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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Late this week, New York prices are lower for all sizes. Earlier in the week, regional egg prices were higher for Jumbo, lower for Extra Large and Large, and unchanged for Medium. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for Jumbo, lower for Extra Large and Large, and steady to lower for Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm for Jumbo, barely steady to weak for Extra Large and Large, and mostly steady for Medium. Retail demand is light to instances moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks lower. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are mostly moderate for the light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules continue full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

<u>REGIONAL PRICES</u> -TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A & GRADE A, WHITE EGG IN CARTONS, DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LAF	RGE	MEI	DIUM
RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
76-85	78-81	67-76	69-72
78-92	84-87	68-81	73-75
83.5-92	85-88	71.5-80	73-76
81-91.25	82-85	70.5-78	71-75
	76-85 78-92 83.5-92	76-85 78-81 78-92 84-87 83.5-92 85-88	RANGE MOSTLY RANGE 76-85 78-81 67-76 78-92 84-87 68-81 83.5-92 85-88 71.5-80

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

CIVIDE TIELD	D/1010, OLIVIO I LIV	DOZLIN.
04/24/12	04/17/12	04/26/11
58-68	64-74	80-90
49-53	49-53	62-66
	04/24/12 58-68	58-68 64-74

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

04/20/12

30.6%

46.7%

39.8%

Large:

Total:

Ungraded:

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	93.50	91.50	74.00
SOUTHEAST	93.50	91.50	73.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	95.50	92.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	92.61	90.32	73.05
Computed from cimple week	ly averages weigh	tod by rogion	ool oroo

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) (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

April 23, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week % Change	9.1 -13.9%	8.5 -2.8%	15.6 -12.6%	7.4 -1.1%	12.1 5.2%	2.9 12.1%	55.5 -5.4%
Extra Large	This Week % Change	26.2 -14.6%	22.6 2.1%	38.9 -14.0%	17.4 12.0%	33.9 2.7%	4.4 16.2%	143.4 -4.7%
Large	This Week % Change	51.7 -4.4%	107.6 -0.5%	150.6 -2.5%	97.6 11.1%	68.4 -13.7%	60.6 3.7%	536.6 -1.1%
Medium	This Week % Change	15.4 36.6%	21.1 -8.5%	51.9 0.1%	24.0 12.4%	25.3 2.7%	7.2 26.9%	144.9 5.1%
Small	This Week % Change	4.1 110.7%	5.2 20.4%	4.9 -37.9%	0.7 2.9%	1.1 -2.6%	3.2 156.5%	19.3 11.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week % Change	2.1 -3.2%	11.9 13.5%	22.1 -3.0%	12.9 14.2%	5.4 -2.5%	1.0 -14.4%	55.4 3.7%
Ungraded	This Week % Change	7.9 -37.9%	15.7 23.9%	70.9 4.8%	25.0 -1.9%	17.5 29.4%	10.5 11.2%	147.5 4.3%
Total Shell Egg	g This Week % Change	116.7 -5.6%	192.5 1.6%	355.0 -3.5%	184.9 9.0%	163.7 -2.9%	89.8 9.1%	1,102.5 0.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,102.5	0.1%
Breaking Stock	289.5	-7.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,392.0	-1.6%

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 % Change	8.1 3.8%	9.1 -11.2%	0.9 -13.9%	4.0 89.2%	3.9 2.6%	3.2 -5.0%	29.1 3.0%
Ungraded	This Week % Change	0.0 0.0%	0.0 0.0%	24.2 20.3%	12.3 8.6%	0.0 0.0%	2.3 18.3%	38.8 16.2%
Total Specialty	This Week % Change	8.1 3.8%	9.1 -11.2%	25.1 18.7%	16.3 21.3%	3.9 2.6%	5.5 3.4%	67.9 10.1%

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

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 and Analysis

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EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-	Apr-2012	(Lbs In Tho	ousands)	(Exclude	es Ingred	ients)	
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,385,218	31,467	15,230	7,693	3,492	4,698	
PW	1,360,185	31,246	14,543	7,361	2,867	4,717	
LY	1,278,497	31,114	12,558	6,363	2,480	4,192	
% PW	2%	1%	5%	5%	22%	0%	
% LY	8%	1%	21%	21%	41%	12%	
2012*	20,900,672	493,094	216,182	110,406	44,037	72,217	
2011*	20,885,057	496,768	213,327	108,388	45,145	70,467	
% YTD	0%	-1%	1%	2%	-2%	2%	
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Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year	
(Inedible Included) (Inedible Excluded)	42.66 39.26	42.54 39.08	42.41 39.14	

<u>In-Line Production</u> (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	Case	es Broken	Liquid Whole			
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. 9	6 of Total		
CURRENT WEEK	759,938	54.9%	18,146	57.7%		
PREVIOUS WEEK	751,094	55.2%	18,950	60.6%		
LAST YEAR	735,455	57.5%	19,170	61.6%		

BROILER HATCHERY

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	Broiler	Broiler Eggs Set Broiler Chic						
19 Selected States	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 14	Apr 21				
STATE	-	Thou	usand	-				
Alabama	27,854	28,393	20,546	19,932				
Arkansas	21,233	21,168	19,564	20,389				
Delaware	3,550	3,622	4,647	4,733				
Florida	1,352	1,347	1,289	1,202				
Georgia	32,536	32,274	25,950	27,448				
Kentucky	7,641	7,360	6,012	6,391				
Louisiana	3,530	3,530	3,040	3,095				
Maryland	7,393	7,570	5,915	6,244				
Mississippi	17,717	18,068	15,444	15,418				
Missouri	7,686	7,711	5,972	4,892				
North Carolina	20,556	20,434	16,403	16,561				
Oklahoma	6,688	6,849	3,662	4,238				
Pennsylvania	3,753	3,793	2,927	3,010				
South Carolina	5,364	5,483	4,919	4,754				
Texas	14,816	14,821	12,723	12,612				
Virginia	6,166	6,399	4,824	4,457				
California, Tennessee) ,							
and West Virginia	11,554	11,262	10,857	11,146				
19 State total	199,389	200,084	164,694	166,522				
Previous year total	208,968	209,132	173,110	172,008				
Percent of previous ye	ear 95	96	95	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 02-Jun-12 is estimated at 152.5 million head. This compares to 151.6 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.66 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)
National trading for 04/19/12 - 04/25/12

Current L	.ds 102.	50	Future L	ds 15.50	T	otal Lds	118.00
	S	E		NE	N	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	58.00		57.50	59.67	59.00	61.00	5.00
GL W J					68.50		5.00
GL W XL	62.00	70.14	72.00	71.53	65.33	70.00	41.25
GL W LG			70.50	63.20	54.82	55.33	35.50
GL W MD		59.00	54.50	57.00	51.55	52.00	11.00
GL W SM		44.00	48.00	50.50	36.00		4.00
GL BR XL				86.00	61.00		.50
GL BR LG			87.00	90.00			1.00
GL BR MD	58.00						1.00
NRBS - 48		45.25		51.67	40.00	49.00	9.00
NRBS - 42		41.25			34.50		1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-Apr-12

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in th	ousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	15.9	13.2	20	-29
Boston	2.8	2.5	12	0
Chicago	62.5	58.8	6	-4
Los Angeles	54.3	50.6	7	-10
New Orleans	6.2	6.5	-5	11
New York	38.6	35.6	8	11
St. Louis	77.1	90.7	-15	-20
San Francisco	12.6	10.4	21	-60
Total	270.0	268.3	1	-15
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 21-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bre	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
Last week	1,926	2,516	20	6	4,468
Same wk yr ago	1,592	2,475	13	4	4,084
Avg Wt	17.16	38.71	22.50	42.24	28.58
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	108	68,539
To-date/2011*	27,875	40,402	343	115	68,735
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	-2%	-6%	0%
Ready-to-Cook	Weight an	d Dressing F	Percentage		
Current week	25,798	84,809	531	60	111,198
Last week	24.145	80,868	383	138	105,534
Same wk yr ago	21,718	76,167	227	131	98,243
To-date/2012*	382,899	1,306,904	6,805	2,780	1,699,388
To-date/2011*	381,799	1,277,240	8,888	2,821	1,670,748
% Change YTD	0%	2%	-23%	-1%	2%
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 21-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

W/L Z1-Api-12 (i Tellitillary)						
Young turkeys			Old	Total	Turkeys	
•	Thousand F	ct chg	Avg	Breeders	3	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt
North East	548	-7	27.73	(A)	549	27.73
South Atlantic	787	41	35.31	(A)	788	35.31
North Central	2,109	-2	34.38	(A)	2,109	34.38
South Centra	l 916	3	17.16	(A)	916	17.16
West	270	0	28.7	(A)	270	28.70
U.S. total	4,630 (B)	4	30.02	2	4,632	30.02
To-date						
2012*	68,431 (B)			108	68,539	
To-date						
2011*	68,620 (B)			115	68,735	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date* 337,000; for last year to date* 343,000. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary)	Week ending	21-Apr-2012
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(Preliminary) vveek ending 21-Apr-2012						
	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
		Tho	usands			
Head	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389	
Avg Wt	5.72	3.14	7.92	5.19	6.86	
Last week	153,060	1,828	1,402	3,230	404	
Same wk yr ago	154,657	1,519	1,387	2,906	431	
Avg Wt	5.83	3.26	8.18	5.61	6.75	
To-date/2012*	2,401,246	25,981	23,460	49,441	6,738	
To-date/2011*	2,550,050	22,983	23,487	46,470	7,160	
% Change YTD	-6%	13%	0%	6%	-6%	
Ready-to-Cook W	eight and Dres	ssing Perc	entage			
Current week	668,627	3,246	8,046	11,292	1,935	
Last week	669,094	3,061	7,597	10,658	2,030	
Same wk yr ago	671,729	2,674	7,375	10,049	2,095	
To-date/2012*	10,331,135	43,509	123,513	167,022	32,700	
To-date/2011*	10,824,333	39,002	123,654	162,656	35,215	
% Change YTD	-5%	12%	0%	3%	-7%	
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%	
(A) The estimated	number of frver	s available	for market	ing based o	on the 2-	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.7 million head, or 3.3 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/

	Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
	Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
Mar	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
	21	156.7	153.4	102%	5.72
Yea	r to date	2430.5	2432.1	100%	
Apr	28		153.3		
May	, 5		154.2		

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

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

Week	Ending	28-Apr-12	
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Week Enaing 20-	Api-12			
Current Week 04/28/12 (1)		Previous Week 04/21/12		
Class		Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	152,091 (2)	155,261		
Light hens	2,061	2,046		
Heavy hens	1,439	1,500		
Total	155,591	158,807		
(1) ESTIMATED				

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Apr-12 is 153.3 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.4 million head or 0.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-May-12 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

		(INCL G	(INCL GOVT STOCKS)	
		Frozen	Processed	Processed Other
		Eggs	Turkeys	Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	04/23/12	2,997	151,516	29,261
AM	04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG		139	16524	-8512
PCT C	CHG	5%	12%	-23%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-112.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-114.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

20-Apr-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Prices in cents per pound.

Price Range 8.5- 19.5 13.43

(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 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 21-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

	Cases	Percent Cha	nge From
Regions	(In Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.9	2	-5
East North Centr	al 672.6	-3	-5
West North Cent	ral 300.8	2	7
South Atlantic	142.1	-9	-5
South Central	50.4	-1	-16
West	41.0	-1	-30
Total	1404.8	-2	-4

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)

Grade A

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 23-APR-2012

Composite

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Delivered to	Majority First Receivers	Wtd Avg s 1/:	Load : V	Vtd Avg	Loads
Los Angeles	102.00	101.76	31 :	90.74	77
New York	82.00-85.00	83.45	22 :	83.93	49

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads:	Wtd Avg	Loads	
Chicago	73.00-79.00		:	75.73	45	

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

Whole Body 2/:

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER Loads 04/23/12 Change Last Wk 04/16/12 04/25/11 358 84.43 .02 84.41 83.42

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





