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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York prices are higher this week for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. Regional egg prices are steady for Jumbo and higher for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending unchanged for Jumbo and higher for the remainder of sizes. The undertone is firm to higher for most sizes. Retail demand is moderate to good. Distributive demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Export interest continues into Mexico. Offerings are very light to light and confidently held. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is firm to higher. Offerings are usually light on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. National light type hen removal costs remain unchanged. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate offerings. Processing schedules are full-time to over-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.

	LAF	RGE	MEDIUM		
Regions	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY	
MIDWEST	87-96	89-92	77-86	79-82	
NORTHEAST	92-106	97-101	83-96	88-90	
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.5-105	98-101	86.5-95	88-91	
SOUTHEAST	89-107	97-100	84-100	86-90	

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

IA-MN-WI	05/07/13	04/30/13	05/08/12
LARGE	71-81	60-70	48-58
MEDIUM	59-63	56-60	43-47

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

05/03/13

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			
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)

May 06, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.9	9.9	13.8	8.8	6.6	3.4	50.5
	% Change	0.6%	6.8%	-11.1%	11.2%	-37.0%	-5.3%	-7.8%
Extra Large	This Week	24.9	15.1	38.9	13.6	30.9	6.2	129.5
	% Change	7.1%	-14.5%	-10.5%	-21.3%	-14.7%	17.0%	-9.5%
Large	This Week	30.2	112.1	142.8	75.7	63.4	43.5	467.6
	% Change	-19.9%	-1.9%	0.9%	-17.6%	-9.1%	-14.9%	-7.6%
Medium	This Week % Change	16.2 23.0%	15.1 5.9%	34.5 -6.2%	28.7 20.4%	19.2 -0.2%	9.8 -14.6%	123.5 4.0%
Small	This Week	3.3	3.4	3.8	1.1	0.9	2.6	15.1
	% Change	62.7%	25.1%	-34.9%	-57.3%	9.6%	-5.2%	-9.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	4.1	11.1	21.6	11.7	5.0	1.2	54.7
	% Change	72.8%	-8.3%	-23.4%	16.0%	-2.5%	-15.1%	-7.7%
Ungraded	This Week % Change	1.0 -53.3%	22.1 8.4%	81.9 13.7%	20.7 10.0%	21.4 -9.2%	18.7 7.1%	165.7 7.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	87.7	188.8	337.2	160.2	147.4	85.3	1,006.6
	% Change	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.8%	-7.0%	-10.8%	-8.3%	-4.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,006.6	-4.4%
Breaking Stock	237.2	-6.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,243.8	-4.8%

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	9.3	25.0	6.1	5.0	6.3	6.1	57.7
	% Change	17.1%	-3.6%	-8.2%	-2.5%	-3.8%	4.6%	-0.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	36.8	8.5	10.1	2.0	57.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	-7.3%	10.3%	-5.7%	2.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.3	25.0	42.9	13.6	16.4	8.1	115.1
	% Change	17.1%	-3.6%	2.2%	-5.6%	4.4%	1.9%	1.2%

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

Large: 22.4% Ungraded: 78.2%

Total: 50.2%

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 04-MAY-2013 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)								
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid				
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible		
CW	1,409,182	31,134	15,625	8,041	3,081	4,231		
PW	1,433,834	33,110	15,480	7,631	3,277	4,529		
LY	1,451,064	33,522	15,583	7,948	3,259	4,915		
% PW	-2%	-6%	1%	5%	-6%	-7%		
% LY	-3%	-7%	0%	1%	-5%	-14%		
2012*	24,731,920	573,256	258,787	131,951	49,996	79,447		
2011*	23,722,926	558,067	246,235	125,794	50,344	81,625		
% YTD	4%	3%	5%	5%	-1%	-3%		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) (Inedible Excluded)			CW 41.89 38.89	P 42. 39.		LW 42.71 39.32		

<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	839,654	59.6%	19,384	62.3%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	854,104	59.6%	20,434	61.7%	
LAST YEAR	814,539	56.1%	19,764	59.0%	

Broiler Eggs Set

Broiler Chicks Placed

BROILER HATCHERY

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19 Selected States	Apr 27	May 4	Apr 27	May 4
STATE		Thou	usand	
Alabama	27,314	28,065	20,601	21,068
Arkansas	20,913	21,984	19,698	20,668
Delaware	3,411	3,475	3,710	4,314
Florida	1,221	1,222	1,336	1,522
Georgia	33,023	33,059	27,026	26,481
Kentucky	7,630	7,795	6,031	5,833
Louisiana	3,470	3,485	3,149	3,140
Maryland	7,580	7,647	6,435	6,237
Mississippi	17,823	17,794	15,099	14,867
Missouri	8,018	8,125	5,296	5,385
North Carolina	19,963	20,186	15,750	16,235
Oklahoma	6,589	6,560	4,845	4,469
Pennsylvania	4,140	3,353	3,220	3,222
South Carolina	5,420	5,286	5,087	4,306
Texas	14,842	14,796	11,874	11,783
Virginia	6,568	6,739	5,178	5,395
California, Tennessee	Э,			
and West Virginia	10,538	10,515	10,836	10,823
19 State total	198,463	200,086	165,171	165,748
Percent of previous y	ear 100	100	99	100
Other States	8,067	8,197	5,659	5,949
United States	206,530	208,283	170,830	171,697
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 15-Jun-13 is estimated at 152.3 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 156.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 86.66 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 05/02/13 - 05/08/13

Current	Lds 97.	25	Future L	.ds 87.00	Т	otal Lds	184.25
	S	E		NE	N	ΙW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	85.00	83.25	76.50	79.00			57.00
GL W J			93.00	95.50	87.10		11.25
GL W XL		98.90	87.94	94.28	88.44	104.00	46.75
GL W LG		93.75	77.70	83.83	88.70		45.50
GL W MD			76.00	77.00	75.14		17.25
GL W SM	57.00		54.50	57.25	51.25		7.00
GL BR XL			89.00	90.50			1.75
GL BR LG			83.00	85.00	85.00		3.75
NRBS - 50							.75
NRBS - 48					57.00		3.00
NRBS - 39							.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-May-2013

Selected	CW PW		% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	Cases, in the	nousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	19.9	19.6	2	19
Boston	2.7	2.9	-7	-25
Chicago	59.8	55.5	8	0
Los Angeles	58.9	60.7	-3	16
New Orleans	6.9	6.3	10	10
New York	37.9	35.3	7	13
St. Louis	80.4	93.4	-14	-12
San Francisco	17.4	19.9	-13	34
Total	283.9	294.2	-4	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-May-13 (Preliminary)
Young Young Old

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	Hens	Toms	Bre	eders	Turkeys
Head	1,839	2,628	19	0	4,486
Avg Wt	17.12	40.12	31.13	0.00	30.65
Last week	1,682	2,668	14	7	4,371
Same wk yr ago	1,658	2,837	31	1	4,527
Avg Wt	16.90	39.77	25.61	52.42	31.30
To-date/2013*	30,443	45,265	441	228	76,377
To-date/2012*	31,934	45,222	382	116	77,654
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	15%	97%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook V	Veight and	Dressing Per	centage		
Current week	25,187	84,348	455	0	109,990
Last week	22,606	85,696	312	143	108,757
Same wk yr ago	22,417	90,269	599	40	113,325
To-date/2013*	416,518	1,474,187	9,079	4,909	1,904,693
To-date/2012*	430,560	1,483,411	7,660	2,997	1,924,628
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	19%	64%	-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

W/E 04-May-1	3 (Prelii	minary)				
Young turkeys		Old	Total	Turkeys		
T	housand P	ct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
North East	591	-5	26.51	(A)	591	26.51
South Atlantic	756	0	37.39	(A)	756	37.39
North Central	2,070	-1	33.31	(A)	2,070	33.31
South Central	800	30	19.15	(A)	800	19.15
West	250	-4	25.19	(A)	250	25.19
U.S. total	4,467 (B)	3	30.65	0	4,467	30.65
To-date						
2013*	76,149 (B)			228	76,377	
To-date						
2012*	77,538 (B)					

⁽A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

⁽B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date* 441,000; for last year to date* 382,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 04-May-2013

(Preliminary) week ending 04-way-2013							
	Young	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks		
		Tho	usands				
Head	155,623	1,714	1,417	3,131	413		
Avg Wt	5.78	3.17	7.76	5.25	6.81		
Last week	156,038	2,061	1,470	3,531	384		
Same wk yr ago	151,715	1,870	1,511	3,381	444		
Avg Wt	5.79	3.14	8.01	5.32	6.98		
To-date/2013*	2,739,867	29,320	24,939	54,259	7,184		
To-date/2012*	2,705,753	29,849	26,400	56,249	7,610		
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-6%	-4%	-6%		
Ready-to-Cook We	eight and Dress	ing Percer	ntage				
Current week	683,621	2,934	7,477	10,411	1,997		
Last week	678,328	3,628	8,207	11,835	1,857		
Same wk yr ago	663,215	3,083	8,291	11,374	2,247		
To-date/2013*	12,095,955	50,139	132,021	182,160	34,662		
To-date/2012*	11,669,194	50,022	139,654	189,676	37,051		
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-5%	-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 155.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.5 million head, or 2.5 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

INTENAVAIL				
	Million Head	Million Head		Avg
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Wt
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
04/27	157.9	153.0	103%	5.72
05/04	157.5	155.0	102%	5.78
Year to date	2771.6	2727.7	102%	
05/11		155.0		
05/18		154.8		

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

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

Week Ending 11-May-2013

Wook Ending 11 May 2010					
Current Week 05/11/13 (1)		Previous Week 05/04/13			
Class		Thousand head			
Broiler/fryer	156,878 (2)	154,609			
Light hens	1,979	1,827			
Heavy hens	1,592	1,416			
Total	160,449	157,852			
(1) ESTIMATED					

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-May-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 157.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.2 million head or 1.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-May-13 the estimated available is 154.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

`		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	05/06/13	3,004	174,556	48,054
AM	04/01/13	3,107	144,400	52,340
CHG		-103	30156	-4286
PCT (CHG	-3%	21%	-8%

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

Frozen Eggs MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% 26 Processed Turkevs 475 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% Processed Other Poultry 555 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5% WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 95.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

03-May-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.0	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 remains 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 04-May-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

ŭ		Cases	Percent Chai	nge From
	Regions	(In Thousands)	Last	Last
			Week	Year
	North Atlantic	201.9	0	2
	East North Central	721.6	-1	1
	West North Central	298.4	-3	2
	South Atlantic	122.4	5	-7
	South Central	49.1	-4	-3
	West	35.0	6	41
	Total	1428.4	-1	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

03-May-2013

Whole Body:

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg		Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	107.02	1	0.71	10,693
Last Week:	107.73			11,071
Last Year:	86.33	1	20.69	12,720

	Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Apr	107.10	43,665		

New York	Price Range 97.25 - 113.00	Majority 107.00 - 111.00	Wtd Avg 108.33	1,000 lbs 1,621
Chicago	95.00 - 113.25	96.00 - 104.00	102.79	1,680

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.





