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This period, New York prices are higher for Extra Large and Large with Mediums remaining steady. Early in the week, regional prices increased for the larger sizes and were unchanged for Mediums and Smalls. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for the heavier weight eggs and steady for the lighter weights. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Retail demand is in a full range, light to fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate, instances heavy in the Southwestern region. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate and slightly more available than earlier in the week. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate offerings. Processing schedules are 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	MED	DIUM
Regions	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
MIDWEST	77-86	79-82	61-70	63-66
NORTHEAST	80-94	85-89	63-76	68-70
SOUTH CENTRAL	85.5-94	87-90	67.5-76	69-72
SOUTHEAST	75-90	84-87	66.5-74	67-71

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

IA-MN-WI 05/22/12 05/15/12 05/24/11

 IA-MN-WI
 05/22/12
 05/15/12
 05/24/11

 LARGE
 63-73
 48-58
 59-69

 MEDIUM
 43-47
 43-47
 57-61

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

05/18/12

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	83.50	76.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	69.00
MIDWEST	71.50	69.50	64.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	76.50	70.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	80.96	74.43	68.34
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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)

May 21, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week % Change	9.2 2.2%	9.7 12.9%	15.9 14.7%	6.5 -30.1%	12.4 41.0%	3.3 -5.7%	56.9 7.4%
Extra Large	This Week % Change	22.8 8.3%	22.3 -9.6%	30.9 -5.8%	9.7 -30.5%	42.4 7.6%	4.4 -16.4%	132.6 -3.4%
Large	This Week % Change	48.8 15.0%	102.1 -0.3%	107.1 0.5%	54.1 -22.7%	87.9 -7.1%	43.9 -13.2%	443.9 -4.9%
Medium	This Week % Change	9.5 -11.7%	27.6 -4.6%	69.6 -4.2%	27.7 2.4%	31.3 -11.8%	13.6 38.5%	179.4 -2.9%
Small	This Week % Change	3.3 5.4%	3.4 -20.0%	6.0 -1.3%	2.9 -1.4%	0.7 48.0%	2.0 -40.2%	18.3 -9.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week % Change	2.2 -9.3%	14.3 5.9%	29.6 1.8%	10.7 2.9%	4.7 -9.2%	1.1 88.1%	62.6 2.4%
Ungraded	This Week % Change	10.3 -2.3%	15.8 2.1%	87.6 -11.9%	31.9 93.6%	14.4 -17.3%	11.3 25.1%	171.3 1.7%
Total Shell Egg		106.1 6.8%	195.2 -1.3%	346.7 -3.8%	143.6 -4.4%	193.8 -3.7%	79.6 -3.1%	1,065.0 -2.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,065.0	-2.4%
Breaking Stock	276.9	-6.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,341.9	-3.2%

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	7.1	9.2	0.7	4.9	3.8	2.6	28.2
	% Change	-13.6%	20.4%	-11.3%	-13.0%	-12.8%	-12.9%	-4.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	16.8	9.9	0.0	2.0	28.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-12.8%	-11.1%	-100.0%	3.1%	-13.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.1	9.2	17.5	14.8	3.8	4.6	56.9
	% Change	-13.6%	20.4%	-12.7%	-11.7%	-28.3%	-6.5%	-9.4%

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

Total: 37.9% week. This is a representative

Ungraded:

Large:

34.6%

41.1%

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.

^{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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION											
W/E 19-May-2012 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)											
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid							
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible					
CW	1,407,333	32,783	14,322	7,440	3,574	4,691					
PW	1,415,463	32,570	14,738	7,470	3,506	4,794					
LY	1,412,543	32,399	14,851	7,674	3,312	4,548					
% PW	-1%	1%	-3%	0%	2%	-2%					
% LY	0%	1%	-4%	-3%	8%	3%					
2012*	26,545,722	623,419	275,295	140,704	57,423	91,110					
2011*	26,401,335	626,246	270,047	137,566	57,476	88,548					
₩ YTD	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%					
Average	Yield Per C	ase -	Current	Previ	ous	Last					
			Week	We	ek	Year					
(Inedible	Included)		42.09	42.	09 4	2.10					
(Inedible	Excluded)		38 76	38	70 3	88 88					

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

	Case	s Broken	Liquid Whole		
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. %	of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	780,169	55.4%	19,254	58.7%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	780,884	55.2%	19,003	58.3%	
LAST YEAR	805,235	57.0%	19,371	59.8%	

BROILER HATCHERY

	Broiler	Eggs Set	Broiler Chic	ks Placed
19 Selected States	May 12	May 19	May 12	May 19
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	27,795	28,381	19,775	20,741
Arkansas	21,793	21,765	20,132	19,908
Delaware	3,622	3,696	3,956	4,361
Florida	1,353	1,353	1,328	1,509
Georgia	32,771	32,619	27,482	26,779
Kentucky	7,728	7,735	6,666	5,876
Louisiana	3,470	3,455	3,130	3,075
Maryland	7,087	7,200	6,860	6,377
Mississippi	18,185	17,810	15,477	15,047
Missouri	7,687	7,726	5,113	5,491
North Carolina	20,389	20,426	16,649	16,278
Oklahoma	6,926	6,843	4,573	4,237
Pennsylvania	3,636	3,795	3,151	3,015
South Carolina	5,481	5,462	4,819	3,779
Texas	14,627	14,769	12,343	12,106
Virginia	6,281	6,279	4,935	5,187
California, Tennessee) ,			
and West Virginia	11,021	10,731	10,591	11,493
19 State total	199,852	200,045	166,980	165,259
Previous year total	206,342	206,792	174,014	172,512
Percent of previous ye	ear 97	97	96	96

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 30-Jun-12 is estimated at 152.9 million head. This compares to 153.3 million head the previous week and to 163.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.78 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen) National trading for 05/17/12 - 05/23/12

Current Lds 142.00			Future L	ds 51.50	Total Lds 193.50		
	S	E		NE	N	IW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	66.00	69.75	65.83	67.17		78.00	45.00
GL W J			85.50	87.00	74.00		3.00
GL W XL		92.40	81.25	93.33	81.50	87.13	35.00
GL W LG		85.67	74.25	80.98	72.52	78.00	42.25
GL W MD			49.54	51.35	43.80	47.88	32.50
GL W SM			48.82	50.82			4.75
GL BR LG			75.00	77.00			1.00
GL BR MD	50.89			59.50	54.00		2.50
NRBS - 48		54.75		60.00	48.00		2.00
NRBS - 45				58.00			2.00
NRBS - 39				48.00	40.60	43.00	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-May-12

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in the	ousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	19.3	16.1	20	10
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	7
Chicago	58.5	60.2	-3	6
Los Angeles	55.4	57.8	-4	9
New Orleans	6.4	6.8	-6	5
New York	34.9	35.7	-2	-9
St. Louis	103.4	91.3	13	26
San Francisco	12.7	12.5	2	-19
Total	293.6	283.4	4	9
4 Week Moving Avg.	277.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-May-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young) Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bre	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,962	2,477	29	16	4,484
Avg Wt	16.99	40.44	26.42	26.42	30.04
Last week	1,948	2,733	29	18	4,728
Same wk yr ago	1,968	2,627	13	8	4,616
Avg Wt	17.60	39.18	26.62	30.38	28.88
To-date/2012*	35,844	50,432	440	150	86,866
To-date/2011*	35,287	51,032	427	137	86,883
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	3%	9%	0%
Ready-to-Cook	Weight an	d Dressing F	Percentage		
Current week	26,661	80,134	578	319	107,692
Last week	26,531	87,559	599	529	115,218
Same wk yr ago	27,536	81,826	268	188	109,818
To-date/2012*	483,752	1,651,104	8,837	3,845	2,147,538
To-date/2011*	482,745	1,610,536	10,607	3,403	2,107,291
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-17%	13%	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 19-May-12 (Preliminary)

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	Old	Total	Turkeys			
•	Thousand F	ct chg	Avg	Breeders	;	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand	head-	Live wt
North East	597	1	27.15	(A)	601	27.15
South Atlantic	574	-31	35.56	(A)	577	35.56
North Central	2,257	0	33.60	(A)	2,260	33.60
South Centra	l 791	-1	18.51	(A)	794	18.51
West	249	8	28.74	(A)	252	28.74
U.S. total	4,468 (B)	-5	30.04	16	4,484	30.04
To-date						
2012*	86,716 (B)	1		150	86,866	
To-date						
2011*	86,746 (B)	1		137	86,883	
2011*	86,746 (B)	1		137	86,883	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date* 440,000; for last year to date* 427,000.

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

Dressing %

72.5%

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week	ending 19-Ma	ay-2012			
, ,,	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Tho	usands		
Head	157,987	1,705	1,674	3,379	421
Avg Wt	5.69	3.17	7.61	5.37	6.68
Last week	155,836	2,025	1,598	3,623	390
Same wk yr ago	163,547	1,569	1,464	3,033	428
Avg Wt	5.88	3.26	8.06	5.58	6.76
To-date/2012*	3,019,576	33,579	29,672	63,251	8,421
To-date/2011*	3,194,289	29,295	29,379	58,674	8,855
% Change YTD	-5%	15%	1%	8%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook We	ight and Dress	ing Percer	ntage		
Current week	678,704	2,838	8,726	11,564	2,039
Last week	681,229	3,306	8,319	11,625	1,951
Same wk yr ago	716,434	2,762	7,670	10,432	2,083
To-date/2012*	13,029,127	56,166	156,699	212,865	41,041
To-date/2011*	13,622,817	50,024	154,823	204,847	43,565
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	1%	4%	-6%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.9 million head, or 4.2 million more than estimated available.

52.5%

68.5%

75.5%

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/

FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON					
Week	Million Head	Million Head		Avg	
nding	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt	
14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79	
21	156.7	153.4	102%	5.72	
28	154.6	153.3	101%	5.85	
5	153.6	154.2	100%	5.79	
12	157.7	155.5	101%	5.79	
19	159.9	155.7	103%	5.69	
o date	3056.3	3050.8	100%		
26		155.3			
2		155.8			
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^{*}Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 26-May-12

Current Week 05/26/12 (1)		Previous Week 05/19/12		
Class		Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	159,214 (2)	158,779		
Light hens	1,946	1,859		
Heavy hens	1,600	1,677		
Total	162,760	162,315		
(1) ESTIMATED				

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-May-12 is 155.3 million head compared to 167.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Jun-12 the estimated available is 155.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

		(INCL (GOVT STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)
		Frozen	Processed	Processed Other
		Eggs	Turkeys	Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	05/21/12	3,042	178,680	44,572
AM	05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG		-19	21860	7714
PCT C	HG	-1%	14%	21%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 104.00-110.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-115.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

18-May-12

Live Spent Heavy

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

Price Range
8.5-19.8

Wtd Avg
13.44

(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 19-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

•	Cases	Percent Cl	hange From		
Regions	(In Thousands)	Last	Last		
		Week	Year		
North Atlantic	199.7	1	-1		
East North Centra	l 720.6	9	11		
West North Centra	al 295.7	0	18		
South Atlantic	127.6	-1	-1		
South Central	52.4	0	-3		
West	32.9	-1	-40		
Total	1428.9	4	7		

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 21-May-2012

Grade A Composite Majority Wtd Avg Load: Wtd Avg Loads Delivered to First Receivers 1/: Los Angeles 103.00 102.83 26: 89.86 99 New York 86.00-89.00 87.71 21: 89.32 45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

W	hole Body 2	2/:	Com	posite	
Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads :	Wtd Avg	Loads	

Chicago	70.00-85.00	:	81.09	42

^{1/:} Includes branded product.

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER Loads 05/21/12 Change Last Wk 05/14/12 05/23/11 367 87.32 -2.57 89.89 82.66

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





