79.00	58.00
SOUTHEAST	80.50	78.50	57.00
MIDWEST	77.50	75.50	52.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	88.50	83.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	82.46	79.34	56.26

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

	07-20-10	07-13-10	07-21-09
Large	54-64	54-64	64-74
Medium	31-35	31-35	30-34

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	10.7	5.0	8.4	11.8	43.1
	Change	1.3	-1.5	-2.2	0.2	-2.4	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.3	35.4	7.0	22.2	32.2	119.1
	Change	1.8	4.0	-3.3	1.4	-7.4	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	47.3	97.0	52.4	100.7	113.6	411.0
	Change	-4.0	7.8	-16.5	1.0	-5.6	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	21.6	56.9	21.2	21.8	39.4	160.9
	Change	-1.8	5.6	-0.7	-0.5	1.4	3%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	11.9	2.5	7.3	4.0	3 1.8
	Change	-1.0	-1.6	0.3	1.4	0.0	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	19.1	9.4	10.9	5.5	4 7.7
	Change	0.3	-4.3	-0.4	1.9	-1.4	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	5.9	66.0	16.3	7.6	17.7	113.5
	Change	0.1	3.0	4.5	0.2	-1.4	6%
Total	Curr Wk	113.2	297.0	113.8	178.9	224.2	927.1
	Change	-3%	5%	-14%	3%	-7%	-2%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	927.1	-2%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	223.4	-13%	29
Total Shell Egg	1,150.5	-4%	186

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	6.0	6.3	2.3	3.5	6.8	24.9
	Change	0.9	0.8	-0.6	0.0	-0.9	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	14.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	18.2
	Change	0.0	0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	6.0	20.5	6.3	3.5	6.8	43.1
	Change	18%	6%	-15%	0%	-12%	0%

TOTAL	No. of cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	43.1	0%	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.

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.

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 17-JUL-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,397,696	32,773	14,398	6,776	3,359	4,408
PW	1,325,729	32,937	12,580	5,819	3,504	4,170
LY	1,349,609	32,385	13,759	6,701	3,141	4,511
% PW	5%	0%	14%	16%	-4%	6%
% LY	4%	1%	5%	1%	7%	-2%
2010*	36,398,796	880,993	362,364	177,718	78,681	121,958
2009*	35,978,972	875,351	349,519	176,259	79,499	122,066
% YTD	1%	1%	4%	1%	-1%	0%

Average Yield Per Case -Current Previous	Last		
	Week	Week	Year
(Inedible Included)	41.75	41.87	42.50
(Inedible Excluded)	38.60	38.72	39.16

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	722,287	51.7%	18,664	56.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	728,290	54.9%	19,829	60.2%
LAST YEAR	673,183	49.9%	17,451	53.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	JUL 10	JUL 17	JUL 10	JUL 17
	Thousand			
Alabama	30,782	30,650	22,254	21,433
Arkansas	23,231	24,394	21,451	20,802
Delaware	3,879	3,913	4,762	4,685
Florida	1,390	1,389	980	1,007
Georgia	31,599	32,298	26,758	27,002
Kentucky	7,566	7,747	5,994	6,069
Louisiana	3,470	3,122	3,140	3,108
Maryland	7,723	8,149	6,539	6,136
Mississippi	19,083	19,374	16,681	16,996
North Carolina	20,044	20,387	15,596	15,625
Oklahoma	6,211	6,539	4,663	4,890
Pennsylvania	3,199	3,754	3,064	3,273
South Carolina	5,937	5,750	4,799	5,543
Texas	15,975	15,544	13,571	13,646
Virginia	6,755	6,532	5,361	5,413
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West	19,229	19,643	17,691	18,418
19 State total	206,073	209,185	173,304	174,046
Previous year total	202,101	204,579	169,460	168,472
Pct of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103

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 28-Aug-10 is estimated at 159.8 million head. This compares to 160.2 million head the previous week and to 159.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.98 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/15/10 – 07/21/10												
CURRENT LDS 130.75			FUTURE LDS 58.25			TOTAL LDS 189.00						
SE			NE			MW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	49.00	--	48.50	53.40	--	61.00	18.00					
GNR BR 1	--	87.00	75.33	76.67	--	--	10.00					
GL W J	--	--	74.50	76.00	73.70	--	4.25					
GL W XL	--	70.00	68.00	71.37	64.58	67.90	24.75					
GL W LG	--	--	51.00	59.45	64.29	--	55.50					
GL W MD	52.00	43.50	36.31	40.40	41.93	38.44	38.00					
GL W SM	--	35.75	31.25	34.25	27.33	28.33	10.00					
GL BR XL	--	--	106.50	--	--	--	4.00					
GL BR LG	--	--	94.50	--	--	--	6.00					
NRBS - 48	41.50	42.60	--	42.00	43.67	46.00	15.00					
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	38.00	41.33	3.00					
NRBS - 39	--	--	36.00	38.50	36.38	39.00	12.00					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-Jul-10

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	16.3	15.5	5	-36		
Boston	2.8	3.0	-7	8		
Chicago	63.1	62.2	1	28		
Los Angeles	69.4	66.4	5	10		
New Orleans	5.5	5.6	-2	8		
New York	29.9	29.2	2	6		
St. Louis	79.9	80.0	0	20		
San Francisco	23.8	21.8	9	69		
Total	290.7	284.8	2	14		
4 Week Moving Avg.	288.4					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-Jul-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
Head	1,859	2,691	43	13	4,606
Avg Wt	16.84	37.24	24.76	26.18	28.86
Last week	1,658	2,222	13	1	3,894
Same wk yr ago	1,920	2,579	34	2	4,535
Avg Wt	17.23	37.14	39.33	43.18	28.73
To-date/2010*	49,996	70,290	569	183	121,038
To-date/2009*	53,552	72,135	641	135	126,463
% Change YTD	-7%	-3%	-11%	36%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,040	80,177	820	262	106,299
Last week	22,490	67,944	235	53	90,722
Same wk yr ago	26,465	76,627	1,023	66	104,181
To-date/2010*	682,212	2,180,820	11,225	4,653	2,878,910
To-date/2009*	715,989	2,196,775	13,548	3,378	2,929,690
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	-17%	38%	-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 INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 17-Jul-10	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head	-Live wt
North East	615	24	25.93	(A)	619 25.93
South Atlantic	728	32	33.13	(A)	730 33.13
North Central	2,289	18	31.57	(A)	2,292 31.57
South Central	685	0	18.40	(A)	687 18.40
West	276	24	27.7	(A)	278 27.70
U.S. total	4,593 (B)	18	28.86	13	4,606 28.86
To-date					
2010*	120,855 (B)			183	121,038
To-date					
2009*	126,328 (B)			135	126,463

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 43,000; for the current year to date* 569,000; for last year to date* 641,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 17-Jul-2010	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,024	1,420	1,602	3,022	422
Avg Wt	5.55	3.20	7.98	5.73	6.66
Last week	144,989	1,089	1,491	2,580	431
Same wk yr ago	160,681	1,451	1,610	3,061	404
Avg Wt	5.43	3.23	7.94	5.71	6.83
To-date/2010*	4,474,903	40,235	38,552	78,787	11,643
To-date/2009*	4,373,328	36,528	41,457	77,985	11,492
% Change YTD	2%	10%	-7%	1%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	674,063	2,408	8,501	10,909	2,024
Last week	597,333	1,858	7,734	9,592	2,045
Same wk yr ago	650,011	2,437	8,501	10,938	1,959
To-date/2010*	18,581,658	68,686	200,636	269,322	57,676
To-date/2009*	17,896,369	60,444	215,881	276,325	55,456
% Change YTD	4%	14%	-7%	-3%	4%

Dressing %	74.5%	53.0%	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 162.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.0 million head, or 2.1 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 AVAILABLE COMPARISON

MILLION HEAD					
WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE*	PCT	AVG WT	
Jun 12	163.9	160.8	102%	5.59	
19	163.2	161.5	101%	5.56	
26	165.7	161.2	103%	5.60	
Jul 3	166.6	161.0	103%	5.48	
10	146.8	161.5	91%	5.53	
17	165.0	162.9	101%	5.55	
Year to date	4529.1	4429.0	102%		
Jul 24		163.8			
31		164.7			

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-10					
CURRENT WEEK	07/24/10 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK	07/17/10	CLASS	
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----					
Broiler/fryer	171,355 (2)		163,179		
Light hens	1,335		1,447		
Heavy hens	1,426		1,391		
Total	174,116		166,017		

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jul-10 is 163.8 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.7 million head or 7.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Jul-10 the estimated available is 164.7 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 07/19/10	3,156	166,669	43,433
AM 07/01/10	3,062	162,569	44,343
CHG	94	4,100	-910
PCT CHG	3%	3%	-2%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 90.00-100.00 cents shipping point and toms 90.00-100.00 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 19-JUL-10	REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
	Southeast (1)	8-16.25	CENTS/LB.	12.34
	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-JUL-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 17-Jul-10	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	197.0	-1	6
East North Central	643.7	1	13
West North Central	310.0	-1	11
South Atlantic	137.4	2	-20
South Central	53.9	9	8
West	155.0	-3	4
Total	1497.0	0	7

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 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 19-JUL-2010 (cents per lb)

	Grade A		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Los Angeles	97.00	96.30	30 :	85.55	113
New York	86.00-89.00	87.38	21 :	87.09	42

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	77.00-84.00		:	80.04	40

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			
	19-JUL-2010	12-JUL-2010	12-JUL-2010	20-JUL-2009
	85.38	-2.65	88.03	80.68
NUMBER OF LOADS	389			

