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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional egg prices are steady for all egg sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for both the heavier and the lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail and distributive demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate in the Northeastern and Southeastern regions. The balance of regions report supplies as moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Early this week, breaking stock prices were steady to slightly higher with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light for the moderate to heavy offerings. Breakers continue to work from regular commitments and concentrate on contractual liquid concerns. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules continue full-time to extended. 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.

	LARGE		MEDIUM	
Regions	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
MIDWEST	77-86	79-82	74-83	76-79
NORTHEAST	82-96	87-91	80-93	85-87
SOUTH CENTRAL	86.5-95	88-91	83.5-92	85-88
SOUTHEAST	86-103	87-90	82.5-100	83-87

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

IA-MN-WI	04/23/13	04/16/13	04/24/12
LARGE	59-69	59-69	58-68
MEDIUM	56-60	56-60	49-53

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

04/19/13

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	93.50	89.00	86.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	85.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	98.50	89.50	86.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	91.60	86.95	83.84
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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)

April 22, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	6.1	9.9	16.6	6.6	9.1	4.1	52.4
	% Change	-33.8%	7.3%	14.8%	-23.7%	5.9%	10.0%	-2.7%
Extra Large	This Week % Change	17.9 -32.4%	20.8 9.5%	48.2 4.0%	19.3 -12.2%	35.3 13.6%	6.5 48.6%	148.1 -0.8%
Large	This Week	40.0	113.9	139.0	90.9	69.4	56.3	509.5
	% Change	-24.2%	-2.4%	-9.5%	-15.9%	-6.9%	-5.2%	-9.9%
Medium	This Week % Change	11.9 -7.7%	15.5 9.9%	34.2 -3.1%	34.9 37.8%	22.6 -8.4%	13.4 25.9%	132.6 7.8%
Small	This Week	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.6	0.9	3.2	14.1
	% Change	-8.9%	8.8%	8.8%	-24.6%	-4.4%	18.4%	-0.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.0	10.5	25.1	12.0	5.4	1.6	56.6
	% Change	-27.0%	-12.2%	-0.4%	-4.3%	5.0%	7.9%	-4.2%
Ungraded	This Week	7.0	17.1	77.4	18.8	22.9	17.4	160.5
	% Change	-45.7%	-9.2%	2.9%	15.0%	-0.8%	48.6%	1.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	86.2	190.9	343.6	185.0	165.5	102.5	1,073.7
	% Change	-27.2%	-1.0%	-2.7%	-5.8%	-1.5%	9.0%	-4.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,073.7	-4.4%
Breaking Stock	268.2	2.6%
Total Shell Egg	1.341.9	-3.0%

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	8.5	28.1	5.9	5.0	4.7	5.7	57.8
	% Change	-2.1%	2.9%	-9.4%	5.7%	5.0%	136.1%	7.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	35.8	8.4	9.6	2.7	56.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	14.1%	5.5%	16.2%	7.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.5	28.1	41.7	13.4	14.3	8.4	114.4
	% Change	-2.1%	2.9%	2.8%	10.8%	5.3%	76.9%	7.0%

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

Large: 23.7% Ungraded: 74.8% Total: 49.0%

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 20-A	W/E 20-APR-2013 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)								
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid					
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible			
CW	1,435,003	32,440	16,041	8,197	3,049	4,383			
PW	1,458,686	33,331	15,648	7,873	3,049	4,681			
LY	1,385,218	31,467	15,230	7,693	3,492	4,698			
% PW	-2%	-3%	3%	4%	0%	-6%			
% LY	4%	3%	5%	7%	-13%	-7%			
2012*	21,888,904	509,012	227,681	116,279	43,638	70,687			
2011*	20,900,672	493,094	216,182	110,406	44,037	72,217			
% YTD	5%	3%	5%	5%	-1%	-2%			
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) (Inedible Excluded)			CW 42.55 39.50	F 42. 38.		LW 12.66 39.26			

<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	869,459	60.6%	20,407	62.9%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	886,187	60.8%	21,824	65.5%	
LAST YEAR	759,938	54.9%	18,146	57.7%	

Broiler Eggs Set

Broiler Chicks Placed

BROILER HATCHERY

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19 Selected States	Apr 13	Apr 20	Apr 13	Apr 20
STATE		Tho	usand	
Alabama	28,392	27,912	20,898	21,280
Arkansas	21,809	21,109	19,104	19,573
Delaware	3,412	3,540	3,685	3,652
Florida	1,175	1,221	1,328	1,443
Georgia	32,961	33,132	26,672	26,455
Kentucky	7,707	7,740	5,891	6,256
Louisiana	3,546	3,546	3,116	3,175
Maryland	7,582	7,598	6,691	5,981
Mississippi	17,603	17,814	14,917	15,069
Missouri	8,341	8,313	5,954	6,183
North Carolina	19,878	19,797	15,062	15,815
Oklahoma	6,564	6,354	4,439	4,260
Pennsylvania	3,883	3,863	3,092	3,032
South Carolina	5,401	5,203	4,744	4,292
Texas	14,417	14,767	12,676	12,050
Virginia	6,636	6,562	4,896	5,632
California, Tennesse	e,			
and West Virginia	10,738	10,759	10,519	10,246
19 State total	200,045	199,230	163,684	164,394
Percent of previous y	ear 100	100	100	99
Other States	8,134	8,039	6,329	6,077
United States	208,179	207,269	170,013	170,471
Source: NASS, USDA	,	,	ŕ	,

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Jun-13 is estimated at 151.0 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 155.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 86.94 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 04/18/13 – 04/24/13

Current L	.ds 187.	50	Future L	.ds 21.00	T	otal Lds	208.50
	S	E		NE	N	١W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	64.00		64.00	65.86			11.00
GNR W 2				61.71			7.00
GL W J			80.00	82.00	83.13		8.50
GL W XL	71.00	82.89	78.79	78.26	70.68	72.92	59.50
GL W LG		70.00	66.33	68.59	72.04	70.38	81.50
GL W MD	60.88	63.50	67.37	72.00	61.43	60.25	14.75
GL W SM	54.00	50.00		52.00	44.00		8.00
GL BR XL					82.00		1.00
GL BR LG			82.50	84.33	78.00		4.00
GL BR MD	70.00						1.00
NRBS - 50					61.00		1.00
NRBS - 48					57.00	59.00	4.00
NRBS - 42					49.00	51.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-Apr-13

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	IANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in tl	housands	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.8	18.1	4	18
Boston	2.4	3.3	-27	-14
Chicago	58.0	55.3	5	-7
Los Angeles	62.2	65.0	-4	15
New Orleans	6.7	6.2	8	8
New York	38.6	36.4	6	0
St. Louis	99.9	79.3	26	30
San Francisco	16.3	15.5	5	29
Total	302.9	279.5	8	12
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-Apr-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Bree	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Avg Wt	16.81	40.73	28.71	23.73	30.97
Last week	1,761	2,534	36	4	4,335
Same wk yr ago	1,992	2,610	28	2	4,632
Avg Wt	16.19	40.62	25.10	39.68	30.02
To-date/2013*	26,922	39,969	408	221	67,520
To-date/2012*	28,393	39,701	337	111	68,542
% Change YTD	-5%	1%	21%	99%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook V	Veight and	Dressing Per	centage		
Current week	23,843	84,067	265	128	108,303
Last week	23,893	83,744	714	94	108,445
Same wk yr ago	25,798	84,809	531	60	111,198
To-date/2013*	368,725	1,304,143	8,312	4,766	1,685,946
To-date/2012*	382,899	1,306,904	6,805	2,780	1,699,388
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	22%	71%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

(Prelin	ninary)				
Young	turkey	S	Old	Total	Turkeys
nousand P	ct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
617	1	26.34	(A)	617	26.34
679	11	37.40	(A)	679	37.40
1,947	-3	34.05	(A)	1,952	34.05
850	8	18.69	(A)	852	18.69
259	-5	30.9	(A)	259	30.90
4,352 (B)	1	30.97	7	4,359	30.97
67,299 (B)			221	67,520	
68,431 (B)			111	68,542	
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⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 12,000; for the current year to date* 408,000; for last year to date* 337,000. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 20-Apr-2013

(Preliminary) wee	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
		Tho	usands		
Head	153,623	1,720	1,423	3,143	450
Avg Wt	5.79	3.06	7.90	5.25	6.88
Last week	154,212	1,967	1,431	3,398	390
Same wk yr ago	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Avg Wt	5.72	3.14	7.92	5.19	6.86
To-date/2013*	2,428,206	25,545	22,052	47,597	6,387
To-date/2012*	2,401,246	25,981	23,460	49,441	6,738
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-6%	-4%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook W	eight and Dress	ing Percer	ntage		
Current week	676,003	2,842	7,644	10,486	2,198
Last week	680,939	3,197	7,862	11,059	1,805
Same wk yr ago	668,627	3,246	8,046	11,292	1,935
To-date/2013*	10,734,006	43,577	116,337	159,914	30,808
To-date/2012*	10,331,135	43,509	123,513	167,022	32,640
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-6%	-4%	-6%
Dressing %	76.0%	54.0%	68.0%	71.0%	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.5 million head, or 1.9 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		
03/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86		
03/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85		
03/30	151.5	153.2	99%	5.64		
04/06	153.5	152.9	100%	5.83		
04/13	156.1	153.7	102%	5.81		
04/20	155.5	153.6	101%	5.79		
Year to date	2456.2	2419.7	102%			
04/27		153.0				

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

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

155.0

Week Ending 27-Apr-2013

05/04

Current We	ek 04/27/13 (1)	Previous Week 04/20/13
Class		Thousand head
Broiler/fryer	156,152 (2)	153,578
Light hens	2,230	1,993
Heavy hens	1,572	1,550
Total	159,954	157,121
(1) ESTIMATED		

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Apr-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 154.6 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 04-May-13 the estimated available is 154.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen	Processed	Processed Other
		Eggs	Turkeys	Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	04/22/13	2,950	157,057	45,999
AM	04/01/13	3,107	144,400	52,340
CHG		-157	12657	-6341
PCT C	CHG	-5%	9%	-12%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

19-Apr-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.5	13.96

(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 is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

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

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 20-Apr-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Cases	Percent Change Fron		
(In Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year	
202.1	0	2	
729.9	2	9	
309.0	0	3	
122.3	-3	-13	
50.6	-1	3	
35.5	-1	22	
1449.4	0	4	
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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

19-Apr-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg		Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	107.21	•	0.27	10,597
Last Week:	106.94			11,664
Last Year:	84.88	1	22.33	13,920

	Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Mar	107.27	45,071		

Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	96.75 - 113.00	105.00 - 110.00	107.32	1,505
Chicago	92.50 - 113.25	100.00 - 105.00	103.66	1,820
Los Angeles	100 00 - 130 00	108 00 - 110 00	110.56	1 111

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.





