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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week New York and regional prices are sharply higher on all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher. Retail and food service demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies are very light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. Offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. North Central regional light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is light to moderate.



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 5 cents higher on large, steady on medium, and 5 cents higher on small. Midwest delivered prices are steady with a higher undertone noted. Cartooned and loose shell egg demand is moderate to good. Offerings are very light. Market activity is active. Breaking stock prices are higher on moderate to good demand and light offerings. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-111	105-108
LARGE	101-110	103-106
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Larger sized egg prices are trending higher. Supplies are very light to moderate. Retail and distributive demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock demand is moderate to good for light offerings. Light type hen offerings are adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-129	112-118
LARGE	102-116	107-111
MEDIUM	76-89	81-84

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL** August 20, 2010  
Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	90.00	85.00	58.00
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	57.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	54.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	92.50	87.50	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.39	83.80	57.92

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

	08-24-10	08-17-10	08-25-09
Large	91-101	61-71	57-67
Medium	66-70	36-40	34-38

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/

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

AUG 23, 2010		No	So	So			
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.4	7.8	3.9	8.3	11.4	36.8
	Change	-0.4	-1.5	-1.3	0.9	0.3	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.7	15.6	7.1	20.8	33.7	100.9
	Change	-0.9	-7.3	-1.8	-1.6	2.5	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	52.1	64.0	48.3	87.6	101.0	353
	Change	0.8	-14.6	-5.4	-7.7	-0.3	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.8	51.1	22.8	30.6	35.7	158
	Change	-2.5	-3.1	-0.6	0.3	2.2	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	12.1	0.3	4.8	4.9	25.2
	Change	-1.7	2.0	-6.5	0.7	-0.8	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.7	21.6	7.8	8.3	7.9	48.3
	Change	0.4	-1.3	-1.3	-1.7	-1.8	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.0	50.9	13.8	9.8	20.6	102.1
	Change	-3.7	-2.7	2.3	0.8	4.9	2%
Total	Curr Wk	111.8	223.1	104	170.2	215.2	824.3
	Change	-7%	-11%	-12%	-5%	3%	-6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	824.3	-6%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	286.1	18%	29
Total Shell Egg	1110.4	-1%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/  
(30 dozen cases - in thousands)

		No	So	So			
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Large	Curr Wk	6.0	6.0	1.1	3.0	6.2	22.3
	Change	2.5	0.6	-0.7	0.2	-2.0	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	12.5	4.5	0.0	0.0	17.0
	Change	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	6%
Total	Curr Wk	6.0	18.5	5.6	3.0	6.2	39.3
	Change	71%	6%	-3%	7%	-24%	4%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	39.3	4%	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 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 21-AUG-2010	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,333,256	32,974	12,289	5,810	2,667	4,372
PW	1,371,474	33,555	13,093	6,241	3,125	4,652
LY	1,311,302	31,363	13,583	6,780	3,177	4,255
% PW	-3%	-2%	-6%	-7%	-15%	-6%
% LY	2%	5%	-10%	-14%	-16%	3%
2010*	43,276,182	1,046,828	428,985	209,666	93,801	144,500
2009*	42,504,879	1,032,591	413,638	208,927	94,176	143,400
% YTD	2%	1%	4%	0%	0%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.59	41.96	42.69
(Inedible Excluded)	38.31	38.56	39.45

**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	682,583	51.2%	18,676	56.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	696,206	50.8%	19,002	56.6%
LAST YEAR	699,033	53.3%	18,311	58.4%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	AUG 14	AUG 21	AUG 14	AUG 21
	Thousand			
Alabama	29,924	30,093	21,679	21,609
Arkansas	23,183	23,793	19,860	21,702
Delaware	3,916	3,911	4,826	4,742
Florida	1,358	1,360	1,057	1,012
Georgia	31,861	32,567	27,694	26,301
Kentucky	7,682	7,607	6,364	5,839
Louisiana	3,440	3,364	3,183	3,007
Maryland	7,755	7,696	6,577	6,179
Mississippi	19,029	18,999	16,714	16,823
North Carolina	19,961	19,876	15,871	15,990
Oklahoma	6,404	6,393	4,827	4,364
Pennsylvania	3,975	3,873	3,063	2,884
South Carolina	6,017	5,655	4,325	5,356
Texas	15,696	15,997	13,290	13,565
Virginia	6,081	6,088	5,098	5,083
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West	19,496	19,671	17,382	16,977
19 State total	205,778	206,943	171,810	171,433
Previous year total	201,307	200,665	167,559	166,917
Percent of previous year	102	103	103	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 02-Oct-10 is estimated at 158.0 million head. This compares to 158.7 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.89 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/19/10 – 08/25/10											
CURRENT LDS	98.00			FUTURE LDS 52.75			TOTAL LDS 150.75				
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	93.67	93.00	87.75	93.20	--	--	--	--	--	--	68.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	93.25	96.75	--	--	--	--	3.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	108.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W XL	134.50	--	119.88	127.75	125.37	129.50	--	--	--	--	24.75
GL W LG	124.00	129.00	107.83	113.45	120.31	--	--	--	--	--	36.25
GL W MD	--	75.00	71.80	78.00	72.21	66.00	--	--	--	--	33.75
GL W SM	--	--	40.83	43.83	34.32	39.25	--	--	--	--	12.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	111.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	46.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 21-Aug-10

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	14.6		14.2	3	-41	
Boston	2.7		2.7	0	0	
Chicago	58.6		62.6	-6	27	
Los Angeles	62.0		62.4	-1	1	
New Orleans	5.3		5.5	-4	15	
New York	31.6		29.4	7	9	
St. Louis	71.0		71.1	0	12	
San Francisco	24.3		20.3	20	25	
Total	270.1		268.2	1	8	
4 Week Moving Avg.	271.2					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 21-Aug-10 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
Head	1,977	2,690	44	22	4,733
Avg Wt	16.20	36.98	24.84	27.87	28.15
Last week	1,732	2,706	12	7	4,457
Same wk yr ago	2,018	2,626	6	6	4,656
Avg Wt	16.86	36.81	23.82	29.90	28.14
To-date/2010*	59,314	83,668	683	225	143,890
To-date/2009*	63,735	85,380	760	190	150,065
% Change YTD	-7%	-2%	-10%	18%	-4%

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

Current week	25,621	79,590	842	472	106,525
Last week	22,500	78,156	250	185	101,091
Same wk yr ago	27,219	77,330	109	137	104,795
To-date/2010*	804,536	2,574,403	13,439	5,676	3,398,054
To-date/2009*	854,558	2,590,424	15,969	4,527	3,465,478
% Change YTD	-6%	-1%	-16%	25%	-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 21-Aug-10	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-Live wt	Avg
North East	624	-2	25.65	(A)	629 25.65
South Atlantic	670	3	34.65	(A)	675 34.65
North Central	2,334	4	30.51	(A)	2,338 30.51
South Central	802	30	18.19	(A)	806 18.19
West	281	-11	27.02	(A)	285 27.02
U.S. total	4,711 (B)	6	28.15	22	4,733 28.15
To-date					
2010*	143,665 (B)			225	143,890
To-date					
2009*	149,875 (B)			190	150,065

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 44,000; for the current year to date\* 683,000; for last year to date\* 760,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 21-Aug-2010	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	164,259	1,354	1,528	2,882	423
Avg Wt	5.48	3.12	8.10	5.76	6.88
Last week	166,710	1,038	1,621	2,659	405
Same wk yr ago	163,995	1,412	1,531	2,943	402
Avg Wt	5.53	3.24	7.86	5.64	6.70
To-date/2010*	5,305,198	46,745	46,350	93,095	13,744
To-date/2009*	5,189,706	42,827	49,629	92,456	13,546
% Change YTD	2%	9%	-7%	1%	1%

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

Current week	670,604	2,239	8,231	10,470	2,095
Last week	679,368	1,755	8,667	10,422	1,971
Same wk yr ago	675,635	2,379	8,002	10,381	1,912
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To-date/2010*	21,971,402	79,755	242,730	322,485	67,890
To-date/2009*	21,245,172	71,139	258,447	329,586	64,421
% Change YTD	3%	12%	-6%	-2%	5%

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 163.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.3 million head, or 2.5 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**EST U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Jul 17	165.0	162.9	101%	5.55
24	168.7	163.8	103%	5.50
31	168.6	164.7	102%	5.41
Aug 7	168.2	165.0	102%	5.54
14	168.7	164.7	102%	5.47
21	166.3	163.8	102%	5.48
Year to date	5369.6	5251.0	102%	
Aug 28		163.5		
Sept 4		161.5		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 28-Aug-10

Class	Current Week 08/28/10 (1)	Previous Week 08/21/10
Broiler/fryer	169,268 (2)	166,397
Light hens	1,538	1,459
Heavy hens	1,506	1,426
Total	172,312	169,282

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Aug-10 is 163.5 million head compared to 167.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.6 million head or 6.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Sep-10 the estimated available is 161.5 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 08/23/10	2,984	176,302	50,006
AM 08/01/10	3,014	166,944	46,217
CHG	-30	9358	3789
PCT CHG	-1%	6%	8%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-102.00 cents shipping point and toms 94.00-109.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries. No frozen Grade A trading reported for current shipments.

**LIVE HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)\***

Final price, Cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 23-Aug-10

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-16.25 CENTS/LB.		12.36
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) 20-Aug-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 21-Aug-2010	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	192.3	1	14
East North Central	656.0	10	9
West North Central	222.9	-27	-27
South Atlantic	143.2	-6	-17
South Central	51.9	0	3
West	108.5	3	-7
Total	1374.8	-2	-2

Matched plants reporting 76 76

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 ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 23-Aug-2010

	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>					
Los Angeles	97.00	96.23	44	88.26	121
New York	83.00-86.00	84.90	21	84.81	44

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	75.00-82.00			83.69	42

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	08/23/10	Change Last Wk	08/16/10	08/24/09
429	84.73	1.09	83.64	73.84

