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This week, New York prices are lower for Extra Large and Large, steady for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional egg prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for Extra Large and Large, higher for Jumbo, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone ranges steady to weak. Retail demand is very light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy with Large and Extra Large most available. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is barely steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy and include graded loose shell eggs. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time. 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.

Regions	LARGE		MEDIUM	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
MIDWEST	82-91	84-87	67-76	69-72
NORTHEAST	84-98	90-93	68-81	73-75
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.5-98	91-94	71.5-80	73-76
SOUTHEAST	89-106.5	90-93	70.5-78.26	71-75

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 04/13/12
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	110.50	110.00	83.00
SOUTHEAST	113.50	111.50	82.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	79.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.50	113.50	83.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	111.67	110.03	82.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	04/17/12	04/10/12	04/19/11
LARGE	64-74	83-93	86-96
MEDIUM	49-53	58-62	71-75

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

April 16, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.6	8.7	17.9	7.4	11.5	2.6	58.7
	% Change	-6.5%	0.6%	-6.7%	12.6%	-20.3%	-17.1%	-7.3%
Extra Large	This Week	30.7	22.1	45.3	15.5	33.0	3.8	150.5
	% Change	-1.6%	-12.4%	18.2%	-13.8%	13.3%	-27.8%	2.2%
Large	This Week	54.1	108.1	154.5	87.9	79.3	58.4	542.3
	% Change	7.0%	16.4%	10.1%	36.0%	37.7%	9.0%	18.0%
Medium	This Week	11.3	23.0	51.9	21.3	24.6	5.7	137.9
	% Change	-10.7%	3.6%	3.9%	-13.6%	34.1%	-10.3%	2.7%
Small	This Week	2.0	4.3	7.9	0.7	1.2	1.2	17.3
	% Change	-13.7%	-28.5%	12.6%	-36.9%	-34.6%	-6.1%	-11.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	10.5	22.8	11.3	5.6	1.1	53.4
	% Change	1.4%	-11.3%	-2.7%	7.1%	-12.6%	-24.0%	-4.2%
Ungraded	This Week	12.8	12.6	67.6	25.4	13.5	9.5	141.5
	% Change	50.0%	47.7%	8.3%	-15.0%	-21.4%	-6.5%	3.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.6	189.4	367.9	169.6	168.6	82.3	1,101.4
	% Change	4.2%	8.0%	8.0%	9.1%	16.4%	1.3%	8.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,101.4	8.4%
Breaking Stock	313.3	12.3%
Total Shell Egg	1,414.7	9.2%

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	7.8	10.2	1.0	2.1	3.8	3.4	28.3
	% Change	2.4%	24.8%	13.5%	23.3%	84.9%	9.1%	20.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.1	11.3	0.0	1.9	33.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	14.1%	-3.7%	0.0%	-16.6%	5.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.8	10.2	21.2	13.5	3.8	5.3	61.7
	% Change	2.4%	24.8%	14.1%	-0.2%	84.9%	-1.9%	11.6%

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

Large:	31.7%
Ungraded:	48.4%
Total:	40.7%

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 14-Apr-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,360,185	31,246	14,543	7,361	2,867	4,717
PW	1,302,876	30,242	14,005	7,096	2,412	4,777
LY	1,280,813	30,800	12,554	6,451	2,054	4,290
% PW	4%	3%	4%	4%	19%	-1%
% LY	6%	1%	16%	14%	40%	10%
2012*	19,515,454	461,628	200,952	102,714	40,545	67,519
2011*	19,606,560	465,654	200,769	102,025	42,664	66,275
% YTD	0%	-1%	0%	1%	-5%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.54	43.07	42.23
(Inedible Excluded)	39.08	39.41	38.89

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	751,094	55.2%	18,950	60.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	730,347	56.1%	17,936	59.3%
LAST YEAR	713,849	55.7%	19,314	62.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Apr 07	Apr 14	Apr 07	Apr 14
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,989	27,854	20,595	20,546
Arkansas	21,240	21,233	18,964	19,564
Delaware	3,506	3,550	4,760	4,647
Florida	1,349	1,352	1,233	1,289
Georgia	32,564	32,536	28,079	26,180
Kentucky	7,709	7,626	5,964	6,185
Louisiana	3,500	3,500	3,356	3,059
Maryland	7,128	7,393	5,488	5,915
Mississippi	17,878	17,717	15,282	15,444
Missouri	7,701	7,686	5,413	5,972
North Carolina	20,381	20,556	16,127	16,163
Oklahoma	6,910	6,688	4,123	3,662
Pennsylvania	3,754	3,586	3,103	2,957
South Carolina	5,488	5,364	4,096	4,919
Texas	14,972	14,816	12,235	12,723
Virginia	6,415	6,166	4,592	4,824
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,668	11,450	11,778	10,176
19 State total	199,152	199,073	165,188	164,225
Previous year total	207,969	208,968	172,098	173,110
Percent of previous year	96	95	96	95

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 26-May-12 is estimated at 151.6 million head. This compares to 152.1 million head the previous week and to 162.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.34 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)

National trading for 04/12/12 - 04/18/12

Current Lds	142.25		Future Lds		21.50		Total Lds		163.75
	SE	NE	NE	NE	MW	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	--	--	63.00	65.00	--	--	1.00		
GNR W 1	64.22	67.43	60.33	64.00	--	--	14.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	60.00	65.00	1.00		
GL W J	--	--	71.00	72.83	67.82	--	10.00		
GL W XL	71.50	72.50	70.00	74.00	64.06	70.00	39.50		
GL W LG	--	58.00	64.00	60.65	57.04	61.33	43.25		
GL W MD	--	--	54.83	59.50	50.94	--	12.75		
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.25	--	2.25		
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	55.00	--	1.00		
NRBS - 48	--	--	49.00	55.50	44.00	46.60	13.00		
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	35.00	38.00	1.00		

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Apr-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY			
Atlanta	13.2	21.2	-38	-51		
Boston	2.5	3.2	-22	-32		
Chicago	58.8	62.3	-6	10		
Los Angeles	50.6	74.0	-32	-15		
New Orleans	6.5	6.0	8	-4		
New York	35.6	40.7	-13	-6		
St. Louis	90.7	77.6	17	-7		
San Francisco	10.4	19.1	-46	-60		
Total	268.3	304.1	-12	-14		
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.1					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Avg Wt	15.67	40.18	25.34	30.35	29.53
Last week	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Same wk yr ago	1,928	2,500	19	3	4,450
Avg Wt	16.94	39.79	22.50	47.68	28.32
To-date/2012*	26,401	37,091	309	109	63,910
To-date/2011*	26,283	37,927	330	111	64,651
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	-6%	-2%	-1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	24,145	80,868	383	138	105,534
Last week	21,709	74,834	376	138	97,057
Same wk yr ago	25,965	79,083	331	111	105,490
To-date/2012*	357,101	1,222,095	6,274	2,720	1,588,190
To-date/2011*	360,081	1,201,073	8,661	2,690	1,572,505
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	-28%	1%	1%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 75.5% 75.5%

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 14-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg Live wt
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
North East	590	5	21.92	(A)	592	21.92
South Atlantic	560	13	36.45	(A)	561	36.45
North Central	2,148	8	34.10	(A)	2,149	34.10
South Central	893	28	19.44	(A)	894	19.44
West	271	33	28.79	(A)	272	28.79
U.S. total	4,462 (B)		13	29.53	6	4,468
To-date						
2012*	63,801 (B)			109	63,910	
To-date						
2011*	64,540 (B)			111	64,651	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 20,000; for the current year to date* 309,000; for last year to date* 330,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 14-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404
Avg Wt	5.79	3.19	7.91	5.24	6.93
Last week	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Same wk yr ago	160,335	1,321	1,337	2,658	421
Avg Wt	5.77	3.15	8.09	5.63	6.36
To-date/2012*	2,246,421	24,012	21,977	45,989	6,349
To-date/2011*	2,395,393	21,464	22,100	43,564	6,729
% Change YTD	-6%	12%	-1%	6%	-6%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	669,094	3,061	7,597	10,658	2,030
Last week	630,307	3,038	7,070	10,108	2,171
Same wk yr ago	689,224	2,247	7,031	9,278	1,928

To-date/2012*	9,662,508	40,263	115,467	155,730	30,765
To-date/2011*	10,152,604	36,328	116,279	152,607	33,120
% Change YTD	-5%	11%	-1%	2%	-7%

Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.9 million head, or 2.0 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
Mar 10	152.1	151.4	100%	5.79
17	154.9	151.2	102%	5.74
24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr 7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79
Year to date		2273.8	2278.7	100%
Apr 21		153.4		
28		153.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Week Ending 21-Apr-12

Class	Current Week 04/21/12 (1)	Previous Week 04/14/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	155,261 (2)	151,101
Light hens	2,046	2,011
Heavy hens	1,500	1,432
Total	158,807	154,544

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Apr-12 is 153.4 million head compared to 156.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.6 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Apr-12 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/16/12	3,058	145,370	37,107
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG	200	10378	-666
PCT CHG	7%	8%	-2%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 104.00-110.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00- 111.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

13-Apr-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.5- 19.5	13.40

(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 remains 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 EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 14-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	193.1	-1	-8
East North Central	693.8	-3	2
West North Central	296.1	-2	16
South Atlantic	156.4	2	7
South Central	51.0	0	-5
West	41.4	-3	-26
Total	1431.8	-2	2

Matched plants reporting

71 71

Areas Covered: N. 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)
Western (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 16-APR-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads

Los Angeles	102.00	101.82	30	89.20	122
New York	82.00-85.00	83.50	20	84.83	38

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
Chicago	75.00-80.00			76.82 47

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	04/16/12	Change Last Wk	04/09/12	04/18/11
390	84.41	-.16	84.56	83.37

