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Prices were mostly lower early week and continued to drop during the week. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was mixed, slow to fairly good. Some deliveries were delayed due to severe winter weather conditions. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock and check and undergrades prices were lower. Offerings were in a full range, light to ample. Demand was limited due to slowed liquid movement. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was about steady to at times weak. Light type hen offerings were moderate with at least adequate offerings. Schedules were slightly less than normal for this week and full-time for next week. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Producer prices in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good, best into areas with feature activity. Food service movement was mostly light. Some delivery problems were noted due to a winter storm that moved through the Midwest this week. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were in a full range of light to ample for the limited demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to instances weak.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	42-52	43-49
LARGE	41-51	42-45
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27
MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending slightly lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to about steady and testing at current levels. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully sufficient for processing needs.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	50-65	51-54
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**COMBINED REGIONAL**

Dec 30, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.50	59.00	37.00
SOUTHEAST	59.50	57.50	36.00
MIDWEST	54.00	52.00	31.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	60.50	59.50	37.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	58.68	57.09	35.57

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

	01-04-05	12-28-04	01-06-04
Large	25-33	33-41	69-76
Medium	6-11	12-17	50-54

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 03, 2005**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	13.0	8.3	12.0	11.0	54.0
	Change	1.7	-4.2	-0.2	-5.0	0.9	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.8	63.7	17.7	31.3	35.8	176.3
	Change	4.0	7.0	-4.5	-3.5	-1.2	1%
Large	Curr Wk	52.2	156.2	70.0	97.5	110.2	486.1
	Change	-3.1	10.7	1.2	-24.2	-5.5	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	47.2	10.8	18.0	34.5	123.7
	Change	-0.5	-8.6	-1.2	-5.0	3.6	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	7.3	10.4	1.2	9.8	9.8	38.5
	Change	0.6	1.6	0.0	3.3	1.6	23%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	39.8	6.9	16.1	5.7	73.8
	Change	0.2	4.3	-1.5	-0.1	-0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.6	74.9	29.4	32.7	33.3	184.9
	Change	-5.5	14.1	-3.2	-1.9	-5.0	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	130.1	405.2	144.3	217.4	240.3	1137.3
	Change	-2%	7%	-6%	-14%	-2%	-3%

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1137.3	-3%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	268.3	22%	35

Total Shell Egg 1405.6 1% 208  
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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.

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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 01-JAN-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,177,639	27,183	12,035	6,606	3,155	4,256
PW	1,111,846	25,821	11,231	6,266	2,524	3,941
LY	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	3,643
% CHG PWK	6	5	7	5	25	8
% CHG LY	15	11	26	31	23	17
2004	64,354,489	1,531,122	619,452	335,442	138,108	221,903
2003	60,528,167	1,491,183	543,950	296,059	118,264	216,156
% CHG YTD	6	3	14	13	17	3

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.53	42.50	41.84
(Inedible Excluded)	38.91	38.96	38.29

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	DEC 25	JAN 01	DEC 25	JAN 01
	Thousand			
AL	29,390	29,541	*21,363	21,191
AR	31,169	31,240	*25,011	24,071
DE	4,033	3,800	*5,449	6,286
FL	1,328	1,330	1,418	1,532
GA	33,818	33,822	26,858	26,532
KY	*6,145	7,366	*5,903	5,818
LA	3,984	4,013	*3,716	3,801
MD	8,767	8,715	5,121	4,630
MS	19,033	19,025	*17,253	16,928
NC	*18,354	17,893	*14,275	14,129
OK	*6,529	6,474	*4,867	5,719
PA	*3,824	4,033	*2,717	3,039
SC	*4,800	4,761	4,504	4,259
TX	*15,076	14,871	*12,545	12,517
VA	6,249	6,240	5,114	5,248
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,584	17,535	*16,058	16,621
19 State Total	*210,083	210,659	*172,172	172,321
Previous Year Total	205,908	205,672	168,199	168,268
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 12-Feb-05 is estimated at 158.5 million head. This compares to 158.3 million head the previous week and to 158.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.41 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/30/04-01/05/05

CURRENT LDS 74.00 FUTURE LDS 64.50 TOTAL LDS 138.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	27.00	30.00	26.50	28.67	—	—	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	49.00	50.50	43.00	48.00	5.00
GL W XL	—	43.00	39.00	40.94	32.26	37.17	48.50
GL W LG	—	40.00	35.67	35.60	32.00	33.83	15.50
GL W MD	27.00	26.00	—	—	22.56	—	12.00
GL W SM	23.75	26.29	—	—	17.50	19.00	4.50
GL BR LG	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR MD	26.00	28.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	23.00	25.25	27.33	22.50	25.07	66.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.50	20.50	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-JAN-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY	
Atlanta	27.0	22.1	22	7
Boston	3.4	2.7	26	-17
Chicago	72.2	81.0	-11	8
Detroit	28.2	34.5	-18	-10
Kansas City	3.1	4.9	-37	-31
Los Angeles	93.7	91.4	3	-4
New Orleans	7.2	7.0	3	-25
New York	28.8	33.9	-15	-8
St. Louis	21.4	15.0	43	16
San Francisco	23.1	24.3	-5	-4
Total	308.1	316.8	-3	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	307.8			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 01-JAN-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,157	1,878	22	11	3,068
Avg Wt	16.28	38.94	25.36	27.95	30.26
Last week	1,180	1,628	10	0	2,818
Same wk yr ago	1,347	1,786	17	13	3,163
Avg Wt	15.51	37.67	25.16	30.23	27.99
To-date/2004	89,574	131,604	2,569	364	224,111
To-date/2003	98,202	141,048	3,138	611	242,999

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

Week ending 01-JAN-05 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG		
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	577	4	22.01	(A)	580	22.01
South Atlantic	399	23	37.92	(A)	401	37.92
North Central	1,465	10	34.25	(A)	1,467	34.25
South Central	376	-4	23.01	(A)	378	23.01
West	240	11	24.47	(A)	242	24.47
U.S. total	3,057 (B)	8	30.26	11	3,068	30.26
To-date						
2004	223,747 (B)			364	224,111	
To-date						
2003	242,388 (B)			611	242,999	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 2,569,000; for last year to date 3,138,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 01-JAN-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632	451
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61	6.76
Last week	125,118	1,102	1,175	2,277	405
Same wk yr ago	134,816	1,118	898	2,016	413
Avg Wt	5.15	3.19	7.95	5.31	6.82
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367	24,515
To-date/2003	7,940,300	72,834	71,890	144,724	21,491

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 139.3 million head, or 13.3 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-JAN-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	01/08/05(1)	01/01/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	164,938(2)	135,098
Light hens	1,521	1,348
Heavy hens	1,474	1,269
Total	167,933	137,715

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jan-05 is 154.9 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 10.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Jan-05 the estimated available is 158.8 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**

**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
December 4	164.6	155.3	106%	5.41
11	161.8	155.8	104%	5.21
18	161.2	154.3	104%	5.22
25	126.6	152.1	83%	5.27
January 1	139.3	152.6	91%	5.33
Year to date	8,190.9	8,346.6	98%	
January 8		154.9		
15		158.8		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER** Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 03-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.87	43	65.93	75
Los Angeles	79.00	77.64	64	73.21	162
New York	68.00-71.00	69.22	23	67.90	51

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from				
03-JAN-2005	27-DEC-2005	27-DEC-2005	05-JAN-2004	
69.98	1.86	68.12	65.75	

NUMBER OF LOADS 618

**Weighted average prices for R.T.C. broiler/fryers**

Monthly/December	Wtd Avg	Loads
	68.01	2,662.80
Quarterly/October-December	Wtd Avg	Loads
	68.29	7,802.40
Yearly/2004	Wtd Avg	Loads
	74.14	31,900.40

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -** Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS		Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
	AM 01/03/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
AM 12/01/04	3,806	66,595	60,214	
CHG	-379	-6,679	-5,838	
PCT CHG	-10%	-10%	-10%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	16	MIL	LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	265	MIL	LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	694	MIL	LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 03-JAN-05

REGIONS	RANGE	WTD MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.70
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10-11.5	11.04

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**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)

30-DEC-04			REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY		
Eastern	4-9	6-9		
South Central	Too Few To Report			
North Central	0-5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 01-JAN-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	239.8	-4	11
East North Central	620	5	18
West North Central	319.8	14	17
South Atlantic	220.7	1	2
South Central	74.4	3	6
West	189.1	-3	4
Total	1,663.8	3	12
Matched Plants reporting		86	85
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,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)			

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