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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York and regional prices are lower on all sizes this period. Next week's regional asking prices are lower for both heavier and lighter weight eggs. Retail and food service demand continues light to moderate. Offerings and supplies remain moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. North Central regional light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are moderate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules are full-time. Market activity is 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 3 cents lower for large and medium, and steady for small. Midwest delivered prices are steady. The market undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
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, however medium and larger sizes are trending slightly lower. Offerings are currently moderate to heavy for needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens in the East are generally sufficient for regular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-110	96-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	78-91	83-85

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

COMBINED REGIONAL February 25, 2011
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	105.50	104.50	92.00
SOUTHEAST	108.50	106.50	93.00
MIDWEST	100.50	98.50	87.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	114.50	107.50	91.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	107.61	104.37	90.98

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

	03-01-11	02-22-11	03-02-10
Large	66-77	77-87	77-87
Medium	56-60	66-70	66-70

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

FEB 28, 2011		Northeast	N Cent	S Cent	S Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.1	16.1	7.7	10.6	19.1	65.6
	Change	0.3	-2.4	1.5	-0.7	1.9	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.1	45.6	16.2	32.1	37.5	163.5
	Change	-1.6	14.4	3.5	8.6	0.0	18%
Large	Curr Wk	58.5	120.0	89.9	114.8	136.1	519.3
	Change	-1.7	35.1	20.2	18.5	-8.5	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	36.8	24.0	18.6	28.8	122.9
	Change	-0.6	-0.1	3.5	4.7	-0.1	6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	5.2	0.6	2.5	4.9	16.4
	Change	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.4	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.2	17.8	9.5	10.2	6.3	45
	Change	-0.2	-3.0	3.5	-1.2	-0.9	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.2	49.0	12.1	5.4	20.3	107
	Change	5.3	13.4	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	23%
Total	Curr Wk	142.0	290.5	160	194.2	253	1039.7
Percent	Change	1%	24%	28%	18%	-3%	12%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1039.7	12%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.3	-8%	29
Total Shell Egg	1290.0	8%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	5.6	9.1	1.1	4.8	4.6	25.2
	Change	2.2	1.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.9	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	11.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	13.9
	Change	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	5.6	20.9	3.2	4.8	4.6	39.1
Percent	Change	65%	4%	-18%	7%	-16%	5%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	39.1	5%	42

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 26-Feb-2011	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,322,498	30,803	13,948	7,361	2,798	4,429
PW	1,301,719	30,139	13,942	7,246	2,825	4,415
LY	1,213,221	28,681	12,274	6,245	2,537	4,027
% PW	2%	2%	0%	2%	-1%	0%
% LY	9%	7%	14%	18%	10%	10%
2011*	10,450,318	248,144	107,285	54,212	24,386	35,688
2010*	9,898,533	236,886	100,003	49,301	21,311	33,823
% YTD	6%	5%	7%	10%	14%	6%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.75	42.82	42.22
(Inedible Excluded)	39.40	39.43	38.91

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	744,899	56.3%	19,291	62.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	718,304	55.2%	18,546	61.5%
LAST YEAR	677,662	55.9%	16,970	59.2%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	FEB 19	FEB 26	FEB 19	FEB 26
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	31,010	29,955	21,762	21,044
Arkansas	23,340	23,263	21,319	22,150
Delaware	4,002	3,899	5,336	4,498
Florida	1,360	1,359	1,201	1,349
Georgia	33,653	33,090	28,083	27,339
Kentucky	7,944	7,850	6,357	6,734
Louisiana	3,379	3,409	2,991	3,021
Maryland	7,707	7,688	5,874	6,758
Mississippi	18,736	19,064	15,576	16,401
North Carolina	19,636	19,842	15,731	15,200
Oklahoma	7,019	7,148	3,814	2,973
Pennsylvania	3,675	3,956	3,251	3,202
South Carolina	5,610	5,566	3,885	4,852
Texas	14,931	15,353	12,033	11,784
Virginia	5,834	6,465	4,520	3,929
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,636	19,492	15,686	16,987
19 State total	206,472	207,399	167,419	168,221
Previous year total	206,981	207,365	165,886	168,299
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	100

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 09-Apr-11 is estimated at 154.5 million head. This compares to 154.3 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 85.28 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/24/11 - 03/02/11											
CURRENT LDS 134.00			FUTURE LDS 32.75			TOTAL LDS 166.75					
CLASS	ORG	DST	SE		NE		MW		LOADS		
			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	65.00	--	--	--	2.00		
GNR W 1	58.00	--	60.10	61.28	--	--	--	--	9.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	165.00	--	--	--	--	174.50	2.00		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	65.87	--	--	--	17.00		
GL W XL	--	--	71.00	72.00	66.98	--	--	--	32.25		
GL W LG	--	--	65.50	67.33	64.82	66.75	--	--	46.75		
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	57.13	--	--	--	10.00		
GL W SM	62.50	60.00	61.60	64.40	52.00	59.00	--	--	7.75		
GL BR LG	--	--	--	87.00	--	--	--	--	1.00		
NRBS - 48	44.67	47.00	52.00	55.00	59.00	54.50	--	--	36.00		
NRBS - 45	41.50	45.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.25		
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	48.33	--	--	4.00		
NRBS - 39	35.50	39.00	50.00	52.00	--	--	--	--	3.00		

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-Feb-11

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	15.4	18.1	-15	-7		
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	0		
Chicago	55.9	56.9	-2	-2		
Los Angeles	65.0	50.8	28	-3		
New Orleans	9.2	8.1	14	92		
New York	32.1	31.4	2	9		
St. Louis	80.5	100.4	-20	-1		
San Francisco	18.8	18.9	-1	-8		
Total	280.0	287.7	-3	0		
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.0					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-Feb-11 (Preliminary)

Head	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS				
Avg Wt	1,744	2,397	18	4			4,163
Last week	18.07	39.61	24.80	29.21			30.51
Same wk yr ago	1,931	2,609	9	6			4,555
Avg Wt	1,674	2,535	20	4			4,233
To-date/2011*	17.24	38.55	24.49	27.77			28.95
To-date/2010*	13,951	20,160	128	39			34,278
% Change YTD	14,217	20,085	223	57			34,582
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage	-2%	0%	-43%	-32%			-1%
Current week	25,208	75,948	344	90			101,590
Last week	26,965	82,549	160	154			109,828
Same wk yr ago	23,088	78,179	377	86			101,730
To-date/2011*	192,016	644,183	2,570	1,062			839,831
To-date/2010*	194,047	637,748	4,498	1,475			837,768
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	-43%	-28%			0%
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 26-Feb-11	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	623	0	26.55	(A)	624	26.55
South Atlantic	563	-22	34.65	(A)	564	34.65
North Central	1,975	-2	35.22	(A)	1,976	35.22
South Central	824	-11	19.45	(A)	825	19.45
West	174	-31	30.19	(A)	174	30.19
U.S. total	4,159 (B)	-9	30.51	4	4,163	30.51
To-date						
2011*	34,239 (B)			39	34,278	
To-date						
2010*	34,525 (B)			57	34,582	

(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* 128,000; for last year to date* 223,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 26-Feb-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	157,502	1,510	1,865	3,375	440
Avg Wt	5.70	3.23	7.21	5.43	6.84
Last week	162,177	1,440	1,633	3,073	462
Same wk yr ago	158,311	1,356	1,258	2,614	400
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	7.90	5.52	6.53
To-date/2011*	1,277,389	11,512	12,087	23,599	3,591
To-date/2010*	1,268,332	11,757	10,532	22,289	3,294
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	15%	6%	9%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	668,832	2,585	8,942	11,527	2,167
Last week	689,893	2,496	8,612	11,108	2,269
Same wk yr ago	647,500	2,401	6,609	9,010	1,881
To-date/2011*	5,424,870	19,376	62,986	82,362	17,776
To-date/2010*	5,238,353	20,138	54,461	74,599	16,092
% Change YTD	4%	-4%	16%	10%	10%

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 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.4 million head, or 1.0 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.
Jan 22	165.6	158.7	104%	5.80
29	164.2	159.7	103%	5.59
Feb 5	158.5	159.2	100%	5.63
12	159.9	158.4	101%	5.66
19	164.1	158.6	103%	5.71
26	159.4	158.4	101%	5.70
Year to date	1292.9	1264.8	102%	
Mar 5	158.0	158.0		
12	158.1	158.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 05-Mar-11

Class	Current Week 03/05/11 (1)	Previous Week 02/26/11
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	159,233 (2)	161,353
Light hens	1,712	1,625
Heavy hens	1,424	1,677
Total	162,369	164,655

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Mar-11 is 158.0 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.6 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Mar-11 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)	Proc. other Poultry Lbs
AM 02/28/11	3,606	105,880
AM 02/01/11	3,476	91,134
CHG	130	14746
PCT CHG	4%	16%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 90.00-94.00 cents shipping point and toms 90.00-94.00 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 28-Feb -11

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.88
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) 25-Feb -11

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 26-Feb -2011	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	193.7	-2	4
East North Central	673.1	-1	5
West North Central	252.1	2	-23
South Atlantic	134.7	-2	-14
South Central	47.8	-6	-6
West	46.7	2	-10
Total	1348.1	-1	-4

Matched plants reporting 71 71

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 28-Feb-2011

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds

Los Angeles	95.00	93.69	26	85.17	72
New York	75.00-78.00	76.77	22	77.29	45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
68.00-76.00				75.60	39

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	02/28/11	Change Last Wk	02/21/11	03/01/10
340	79.25	2.36	76.88	82.09

