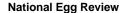
EGG AND POULTRY NATIONAL WEEKLY REVIEW

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This week New York prices were sharply lower on all sizes. Early in the week, regional prices were lower on both heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for all egg sizes. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is light to very light. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to inactive, instances moderate in the

demand is light to very light. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to inactive, instances moderate in the Southwest region. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive. National light type hen removal costs are steady.

Offerings are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the New Year holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

	Lar	ge	Medium						
Regions	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly					
Midwest	138-147	140-143	95-104	97-100					
Northeast	137-151	142-146	98-111	103-105					
South Central	150.5-159	152-155	104.5-113	106-109					
Southeast	139-157.25	147-150	98-109.25	102-106					
Prices paid to Producers - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged,									
grade yield basis	cents per dozen.								

IA-MN-WI 01/03/12 12/27/11 01/04/11 Large 111-121 126-136 97-107

 Large
 111-121
 126-136
 97-107

 Medium
 72-76
 80-84
 58-62

Weekly Combined Regional 12/30/11

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen

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Ex Large Medium Regions Large Northeast 150.00 149.00 107.00 Southeast 155.50 157.50 107.00 Midwest 149.50 147.50 101.50 South Central 160.50 160.50 110.50 Combined Regional 154.66 153.48 106.68 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)¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

January 03, 20	12	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.4	11.4	20.9	9.0	13.6	4.3	69.4
	% Change	54.5%	8.1%	23.8%	12.0%	7.3%	3.1%	17.9%
Extra Large	This Week	36.0	25.2	52.0	15.9	30.7	4.9	164.8
	% Change	48.6%	45.0%	69.4%	16.8%	19.1%	9.1%	41.7%
Large	This Week	57.2	101.6	129.7	80.9	66.1	49.2	484.6
	% Change	26.1%	11.3%	45.5%	30.8%	-2.2%	18.6%	22.2%
Medium	This Week	18.5	23.4	59.0	21.6	18.9	12.0	153.3
	% Change	17.6%	41.5%	8.0%	2.6%	-21.6%	33.4%	8.7%
Small	This Week	1.3	4.2	8.0	4.1	1.5	4.5	23.6
	% Change	-60.3%	-3.2%	-35.5%	-14.5%	-8.3%	18.8%	-21.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	15.7	27.1	13.5	6.2	1.8	66.6
	% Change	-26.8%	21.9%	-3.3%	19.1%	-1.1%	-35.1%	3.3%
Ungraded	This Week	15.4	12.2	52.4	26.0	7.7	13.8	127.6
	% Change	386.4%	57.5%	4.4%	-12.8%	10.2%	27.5%	17.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	141.1	193.7	349.2	170.9	144.6	90.4	1,090.0
	% Change	38.9%	20.5%	23.8%	13.6%	-0.3%	18.3%	19.0%

 Totals
 Cases
 Percent Change

 Shell Egg
 1,090.0
 19.0%

 Breaking Stock
 277.3
 4.9%

 Total Shell Egg
 1,367.3
 15.8%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	6.5	6.3	4.3	2.9	5.1	1.8	26.7
	% Change	37.3%	-25.9%	13.3%	37.0%	1.6%	1.2%	3.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	13.5	6.7	0.0	2.0	22.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	26.5%	-20.6%	0.0%	55.4%	8.9%
Total Specialt	y This Week	6.5	6.3	17.8	9.6	5.1	3.8	48.9
	% Change	37.3%	-25.9%	23.0%	-9.0%	1.6%	24.4%	6.0%

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

Large: 33.9% Ungraded: 33.0% Total: 33.5%

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.

Poultry Market News & Analysis

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W/E 31-Dec-2011		(Lbs In The	ousands)	(Exclud	(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,183,897	28,932	11,606	5,856	2,707	3,880	
PW	1,197,098	29,228	11,560	5,934	2,723	4,040	
LY	1,253,249	30,787	12,086	5,935	3,118	4,318	
% PW	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-4%	
% LY	-6%	-6%	-4%	-1%	-13%	-10%	
2011*	69,681,439	1,660,057	697,089	354,398	147,703	233,497	
2010*	68,921,082	1,679,943	673,067	329,943	146,526	229,029	
% YTD	1%	-1%	4%	7%	1%	2%	

Average Yield Per Case -	Current	Previous	Last
	Week	Week	Year
(Inedible Included)	42.47	42.40	42.39
(Inedible Excluded)	39.19	39.03	38.94

<u>IN-LINE PRODUCTION</u> (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	700,367	59.2%	18,148	62.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	701,832	58.6%	18,238	62.4%
LAST YEAR	706,837	56.4%	18,694	60.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

		Eggs Set	Broller Chic	ks Placed
19 Selected States	Dec 24	Dec 31	Dec 24	Dec 31
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	27,533	27,549	20,588	20,811
Arkansas	20,121	20,287	19,333	20,378
Delaware	3,126	3,232	3,355	4,385
Florida	1,349	1,347	964	1,160
Georgia	31,679	31,839	27,617	26,832
Kentucky	7,499	7,444	6,015	6,381
Louisiana	3,364	3,348	2,972	2,943
Maryland	7,483	7,447	6,667	5,968
Mississippi	18,266	17,763	15,590	15,407
Missouri	7,945	7,433	5,734	5,004
North Carolina	19,767	19,927	15,729	15,697
Oklahoma	6,710	6,268	4,264	3,746
Pennsylvania	3,769	3,812	3,196	3,072
South Carolina	5,362	5,164	4,087	4,115
Texas	13,723	13,898	11,657	11,838
Virginia	6,041	5,909	4,624	4,710
California, Tennessee,				
and West Virginia	11,445	11,432	10,823	10,536
19 State total	195,182	194,099	163,215	162,983
Previous year total	205,240	203,224	168,134	168,813
Percent of previous year	ar 95	96	97	97

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 11-Feb-12 is estimated at 150.2 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 159.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.05 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen) National trading for 12/29/11 - 01/04/12

CURRENT	LDS 77	.75 F	UTURE L	DS 29.75	TO	TAL LDS	107.50
	5	SE		NE	ľ	٨W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	112.00	121.00		104.50	118.00	123.00	30.00
GNR W 2							1.00
GL W J					79.57		7.00
GL W XL		134.33		102.58	67.92	78.25	17.50
GL W LG			107.00	104.83	71.00	118.00	17.75
GL W MD		84.00	74.60	76.80	70.20	84.00	28.75
GL W SM	70.00	65.75	63.00	68.00	57.50		5.00
GL BR MD		84.25		81.00	75.20		1.25
NRBS - 48			55.00	57.00	56.00		9.00
NRBS - 45					54.00		1.25
NRBS - 36					33.00	36.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Dec-11

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in the	ousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	16.9	21.5	-21	-9
Boston	2.5	2.5	0	-19
Chicago	58.0	60.6	-4	10
Los Angeles	54.9	61.6	-11	4
New Orleans	6.1	7.0	-13	-8
New York	44.2	44.2	0	43
St. Louis	73.4	87.6	-16	-31
San Francisco	15.3	19.0	-19	-27
Total	271.3	304.0	-11	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.0			

Broiler Fags Set Broiler Chicks Placed LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 31-Dec-11 (Preliminary)

	Y	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bree	ders	Turkeys
Head	1,287	1,992	6	8	3,293
Avg Wt	15.41	42.11	26.27	30.19	31.62
Last week	1,314	2,205	20	15	3,554
Same wk yr ago	1,452	1,968	19	13	3,452
Avg Wt	16.60	41.49	25.75	25.60	30.60
To-date/2011*	95,990	133,313	1,122	453	230,878
To-date/2010*	96,119	134,427	1,119	382	232,047
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	0%	19%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook	Weight and	Dressing P	ercentage		
Current week	15,866	67,106	121	185	83,278
Last week	16,750	71,445	395	324	88,914
Same wk yr ago	19,283	65,322	377	256	85,238
To-date/2011*	1,303,052	4,140,197	22,531	10,644	5,476,424
To-date/2010*	1,303,569	4,090,558	22,801	9,502	5,426,430
% Change YTD	0%	1%	-1%	12%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 31-Dec-11 (Preliminary)

	Your	ng turkey	/S	Old	Total	Turkeys
•	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeder	'S	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	d head-	Live wt
North East	500	-19	26.10	(A)	502	26.10
South Atlantic	473	21	38.52	(A)	475	38.52
North Central	1,588	-8	35.87	(A)	1,590	35.87
South Central	l 598	-11	18.32	(A)	599	18.32
West	126	-13	37.23	(A)	127	37.23
U.S. total	3,285 (B) -7	31.62	8	3,293	31.62
To-date						
2011*	230,425 (B)		453	230,878	
To-date						
2010*	231,665 (B)		382	232,047	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 6,000; for the current year to date* 1,122,000; for last year to date* 1,119,000.

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection						
(Preliminary)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
W/E 31-Dec-2011	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
			Thousand	s		
Head	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402	
Avg Wt	5.72	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.83	
Last week	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398	
Same wk yr ago	131,401	1,226	1,235	2,461	414	
Avg Wt	5.74	3.26	7.98	5.63	6.90	
To-date/2011*	8,085,700	69,328	79,587	148,915	22,305	
To-date/2010*	8,334,894	70,531	73,360	143,891	21,941	
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	8%	3%	2%	
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dres	sing Percei	ntage			
Current week	541,282	2,330	6,958	9,288	1,977	
Last week	575,626	1,700	8,091	9,791	1,966	
Same wk yr ago	561,910	2,118	6,554	8,672	2,057	
To-date/2011*	34,585,849	118,633	411,034	529,667	108,899	
To-date/2010*	34,864,519	121,075	388,756	509,831	108,203	
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	6%	4%	1%	
Dressing %	75.0%	53.0%	66.0%		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 143.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 127.7 million head, or 15.9 million less than estimated available.

Estimated U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Wt
5.76
5.86
5.79
5.65
5.62
5.72

^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 07-Jan-12

Current Week 01/07/12 (1)		Previous Week 12/31/11		
Class		Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	134,036 (2)	125,094		
Light hens	1,457	1,331		
Heavy hens	1,355	1,386		
Total	136,848	127,811		
(1) Estimated				

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Jan-12 is 146.6 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 134.3 million head or 12.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Jan-12 the estimated available is 150.3 million head.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings - Selected Centers

(Incl.	Gov't Stocks)	(in thousands of lbs.)		Proc. other
		Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Poultry
AM	1/2/2012	3,175	56,420	51,180
AM	12/1/2011	3,136	46,535	52,639
CHG		39	9885	-1459
PCT	CHG	1%	21%	-3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2011 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs 33 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% Processed Turkeys 234 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% Processed Other Poultry 641 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

Whole Young Turkeys

Frozen basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 93-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

National Fowl Markets

30-Dec-11

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.0- 15.5	13.13

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

The majority price for removal costs continues to be unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV;

North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

Commercial Fog Movement (Receipts from Producers)

Commercial Egg Movement (Receipts from Producers)						
W/E 31-Dec-2011	Cases	% Chang	e From			
Regions	(in thousands)	LW	LY			
North Atlantic	210.4	-1	5			
East North Central	710.7	-2	15			
West North Central	299.8	0	19			
South Atlantic	153.8	-8	1			
South Central	51.8	-1	-11			
West	58.2	-4	9			
Total	1484.7	-2	11			
Matched plants report	ing	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 02-Jan-2012

Grade A				:	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Delivered to			_			
Los Angeles	99.00	97.54	24	:	89.49	77
New York	76.00-79.00	77.95	21	:	79.30	43

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/:			Composite		
	Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	72.00-76.00			:	74.69	36

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer

Loads 01/02/12		Change Last Wk	12/26/11	01/03/11
331	81.70	.85	80.85	77.26

⁽B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

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

