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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This period, New York prices are sharply higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium sized eggs. Earlier in the week, regional prices were steady for Jumbo with the balance of sizes slightly higher. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply higher for both the heavier and the lighter weight eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is light to moderate in the Northeast region, light to good in the Southwestern region, moderate to fairly good in the Southeastern region, fairly good to good in the Midwestern and South Central regions. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate in most regions with the Southwestern region reporting moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. Demand is fairly good to good for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly full-time. Market activity is moderate.

REGIONAL PRICES

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

	LAF	RGE	MEDIUM		
Regions	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY	
MIDWEST	93-102	95-98	75-84	77-80	
NORTHEAST	96-110	101-105	91-94	86-88	
SOUTH CENTRAL	103.5-112	105-108	79.5-88	81-84	
SOUTHEAST	103-119	104-107	80.5-97	81-85	

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	03/05/13	02/26/13	03/06/12
LARGE	77-87	74-84	67-77
MEDIUM	59-63	56-60	45-49

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

03/01/13

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	104.50	102.00	86.00
SOUTHEAST	106.50	104.50	82.00
MIDWEST	97.50	95.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	109.50	105.50	81.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	104.71	102.01	81.69
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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)¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

March	n 04, 2013	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week % Change	10.1 23.3%	10.4 1.3%	17.9 8.0%	7.8 8.7%	8.7 15.3%	5.2 26.3%	60.1 11.6%
Extra Large	This Week % Change	26.0 -13.1%	15.6 7.0%	31.9 -11.5%	18.6 -15.0%	37.6 13.9%	5.8 -39.3%	135.4 -6.5%
Large	This Week % Change	56.5 -26.5%	112.0 7.4%	132.4 1.4%	86.8 1.8%	108.1 14.0%	72.3 12.4%	568.1 2.2%
Medium	This Week % Change	11.2 -2.1%	15.0 -5.8%	38.7 -13.2%	20.4 -7.6%	36.4 32.0%	8.4 -18.6%	130.1 -1.4%
Small	This Week % Change	4.4 66.3%	2.2 -9.0%	10.8 -4.2%	3.2 -15.5%	2.5 58.3%	2.7 0.4%	25.8 5.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week % Change	2.8 35.6%	10.5 -18.5%	25.0 -2.2%	12.4 -16.8%	4.5 -17.7%	1.8 14.3%	57.0 -8.8%
Ungraded	This Week % Change	7.2 0.0%	21.4 27.3%	94.5 3.0%	27.3 1.6%	17.5 -12.3%	14.3 1.0%	182.2 3.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week % Change	118.2 -14.5%	187.2 5.6%	351.2 -1.5%	176.4 -3.0%	215.2 13.3%	110.4 3.6%	1,158.6 0.7%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,158.6	0.7%
Breaking Stock	262.6	2.2%
Total Shell Egg	1.421.2	1.0%

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	8.2	26.2	6.2	4.4	3.1	1.0	49.0
	% Change	-0.7%	-10.2%	-1.1%	-19.2%	-34.1%	-45.5%	-11.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	33.6	8.6	3.3	2.9	48.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	7.8%	-5.2%	-47.4%	6.7%	-1.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.2	26.2	39.8	13.0	6.4	3.8	97.3
	% Change	-0.7%	-10.2%	6.3%	-10.4%	-41.7%	-13.9%	-7.0%

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

Large: 25.1% Ungraded: 72.2% Total: 48.5%

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.

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EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION									
W/E 02-MAR-2013 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)									
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid					
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible			
CW	1,358,311	31,525	14,092	7,355	2,591	4,499			
PW	1,359,261	32,922	13,402	6,614	2,714	4,505			
LY	1,285,809	31,010	12,738	6,399	2,568	4,364			
% PW	0%	-4%	5%	11%	-5%	0%			
% LY	6%	2%	11%	15%	1%	3%			
2012*	12,169,403	283,444	126,522	63,556	26,132	39,828			
2011*	11,774,441	278,844	120,046	62,039	26,302	40,488			
% YTD	3%	2%	5%	2%	-1%	-2%			
Average Yield Per Case - CW PW LW									
(Inedible	Included)		42.31	42.	26 4	12.39			
(Inedible	Excluded)		39.00	38.	95 3	39.00			

<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.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	789,970	58.2%	19,754	62.7%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	788,128	58.0%	20,389	61.9%	
LAST YEAR	698,246	54.3%	18,187	58.6%	

BROILER HATCHERY

		Eggs Set	Broiler Chic	ks Placed
19 Selected States	Feb 23	Mar 02	Feb 23	Mar 02
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	28,189	27,967	21,560	21,280
Arkansas	21,840	21,816	20,166	20,311
Delaware	3,419	3,380	4,202	4,011
Florida		1,221	1,194	1,089
Georgia	33,125	33,785	26,446	26,348
Kentucky	7,672	7,551	5,943	5,802
Louisiana	3,349	3,364	2,964	2,967
Maryland	7,213	7,254	5,684	5,602
Mississippi	17,606	17,516	14,629	14,814
Missouri	8,105	8,110	5,630	5,172
North Carolina	20,316	20,165	15,919	15,710
Oklahoma	6,837	6,918	4,400	4,996
Pennsylvania	3,828	3,719	2,885	3,127
South Carolina	5,492	5,417	4,572	4,436
Texas	15,017	15,151	12,326	12,431
Virginia	6,188	6,396	5,454	5,105
California, Tennessee,				
and West Virginia	10,189	10,498	9,629	9,145
19 State total	199.608	200.228	163,603	162,346
Percent of previous year		101	102	99
Other States	7,873	7,877	5,889	5,877
United States	207.481	208.105	169.492	168.223
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Florida Georgia Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Mississippi Missouri North Carolina Oklahoma Pennsylvania South Carolina Texas Virginia California, Tennessee, and West Virginia 19 State total Percent of previous year	1,223 33,125 7,672 3,349 7,213 17,606 8,105 20,316 6,837 3,828 5,492 15,017 6,188 10,189 199,608 ar 102	1,221 33,785 7,551 3,364 7,254 17,516 8,110 20,165 6,918 3,719 5,417 15,151 6,396 10,498 200,228 101	1,194 26,446 5,943 2,964 5,684 14,629 5,630 15,919 4,400 2,885 4,572 12,326 5,454 9,629 163,603 102	1,089 26,348 5,802 2,967 5,602 14,814 5,172 15,710 4,996 3,127 4,436 12,431 5,105 9,145 162,346 99

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 13-Apr-13 is estimated at 150.0 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 151.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 84.55 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 02/28/13 - 03/06/13

Current	Lds 97	.75	Future L	ds 117.00) 1	otal Lds	214.75
	S	βE		NE	I	MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL		86.25					6.00
GNR W 1	80.00	83.20	79.00	82.20			80.00
GNR W 2							10.00
GNR W 3		84.50					4.00
GL W J			98.00	100.00	101.08		11.75
GL W XL		106.31	97.25	102.88	95.18		28.00
GL W LG		96.06	90.65	93.92	87.15	92.00	50.50
GL W MD			76.20	77.71	69.67		14.50
GL W SM			50.75	53.50	42.67		6.25
GL BR LG							.50
NRBS - 48						65.00	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-Mar-13

Selected	CW	PW		IANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in t	housands	LW	LY
Atlanta	20.1	18.5	9	17
Boston	2.4	2.4	0	-27
Chicago	62.7	61.3	2	3
Los Angeles	60.1	67.1	-10	17
New Orleans	7.1	6.8	4	4
New York	36.6	36.6	0	-2
St. Louis	99.6	97.5	2	37
San Francisco	19.3	19.5	-1	39
Total	307.9	309.7	-1	17
4 Week Moving Avg.	301.7			

<u>LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED</u> W/E 02-Mar-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bre	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Avg Wt	17.22	40.99	27.10	0.00	31.25
Last week	1,654	2,508	2	17	4,181
Same wk yr ago	1,814	2,400	14	7	4,235
Avg Wt	17.40	40.93	24.51	40.13	30.80
To-date/2013*	15,092	22,420	217	168	37,897
To-date/2012*	15,314	21,978	188	73	37,553
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	15%	130%	1%
Ready-to-Cook V	Veight and	Dressing Pe	rcentage		
Current week	25,348	87,096	271	0	112,715
Last week	22,627	81,881	51	389	104,948
Same wk yr ago	25,250	78,590	262	215	104,317
To-date/2013*	205,821	734,194	4,559	3,586	948,160
To-date/2012*	208,320	731,730	3,832	1,826	945,708
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	19%	96%	0%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 02-Mar-13	3 (Prelin	nınary)				
Young turkeys			S	Old	Total	Turkeys
TI	housand Po	ct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
North East	518	1	26.14	(A)	518	26.14
South Atlantic	727	8	39.08	(A)	727	39.08
North Central	2,119	1	33.68	(A)	2,119	33.68
South Central	827	21	19.44	(A)	827	19.44
West	305	53	29.02	(A)	305	29.02
U.S. total	4,496 (B)	8	31.25	0	4,496	31.25
To-date						
2013*	37,512 (B)			168	37,680	
To-date						
2012*	37,480 (B)			73	37,553	

⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 217,000; for last year to date* 188,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 02-Mar-2013

(Preliminary) Week ending 02-Mar-2013						
	Young	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks	
		Thοι	ısands			
Head	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419	
Avg Wt	5.74	3.65	7.90	5.73	6.82	
Last week	151,588	1,495	1,171	2,666	313	
Same wk yr ago	151,684	1,346	1,451	2,797	474	
Avg Wt	5.78	3.19	7.78	5.57	6.86	
To-date/2013*	1,358,635	13,663	12,319	25,982	3,490	
To-date/2012*	1,341,964	13,538	13,822	27,360	3,845	
% Change YTD	1%	1%	-11%	-5%	-9%	
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	ing Percen	tage			
Current week	673,507	2,643	6,902	9,545	2,029	
Last week	679,721	2,670	5,767	8,437	1,424	
Same wk yr ago	657,550	2,233	7,620	9,853	2,341	
To-date/2013*	6,017,791	23,443	63,895	87,338	16,822	
To-date/2012*	5,753,207	22,498	71,451	93,949	18,434	
% Change YTD	5%	4%	-11%	-7%	-9%	
Dressing %	76.0%	53.0%	67.0%		71.0%	
•	(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week					

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.3 million head, or 2.6 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

	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
01/26	151.6	150.0	101%	5.88
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
02/09	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
02/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
03/02	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
Year to date	1375.2	1346.5	102%	
03/09		154.1		
03/16		152.5		

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

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

Week Ending 09-Mar-2013

Current Week 03/09/13 (1)		Previous Week 02/02/13		
Class		Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	156,219 (2)	155,694		
Light hens	1,548	1,461		
Heavy hens	1,333	1,293		
Total	159,100	158,448		
(1) ESTIMATED				

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 152.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.5 million head or 1.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 16-Mar-13 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen	Processed	Processed Other
		Eggs LBS	Turkeys LBS	Poultry LBS
AM	03/04/13	2,976	142,367	57,937
AM	02/01/13	3,097	121,849	75,600
CHG		-121	20518	-17663
PCT CHG	3	-4%	17%	-23%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2013 are:

Frozen Eggs 29 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% 423 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% **Processed Turkeys** Processed Other Poultry 504 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-99.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

01-Mar-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.5	13.93

(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

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 02-Mar-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

	Cases	Percent Cha	Percent Change From		
Regions	(In Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year		
North Atlantic	209.4	3	4		
East North Central	747.4	3	4		
West North Central	302.4	0	5		
South Atlantic	122.9	-2	-20		
South Central	54.0	2	8		
West	35.3	-1	-19		
Total	1471.4	2	1		

Matched Plants Reporting Previous Week 69 Last Year 69

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)

Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

01-Mar-2013 **National Composite Weighted Average**

Wtd Avg Change 1,000 lbs. This Week: 104.52 2.85 10,928

Last Week: 101.66 11,602 Last Year: 92.27 12.25 12,640

Monthly Composite Weighted Average 101.80 45,653 Feb

Whole Body:				
New York	Price Range 94.75 - 111.00	Majority 104.00 - 110.00	Wtd Avg 105.59	1,000 lbs 1,403
Chicago	91.00 - 112.25	97.00 - 103.00	101.13	1,476
Los Angeles	100.00 - 126.00	106.00 - 110.00	108.62	1,589

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-tocook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.





