



# EGG & POULTRY NATIONAL WEEKLY REVIEW

ISSN 1520-6114

Thursday  
April 14, 2011  
Vol. 62, No. 15

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News & Analysis Branch

## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week New York prices are steady for larger sizes and slightly lower for medium. Early in the week, regional prices increased for extra-large and large with medium unchanged to higher. Next week's asking prices are trending steady for the heavier weight eggs and lower for medium. Retail demand is moderate to good while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are 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. Schedules are varied, part-time to 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** Prices are steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light for immediate needs. However, increasing availability is noted on jumbo and medium sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment remains steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	105-114	108-111
Large	104-113	106-109
Medium	91-100	93-96

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 mostly moderate for current trading purposes. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand ranges light to good. Market activity is generally moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for irregular breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for regular processing schedules.

	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	114-131	117-120
Large	108-122	113-117
Medium	95-107	99-101

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

## COMBINED REGIONAL

April 08, 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	115.50	112.00	99.00
Southeast	114.50	112.50	98.00
Midwest	107.50	105.50	94.50
South Central	118.50	114.50	99.50
Combined Regional	114.20	111.26	97.81

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

	04-12-11	04-05-11	04-13-10
Large	86-96	84-94	59-69
Medium	73-77	73-77	49-53

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

APR 11, 2011		Northeast	N Cent	S Cent	S Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	14.4	7.0	12.3	22.8	67.2
	Change	-1.8	-0.4	-0.7	1.9	2.6	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.5	33.9	20.7	26.5	59.0	173.6
	Change	9.2	3.4	3.9	1.5	8.0	18%
Large	Curr Wk	59.1	116.3	89.5	136.7	206.8	608.4
	Change	4.6	-6.8	-7.0	20.8	25.5	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	39.1	25.0	20.7	46.7	144.4
	Change	-4.0	-7.5	2.9	-0.2	8.3	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	3.3	1.4	1.8	6.8	15.6
	Change	-0.1	0.6	0.2	-0.7	0.4	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.7	20.6	8.7	6.7	8.4	46.1
	Change	-1.3	1.2	0.8	-2.3	1.3	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.9	53.6	15.2	13.1	28.7	121.5
	Change	-10.7	-5.1	-2.1	-0.6	-5.2	-16%
Total	Curr Wk	131.1	281.2	167.5	217.8	379.2	1176.8
	Change	-3%	-5%	-1%	10%	12%	4%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1176.8	4%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	221.3	0%	29
Total Shell Egg	1398.1	3%	186

## Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/

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

		No Northeast	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.5	7.2	1.9	8.5	8.7 30.8
	Change	0.0	0.9	-0.5	1.5	0.7 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	9.0	3.6	0.0	0.0 12.6
	Change	0.0	-0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0 -2%
Total	Curr Wk	4.5	16.2	5.5	8.5	8.7 43.4
	Change	0%	2%	-2%	21%	9% 6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	43.4	6%	44

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 09-APR-2011	(Lbs In Thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,288,379	31,663	12,622	6,468	2,004	4,463
PW	1,243,315	29,515	12,486	6,613	2,503	4,359
LY	1,306,067	31,995	12,668	6,201	2,348	4,483
% Chg PWK	4%	7%	1%	-2%	-20%	2%
% Chg LY	-1%	-1%	0%	4%	-15%	0%
2011	18,325,747	434,854	188,215	95,573	40,611	61,985
2010	17,280,149	421,611	169,422	83,762	33,478	59,623
% Chg YTD	6%	3%	11%	14%	21%	4%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.86	42.61	42.38
(Inedible Excluded)	39.39	39.10	38.94

**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	722,668	56.1%	19,402	61.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	713,248	57.4%	18,522	62.8%
LAST YEAR	730,522	55.9%	18,727	58.5%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	APR 02	APR 09	APR 02	APR 09
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	30,578	30,544	20,827	21,456
Arkansas	23,580	23,776	21,296	20,131
Delaware	3,892	3,858	5,245	4,325
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,296	1,243
Georgia	33,876	33,408	28,221	27,871
Kentucky	7,848	7,817	5,746	6,194
Louisiana	3,288	3,440	3,028	3,005
Maryland	7,730	7,747	5,547	6,226
Mississippi	18,583	19,413	16,564	16,967
North Carolina	19,995	20,495	15,474	16,620
Oklahoma	7,006	7,310	5,206	5,531
Pennsylvania	3,546	3,503	3,229	3,143
South Carolina	5,613	5,575	4,991	4,375
Texas	15,526	15,564	13,004	12,923
Virginia	6,593	6,315	5,439	5,316
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	18,637	19,062	17,727	17,214
19 State total	207,651	209,187	172,840	172,540
Previous year total	204,597	208,937	168,526	172,501
Percent of previous year	101	100	103	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 21-May-11 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 159.5 million head the previous week and to 158.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 85.27 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/07/11 - 04/13/11

CURRENT LDS	66.25		FUTURE LDS		28.75		TOTAL LDS		95.00	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.67	90.00	87.63	93.11	--	--	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	84.25	--	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	70.00	71.00	--	--	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
GL W J	--	--	105.00	106.50	79.87	83.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
GL W XL	--	107.22	100.08	103.00	96.91	105.25	16.25	16.25	16.25	16.25
GL W LG	--	101.00	--	102.00	98.56	--	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.75
GL W MD	--	--	82.29	81.67	75.85	--	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75
GL W SM	67.00	--	61.00	63.50	57.00	60.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	125.00	--	.50	.50	.50	.50
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	66.50	70.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	69.00	70.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 09-Apr-11

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY
Atlanta	22.1	20.6	7	52		
Boston	2.9	3.0	-3	21		
Chicago	53.3	55.7	-4	-18		
Los Angeles	54.7	55.2	-1	0		
New Orleans	6.2	7.1	-13	17		
New York	36.6	31.1	18	32		
St. Louis	92.4	89.6	3	7		
San Francisco	20.9	16.8	24	7		
Total	289.1	279.1	4	5		
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.8					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 09-Apr-11 (Preliminary)

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
Head	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Avg Wt	17.02	39.15	26.55	40.69	30.32
Last week	1,692	2,558	45	26	4,321
Same wk yr ago	1,885	2,428	18	2	4,333
Avg Wt	17.18	39.01	25.25	60.53	29.53
To-date/2011*	24,355	35,427	311	108	60,201
To-date/2010*	24,994	35,034	319	93	60,440
% Change YTD	-3%	1%	-3%	16%	0%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	23,329	80,984	370	63	104,746
Last week	22,720	79,715	934	527	103,896
Same wk yr ago	25,907	75,773	350	93	102,123
To-date/2011*	333,963	1,121,469	6,218	2,565	1,464,215
To-date/2010*	340,648	1,100,798	6,396	2,440	1,450,282
% Change YTD	-2%	2%	-3%	5%	1%
Dressing %	79.5%	79.5%	77.5%	77.5%	

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

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 09-Apr-11	(Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg Live wt			
	Thousand	Pct chg		Avg Live wt	-Thousand head-	
North East	594	4	26.38	(A)	595	26.38
South Atlantic	610	14	35.23	(A)	611	35.23
North Central	2,077	0	34.79	(A)	2,077	34.79
South Central	777	-5	18.38	(A)	777	18.38
West	286	0	27.92	(A)	286	27.92
U.S. total	4,344 (B)	1	30.32	2	4,346	30.32
To-date						
2011*	60,093 (B)			108	60,201	
To-date						
2010*	60,347 (B)			93	60,440	

(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\* 311,000; for last year to date\* 319,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 09-Apr-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	159,746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Avg Wt	5.69	3.16	8.12	5.55	6.85
Last week	162,524	1,060	1,301	2,361	431
Same wk yr ago	160,053	1,449	1,135	2,584	404
Avg Wt	5.49	3.37	7.84	5.33	6.78
To-date/2011*	2,235,058	20,143	20,763	40,906	6,308
To-date/2010*	2,220,048	20,425	18,409	38,834	5,717
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	13%	5%	10%

*Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage*

Current week	677,171	2,548	7,347	9,895	2,343
Last week	698,634	1,895	6,867	8,762	2,129
Same wk yr ago	654,625	2,612	5,917	8,529	1,972
To-date/2011*	9,463,380	34,116	109,090	143,206	31,192
To-date/2010*	9,176,986	35,155	95,124	130,279	28,009
% Change YTD	3%	-3%	15%	10%	11%

Dressing %	74.5%	54.0%	65.0%	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 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.7 million head, or 3.5 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
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
26	160.0	158.1	101%	5.64
Apr 2	164.5	157.8	104%	5.77
9	161.7	158.2	102%	5.69
Year to date	2262.3	2213.3	102%	
Apr 16		158.3		
23		159.0		

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

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 16-Apr-11

Class	Current Week 04/16/11 (1)	Previous Week 04/09/11
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	162,211 (2)	161,515
Light hens	1,304	1,531
Heavy hens	1,362	1,370
Total	164,877	164,416

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Apr-11 is 158.3 million head compared to 163.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.5 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Apr-11 the estimated available is 159.0 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 04/11/11	4,317	116,542	53,690
AM 04/01/11	3,696	112,608	54,581
CHG	621	3934	-891
PCT CHG	17%	3%	-2%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-99.00 cents shipping point and toms 94.00-104.00cents 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 11-Apr-11

Regions	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg
Southeast (1)	8-17.75 cents/lb.		12.94
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) 08-Apr-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 09-Apr-2011	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	213.8	0	8
East North Central	662.4	-2	-2
West North Central	244.8	-1	-23
South Atlantic	150.6	4	5
South Central	54.7	5	2
West	54.9	-12	-10
Total	1381.2	-1	-5

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 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 11-Apr-2011

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

Los Angeles	95.00	93.56	25	85.99	77
New York	75.00-78.00	76.86	21	78.85	48

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
75.00-79.00				75.76	36

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	04/11/11	Change Last Wk	04/04/11	04/12/10
347	80.69	-.39	81.08	81.59

