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## National Egg Review

This period, New York prices are higher for extra-large and large but lower for medium. Early in the week, regional prices increased for the larger sizes and decreased for mediums. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for the heavier weight eggs and lower for the lighter weights. The undertone is steady. Retail demand ranges light to good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate, instances heavy. Market activity is mostly moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. North Central regional light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is good with offerings light to moderate. Schedules are reduced due to the Memorial Day holiday. Market activity is moderate.

**Regional Prices** - to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A & Grade A, white egg in cartons, delivered to warehouse, cents per dozen.

Regions	Large		Medium	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly
Midwest	79-88	81-84	73-82	75-78
Northeast	83-97	88-92	76-89	81-83
South Central	86.5-95	88-91	80.5-89	82-85
Southeast	85-93	87-90	77.5-85	78-82

**Prices paid to Producers** - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	05/31/11	05/24/11	06/01/10
Large	61-71	59-69	57-67
Medium	55-59	57-61	36-40

## Weekly Combined Regional

05/27/11

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	89.50	88.00	84.00
Southeast	88.50	86.50	83.00
Midwest	82.50	80.50	78.50
South Central	90.50	87.50	85.50
Combined Regional	87.85	85.67	82.86

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

## Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)<sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

May 31, 2011		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.2	9.8	13.6	9.1	8.8	3.8	52.2
	% Change	-25.9%	4.5%	-2.7%	27.6%	-12.4%	16.1%	-2.3%
Extra Large	This Week	23.2	19.5	31.1	14.8	40.7	8.0	137.4
	% Change	-1.7%	-2.7%	-1.7%	11.9%	-11.1%	-16.8%	-4.6%
Large	This Week	52.2	85.1	114.6	81.1	92.6	46.1	471.6
	% Change	5.7%	2.1%	1.1%	18.8%	-1.8%	-1.2%	3.6%
Medium	This Week	18.2	18.5	42.6	25.1	28.2	13.2	145.8
	% Change	19.7%	9.6%	-8.1%	9.2%	4.2%	8.2%	3.6%
Small	This Week	1.9	3.9	4.4	2.1	1.3	2.4	16.0
	% Change	-12.4%	6.2%	-17.1%	32.1%	21.9%	-18.4%	-4.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	9.2	24.3	12.4	3.9	2.1	54.2
	% Change	88.9%	13.7%	9.9%	24.2%	19.3%	-39.8%	12.7%
Ungraded	This Week	9.2	7.6	77.0	10.2	15.1	11.6	130.6
	% Change	-23.5%	17.7%	11.8%	-32.6%	15.1%	28.9%	4.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	114.2	153.6	307.5	154.7	190.5	87.1	1,007.7
	% Change	0.8%	3.9%	2.0%	12.0%	-2.1%	0.0%	2.6%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
Shell Egg		1,007.7		2.6%				
Breaking Stock		248.5		-3.9%				
Total Shell Egg		1,256.2		1.2%				

## Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	4.5	7.2	2.6	3.9	2.9	4.1	25.0
	% Change	-18.1%	27.9%	-13.0%	-1.0%	176.7%	-31.4%	0.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	25.8	5.6	0.0	0.0	31.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	41.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	32.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	4.5	7.2	28.4	9.5	2.9	4.1	56.5
	% Change	-18.1%	27.9%	34.2%	0.1%	176.7%	-31.4%	16.0%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large:	32.4%
Ungraded:	40.9%
Total:	32.3%

1/ 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.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

**Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**

W/E 28-May-2011

(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,392,898	32,520	14,864	7,520	3,552	4,535
PW	1,412,543	32,399	14,851	7,674	3,312	4,548
LY	1,309,492	31,981	13,204	6,286	2,906	4,388
% PW	-1%	0%	0%	-2%	7%	0%
% LY	6%	2%	13%	20%	22%	3%
2011	27,794,233	658,766	284,911	145,086	61,028	93,083
2010	26,808,640	655,019	263,477	130,328	54,927	91,166
% YTD	4%	1%	8%	11%	11%	2%

Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included) 42.67 42.10 42.66  
 Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded) 39.42 38.88 39.31

**In Line Production** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
Current Week	792,816	56.9%	19,625	60.3%
Previous Week	805,235	57.0%	19,371	59.8%
Last Year	696,039	53.2%	19,256	60.2%

\*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

**Movement of Eggs Into Retail Channels** Week Ending 28-May-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	18.2	17.6	3	18
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-18
Chicago	61.1	55.4	10	-9
Los Angeles	55.9	50.9	10	3
New Orleans	5.9	6.1	-3	13
New York	33.3	38.2	-13	7
St. Louis	89.8	82.2	9	0
San Francisco	20.7	15.6	33	-12
Total	287.7	268.8	7	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	271.6			

**Broiler Hatchery**

<u>Broiler Hatchery</u>	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Set,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011	May 21, 2011	May 28, 2011
State	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	29,254	30,380	20,601	22,013
AR.....	23,508	23,424	20,685	21,445
DE.....	3,941	3,852	4,103	4,520
FL.....	1,358	1,360	1,216	1,365
GA.....	34,021	33,821	29,624	27,895
KY.....	7,611	7,987	6,322	6,190
LA.....	3,258	3,273	2,952	3,515
MD.....	7,692	7,634	7,248	5,749
MS.....	19,099	19,072	16,207	16,482
NC.....	20,156	20,198	16,088	16,352
OK.....	7,113	7,228	5,912	4,861
PA.....	4,065	4,188	3,236	3,367
SC.....	5,394	5,450	4,360	4,526
TX.....	15,340	14,103	13,059	12,493
VA.....	6,296	6,276	5,286	5,239
CA, MO, TN, & WV...	18,931	18,804	16,666	17,513
19 State Total.....	207,037	207,050	173,565	173,525
Prev. Year Total.....	211,658	211,315	171,002	172,590
Pct. of Prev. Year.....	98	98	101	101
Source: NASS, USDA				
* Revised				

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**Daily (5-day) Weighted Average Trailer Load Shell Egg Sales**

National trading for May 26, 2011 – June 01, 2011 (cents/dozen)

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	Current Loads		Future Loads		Total Loads		123.25
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GL W 1	60.63	71.00	61.33	63.43	--	60.00	23.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	81.38	89.00	5.25
GL W XL	75.32	82.29	78.00	84.53	76.54	78.00	26.25
GL W LG	70.00	78.80	74.00	76.77	69.18	76.00	24.25
GL W MD	61.00	66.00	61.00	65.67	64.33	64.00	11.00
GL W SM	--	--	57.67	60.67	51.50	55.00	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	83.00	--	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	70.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	53.00	56.67	10.00
NRBS - 45	--	49.00	--	--	48.00	53.00	2.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	36.50	39.50	2.00

**Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants**

Week Ending 28-May-2011 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg			Avg	
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--			
North East	570	-9	27.18	(A)	572	27.18
South Atlantic	617	4	35.46	(A)	618	35.46
North Central	2,185	-4	33.18	(A)	2,186	33.18
South Central	709	-19	19.88	(A)	710	19.88
West	251	5	33.04	(A)	252	33.04
U.S. total	4,332 (B)	-6	30.54	6	4,338	30.54
To-date						
2011*	91,078 (B)			143	91,221	
To-date						
2010*	90,959 (B)			156	91,115	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date\* 463,000; for last year to date\* 460,000.

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

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week Ending 28-May-2011 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,724	2,572	36	6	4,338
Avg Wt	17.83	39.11	25.74	34.76	30.54
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,968	2,627	13	8	4,616
Same wk yr ago	1,752	2,549	17	26	4,344
Avg Wt	17.10	38.63	24.68	26.96	29.34
To-date/2011*	37,011	53,604	463	143	91,221
To-date/2010*	37,415	53,084	460	156	91,115
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	1%	-8%	0%

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

Current week	24,440	79,971	718	162	105,291
Last week	27,535	81,823	268	188	109,814
Same wk yr ago	23,967	78,774	323	540	103,604

**Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Jul-11 is estimated at 159.7 million head. This compares to 159.8 million head the previous week and to 161.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 87.71 cents per pound.

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

(Preliminary)

W/E 28-May-2011	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	165,616	1,502	1,389	2,891	401
Avg Wt	5.71	3.24	8.18	5.61	6.82
Last week	163,547	1,569	1,464	3,033	428
Same wk yr ago	168,399	1,440	1,386	2,826	429
Avg Wt	5.66	3.27	7.99	5.58	6.77
To-date/2011*	3,359,905	30,797	30,768	61,565	9,256
To-date/2010*	3,367,557	30,762	28,409	59,171	8,736
% Change YTD	0%	0%	8%	4%	6%

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

Current week	704,522	2,628	7,385	10,013	1,969
Last week	716,434	2,762	7,670	10,432	2,083
Same wk yr ago	710,088	2,519	7,364	9,883	2,091
To-date/2011*	14,327,339	52,687	162,050	214,737	45,534
To-date/2010*	13,993,967	53,073	147,428	200,501	43,540
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	10%	7%	5%
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 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.6 million head, or 4.5 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/Fryer Availability Comparison**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Apr 23	156.5	159.0	98%	5.83
30	158.0	160.4	99%	5.80
May 7	161.0	162.1	99%	5.79
14	167.5	163.1	103%	5.85
21	165.5	162.6	102%	5.88
28	167.6	163.1	103%	5.71
Year to date	3400.7	3341.9	102%	
June 4		163.1		
11		162.7		

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

**Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers and Fowl**

Week Ending 04-Jun-11

Class	Current Week 06/04/11 (1)	Previous Week 05/28/11
	Thousand head	
Broiler/fryer	149,839 (2)	166,495
Light hens	1,162	1,501
Heavy hens	1,335	1,416
Total	152,336	169,412

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Jun-11 is 163.1 million head compared to 149.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.1 million head or 13.0 million less than estimated available. For the week of 11-Jun-11 the estimated available is 162.7 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 05/30/11	3,293	147,849	56,828
AM 05/01/11	3,426	127,285	54,517
CHG	-133	20564	2311
PCT CHG	-4%	16%	4%

**Whole Young Turkeys**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-104.00 cents shipping point and toms 100.00-108.00 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 30-May-11

Regions	Range	Majority	Wtd Avg
Southeast (1)	8.5-18 cents/lb.		13.11
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) 27-May-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 28-May-2011	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
Regions			
North Atlantic	197.1	-2	5
East North Central	652.5	0	-2
West North Central	259.8	3	-19
South Atlantic	128.0	-1	-11
South Central	53.2	0	-12
West	56.7	3	10
Total	1347.3	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 30-May-2011

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
<b>Delivered to First Receivers 1/:</b>					
Los Angeles	96.00	95.42	24	90.36	53
New York	75.00-78.00	76.80	20	80.72	44

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

	Whole Body 2/ Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	73.00-80.00			77.64	40

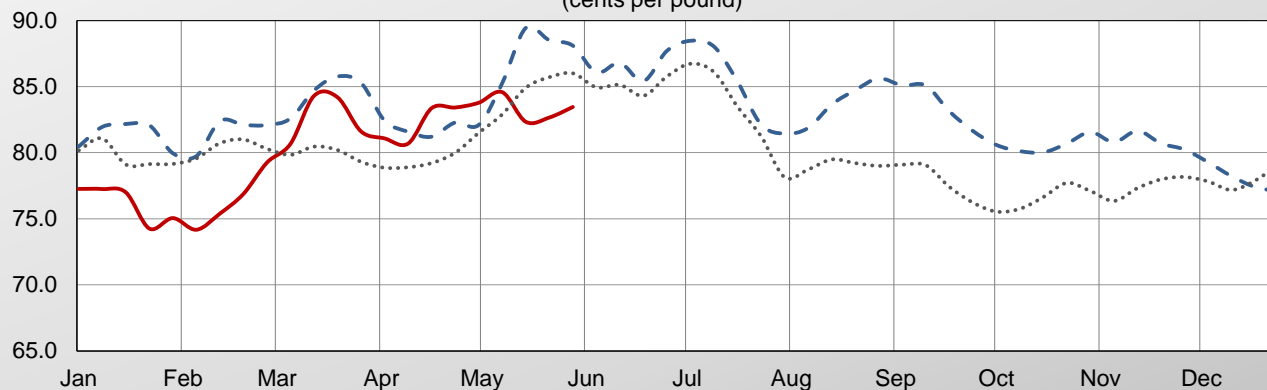
1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

**Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer**

Loads	05/30/11	Change Last Wk	05/23/11	05/31/10
351	83.46	.80	82.66	88.10

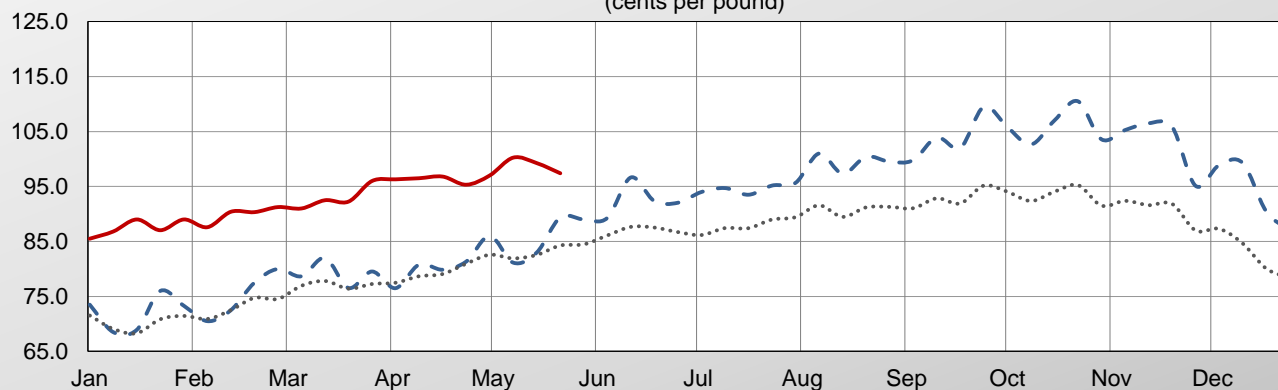
**Composite Weighted Average Prices For RTC Broiler-Fryers**  
(cents per pound)



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis

— 2011 — 2010 ..... 3-Year Av.

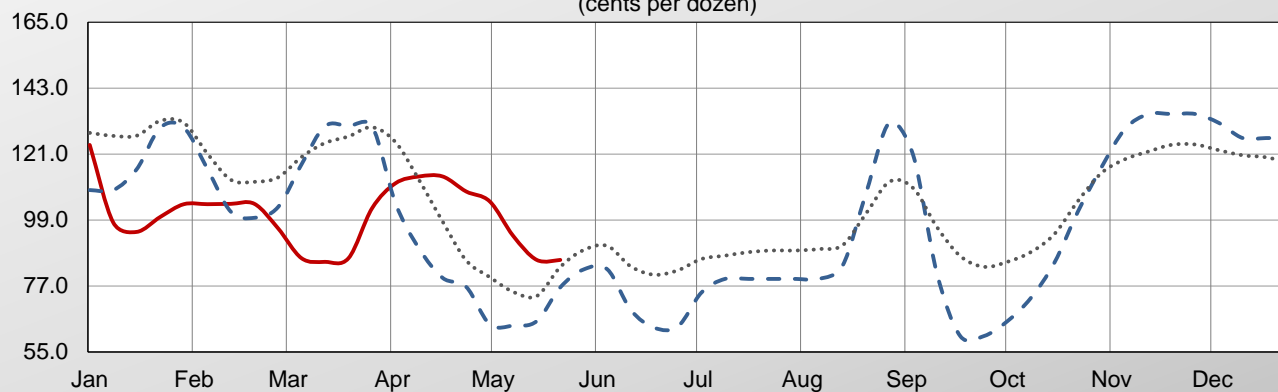
**National Frozen 8-16 lb Hen Turkey Weekly Average Prices**  
(cents per pound)



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis

— 2011 — 2010 ..... 3-Year Av.

**Combined Regional Large Egg Weekly Average Prices**  
(cents per dozen)



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis

— 2011 — 2010 ..... 3-Year Av.