



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Egg prices trended higher throughout the week in all regions. Next week's regional asking prices are trending mostly 16 to 17 cents higher. Retail demand is mostly moderate to good, with instances light in the New York area. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good.



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 for large and medium, and 2 cents higher for small. Midwest delivered prices are steady. The undertone is higher. Retail demand is fairly good, while food service demand is moderate.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and categories: EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM

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 sharply higher. Supplies are light to moderate and held with confidence. Demand ranges light to good.

Table with 3 columns: RANGE, MOSTLY, and categories: EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

March 18, 2011

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 4 columns: 03-22-11, 03-15-11, 03-23-10, and categories: Large, Medium

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

Table with 8 columns: MAR 21, 2011, Northeast, N Cent, S Cent, S Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Jumbo, Ex Lge, Large, Medium, Small, Misc, Ungraded, Total, Percent

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/
(30 dozen cases - in thousands)

Table with 8 columns: Northeast, No Cent, So Cent, So Atl, Pacific, 5-Area. Rows include Large, Ungraded, Total, Percent

Table with 4 columns: TOTAL, No. of Cases, % Change, No. of Coops. Row: 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.

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 19-Mar-2011	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,366,019	32,036	14,080	6,978	2,952	4,466
PW	1,347,636	31,436	14,058	7,404	2,987	4,331
LY	1,195,753	29,781	11,498	5,632	2,181	4,157
% PW	1%	2%	0%	-6%	-1%	3%
% LY	14%	8%	22%	24%	35%	7%
2011*	14,505,431	342,639	149,984	75,959	33,556	48,948
2010*	13,488,945	327,547	133,355	65,852	27,372	46,479
% YTD	8%	5%	12%	15%	23%	5%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.14	42.47	42.71		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.87	39.25	39.23		

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	748,455	54.8%	19,388	60.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	753,176	55.9%	18,808	59.8%
LAST YEAR	660,350	55.2%	17,919	60.2%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	MAR 12	MAR 19	MAR 12	MAR 19
	Thousand			
Alabama	29,936	30,414	21,441	20,592
Arkansas	23,810	23,418	23,233	20,908
Delaware	3,810	3,888	4,624	4,626
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,290	1,249
Georgia	33,291	33,153	28,770	28,305
Kentucky	7,707	7,878	6,635	6,286
Louisiana	3,409	3,440	2,997	3,036
Maryland	7,677	7,654	6,226	6,533
Mississippi	18,991	19,428	16,276	16,477
North Carolina	19,632	20,293	16,277	15,819
Oklahoma	7,432	7,470	2,559	4,131
Pennsylvania	3,984	3,815	3,020	3,060
South Carolina	5,660	5,439	4,010	4,010
Texas	15,347	15,202	12,343	12,989
Virginia	6,513	6,318	4,705	4,966
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	19,312	19,274	15,978	17,406
19 State total	207,871	208,444	170,384	170,393
Previous year total	205,506	207,381	170,165	169,930
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	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 30-Apr-11 is estimated at 156.8 million head. This compares to 155.5 million head the previous week and to 159.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.21 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/17/11 – 03/23/11									
CLASS	CURRENT LDS 87.00		FUTURE LDS 39.75		TOTAL LDS 126.75			LOADS	
	SE	DST	NE	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	54.90	74.00	59.63	64.25	--	61.00	30.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W J	--	--	82.00	83.50	87.27	--	11.25		
GL W XL	--	--	83.72	90.64	85.09	--	25.00		
GL W LG	--	77.00	80.00	77.10	83.29	--	36.75		
GL W MD	--	--	65.31	69.44	74.38	--	21.50		
GL W SM	--	--	59.50	62.75	52.00	55.00	4.50		
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	167.00	--	.50		
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	54.00	8.00		

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Mar-11

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	
Atlanta	17.0	18.6	-9	18
Boston	2.4	3.1	-23	-20
Chicago	57.3	57.9	-1	-7
Los Angeles	55.5	62.4	-11	-5
New Orleans	7.0	6.5	8	30
New York	31.5	32.1	-2	2
St. Louis	87.7	86.3	2	-1
San Francisco	19.8	20.5	-3	-7
Total	278.2	287.4	-3	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	282.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-Mar-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
Head	1,789	2,516	22	12	4,339
Avg Wt	16.63	39.13	24.63	27.66	29.75
Last week	1,684	2,586	54	13	4,337
Same wk yr ago	1,849	2,580	9	13	4,451
Avg Wt	16.84	38.42	27.16	31.06	29.60
To-date/2011*	19,140	27,724	214	73	47,151
To-date/2010*	19,619	27,769	282	88	47,758
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	-24%	-17%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,803	78,760	417	256	103,236
Last week	23,225	80,801	1,028	278	105,332
Same wk yr ago	24,910	79,299	188	311	104,708
To-date/2011*	262,325	881,005	4,223	1,796	1,149,349
To-date/2010*	266,395	873,395	5,699	2,213	1,147,702
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	-26%	-19%	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 19-Mar-11	(Preliminary)				Total Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
North East	626	2	26.52	(A) 629	26.52
South Atlantic	540	-13	36.25	(A) 543	36.25
North Central	2,182	4	32.92	(A) 2,184	32.92
South Central	767	-3	18.64	(A) 769	18.64
West	212	5	30.41	(A) 214	30.41
U.S. total	4,327(B)	0	29.75	12 4,339	29.75
To-date					
2011*	47,078(B)			73 47,151	
To-date					
2010*	47,670(B)			88 47,758	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date* 214,000; for last year to date* 282,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 19-Mar-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	160,009	1,423	1,498	2,921	472
Avg Wt	5.65	3.21	7.86	5.59	6.86
Last week	157,830	1,598	1,476	3,074	431
Same wk yr ago	159,740	1,466	1,426	2,892	400
Avg Wt	5.58	3.19	7.62	5.37	6.86
To-date/2011*	1,754,747	16,100	16,571	32,671	4,959
To-date/2010*	1,745,930	15,884	14,763	30,647	4,494
% Change YTD	1%	1%	12%	7%	10%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	673,518	2,421	7,830	10,251	2,331
Last week	661,994	2,617	7,843	10,460	2,141
Same wk yr ago	664,055	2,502	7,226	9,728	1,976
To-date/2011*	7,423,518	27,130	86,742	113,872	24,538
To-date/2010*	7,224,957	27,107	76,191	103,298	22,005
% Change YTD	3%	0%	14%	10%	12%

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 158.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 3.7 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.
Feb 12	159.9	158.4	101%	5.66
19	164.1	158.6	103%	5.71
26	159.4	158.4	101%	5.70
Mar 5	161.5	158.0	102%	5.58
12	159.7	158.1	101%	5.63
19	162.0	158.3	102%	5.65
Year to date	1776.1	1739.2	102%	
Mar 26		158.1		
Apr 2		157.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 26-Mar-11

Class	Current Week 03/26/11 (1)	Previous Week 03/19/11
Broiler/fryer	159,886 (2)	163,126
Light hens	1,643	1,559
Heavy hens	1,508	1,507
Total	163,037	166,192

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Mar-11 is 158.1 million head compared to 159.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.2 million head or 2.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Apr-11 the estimated available is 157.8 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 03/21/11	3,681	116,272	56,695
AM 03/01/11	3,664	111,834	59,835
CHG	17	4438	-3140
PCT CHG	0%	4%	-5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 92.00-99.00 cents shipping point and toms 92.00-94.00 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 21-Mar -11

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-17.25 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) 18-Mar -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 19-Mar -2011	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	208.7	0	7
East North Central	637.2	-5	-8
West North Central	250.8	1	-27
South Atlantic	138.8	-1	-15
South Central	52.2	2	-6
West	58.7	18	-9
Total	1346.4	-2	-11

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 21-Mar-2011

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

Los Angeles	95.00	94.33	23	90.32	71
New York	78.00-81.00	79.90	21	82.29	49

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
78.00-82.00				80.41	41

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	03/21/11	Change Last Wk	03/14/11	03/22/10
327	84.19	-.11	84.30	85.77

