



National Egg Review

New York prices are lower for both the larger and smaller sized eggs this period. Early in the week, regional prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady to barely steady, instances weak. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Demand is light with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. 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.

Regions	Large		Medium	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly
Midwest	103-112	105-108	79-88	81-84
Northeast	101-115	106-110	79-92	84-86
South Central	114.5-123	116-119	87.5-96	89-92
Southeast	108-139	111-114	83-98.5	85-89

Prices paid to Producers - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	01/10/12	01/03/12	01/11/11
Large	80-90	111-121	68-78
Medium	56-60	72-76	56-60

Weekly Combined Regional

01/06/12
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	144.50	144.00	104.00
Southeast	150.50	148.50	104.00
Midwest	143.50	141.50	98.50
South Central	153.50	153.50	107.50
Combined Regional	148.26	147.20	103.68

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)

January 09, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.0	11.4	21.9	9.0	10.4	3.9	66.5
	% Change	-3.7%	0.2%	4.7%	0.9%	-23.2%	-10.3%	-4.1%
Extra Large	This Week	37.4	25.9	58.4	15.3	32.5	4.4	173.9
	% Change	3.9%	2.8%	12.3%	-3.8%	5.6%	-11.2%	5.5%
Large	This Week	58.5	119.6	168.7	90.3	67.7	51.7	556.5
	% Change	2.2%	17.7%	30.0%	11.6%	2.5%	5.2%	14.8%
Medium	This Week	14.5	20.8	48.9	23.7	17.1	12.6	137.6
	% Change	-21.4%	-11.2%	-17.2%	10.0%	-9.5%	5.0%	-10.3%
Small	This Week	1.2	3.6	8.6	2.4	1.7	4.8	22.4
	% Change	-1.6%	-14.2%	8.5%	-41.7%	8.4%	6.2%	-5.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.5	12.0	30.1	15.6	5.9	2.4	67.5
	% Change	-35.7%	-23.5%	11.1%	15.6%	-4.7%	31.3%	1.3%
Ungraded	This Week	14.0	10.3	72.9	14.9	11.3	8.9	132.3
	% Change	-9.5%	-15.4%	38.9%	-42.6%	46.4%	-35.4%	3.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	137.1	203.6	409.5	171.3	146.5	88.6	1,156.5
	% Change	-2.8%	5.1%	17.3%	0.2%	1.3%	-2.1%	6.1%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
		Shell Egg		1,156.5		6.1%		
		Breaking Stock		284.5		2.6%		
		Total Shell Egg		1,441.0		5.4%		

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	9.4	6.0	3.7	3.1	5.0	3.1	30.3
	% Change	45.4%	-4.8%	-12.4%	5.9%	-1.0%	75.4%	13.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.0	7.1	0.0	1.5	25.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	25.5%	7.2%	0.0%	-26.2%	15.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.4	6.0	20.7	10.2	5.0	4.6	55.9
	% Change	45.4%	-4.8%	16.4%	6.8%	-1.0%	21.0%	14.2%

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

Large:	37.9%
Ungraded:	34.9%
Total:	36.5%

^{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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 07-Jan-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424
PW	1,183,897	28,932	11,606	5,856	2,707	3,880
LY	1,403,932	34,299	13,687	6,380	3,455	4,896
% PW	11%	12%	10%	11%	6%	14%
% LY	-6%	-6%	-7%	2%	-17%	-10%
2012*	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424
2011*	1,403,932	34,299	13,687	6,380	3,455	4,896
% YTD	-6%	-6%	-7%	2%	-17%	-10%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.54	42.47	42.21
(Inedible Excluded)	39.18	39.19	38.72

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	753,059	57.2%	19,806	61.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	700,367	59.2%	18,148	62.7%
LAST YEAR	721,698	51.4%	19,599	57.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Dec 31	Jan 07	Dec 31	Jan 07
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,549	27,126	20,811	20,143
Arkansas	20,287	20,082	20,378	19,296
Delaware	3,232	3,265	4,385	3,952
Florida	1,347	1,351	1,160	1,160
Georgia	31,839	31,430	26,832	27,027
Kentucky	7,550	7,635	6,378	6,098
Louisiana	3,348	3,364	2,943	2,987
Maryland	7,447	7,364	5,968	5,474
Mississippi	17,763	17,573	15,407	15,527
Missouri	7,433	7,853	5,004	5,554
North Carolina	19,927	19,772	15,697	15,496
Oklahoma	6,268	6,585	3,746	4,042
Pennsylvania	3,812	3,818	3,134	3,275
South Carolina	5,164	5,250	4,115	4,828
Texas	13,887	14,089	11,848	11,941
Virginia	5,909	5,694	4,710	5,698
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,709	10,619	10,339	9,569
19 State total	193,471	192,870	162,855	162,067
Previous year total	203,224	205,419	168,813	168,417
Percent of previous year	95	94	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 18-Feb-12 is estimated at 149.6 million head. This compares to 150.2 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 74.17 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/05/12 - 01/11/12											
CURRENT LDS	113.00	FUTURE LDS				28.75	TOTAL LDS		141.75		
	SE	NE		MW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	76.00	84.40	74.17	76.75	--	--	--	--	9.00		
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	94.00	--	--	--	--	.75		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	67.91	--	--	13.25		
GL W XL	74.11	68.40	81.25	79.98	64.34	67.42	67.42	72.50			
GL W LG	--	--	79.00	70.38	60.91	66.06	28.75				
GL W MD	--	68.50	57.00	62.67	56.67	56.00	15.00				
GL W SM	--	60.75	66.00	66.50	52.83	--	4.00				
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--	.25				
GL BR MD	--	--	--	73.00	68.00	--	.25				
NRBS - 48	--	--	50.00	52.00	--	--	4.50				

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	
Atlanta	19.1	16.9	13	-10
Boston	2.3	2.5	-8	-23
Chicago	58.9	58.0	2	6
Los Angeles	63.6	54.9	16	0
New Orleans	5.9	6.1	-3	-22
New York	38.3	44.2	-13	10
St. Louis	68.7	73.4	-6	-18
San Francisco	13.5	15.3	-12	-29
Total	270.3	271.3	0	-6
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 07-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Turkeys	
Head	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683
Avg Wt	17.07	42.34	26.36	26.73	31.67
Last week	1,287	1,992	6	8	3,293
Same wk yr ago	1,723	2,460	8	7	4,198
Avg Wt	16.49	40.73	27.94	28.33	30.74
To-date/2012*	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683
To-date/2011*	1,723	2,460	8	7	4,198
% Change YTD	-10%	-14%	38%	0%	-12%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	21,084	71,842	222	143	93,291
Last week	15,866	67,106	121	185	83,278
Same wk yr ago	22,730	80,157	173	154	103,214
To-date/2012*	21,084	71,842	222	143	93,291
To-date/2011*	22,730	80,157	173	154	103,214
% Change YTD	-7%	-10%	28%	-7%	-10%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 07-Jan-12	(Preliminary)			Total	Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----		Old		
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt
North East	515	3	25.80	(A)	517
South Atlantic	626	32	39.91	(A)	628
North Central	1,770	11	34.21	(A)	1,771
South Central	604	1	19.37	(A)	605
West	161	28	36.76	(A)	162
U.S. total	3,676 (B)	12	31.67	7	3,683
To-date					
2012*	3,676 (B)			7	3,683
To-date					
2011*	4,191 (B)			7	4,198

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date* 11,000; for last year to date* 08,000.

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

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) W/E 07-Jan-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
Avg Wt	5.71	3.15	7.75	5.44	6.47
Last week	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402
Same wk yr ago	167,779	1,386	1,338	2,724	439
Avg Wt	5.77	3.10	7.94	5.48	6.90
To-date/2012*	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
To-date/2011*	167,779	1,386	1,338	2,724	439
% Change YTD	-19%	-1%	2%	1%	-8%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	579,058	2,252	7,141	9,393	1,882
Last week	541,282	2,330	6,958	9,288	1,977
Same wk yr ago	721,223	2,277	7,065	9,342	2,181
To-date/2012*	579,058	2,252	7,141	9,393	1,882
To-date/2011*	721,223	2,277	7,065	9,342	2,181
% Change YTD	-20%	-1%	1%	1%	-14%

Dressing % 75.0% 52.0% 67.5% 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 136.9 million head, or 9.7 million less 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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 3	149.9	143.6	104%	5.86
10	153.8	142.9	108%	5.79
17	150.8	141.9	106%	5.65
24	138.2	141.3	98%	5.62
31	127.7	143.6	89%	5.72
Jan 7	136.9	146.6	93%	5.71
Year to date	136.9	146.6	93%	
Jan 14		150.3		
21		152.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers and Fowl

Week Ending 14-Jan-12	Current Week 01/14/12 (1)	Previous Week 01/07/12
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	154,989 (2)	134,036
Light hens	1,742	1,457
Heavy hens	1,492	1,355
Total	158,223	136,848

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jan-12 is 150.3 million head compared to 151.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.3 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Jan-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – Selected Centers

(Incl. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands of lbs.)	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry
AM 01/09/12	3,139	66,209	49,012
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG	-36	9789	-2168
PCT CHG	-1%	17%	-4%

Whole Young Turkeys

Frozen basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 89.00-103.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 89-103.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

National Fowl Markets

06-Jan-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.0- 14.5 Wtd Avg 13.10
Prices in cents per pound.

(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 to be 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 (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 07-Jan-2012	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	202.3	-4	0
East North Central	719.1	1	13
West North Central	292.8	-2	14
South Atlantic	155.1	1	7
South Central	49.7	-4	-13
West	57.2	-2	11
Total	1476.2	-1	10

Matched plants reporting 71 71

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)

West (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 09-Jan-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	99.00	97.48	25	91.63	65
New York	76.00-79.00	78.05	20	79.56	39

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	72.00-76.00			74.71	42

1/: Includes branded product.

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

Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer

Loads	01/09/12	Change Last Wk	01/02/12	01/10/11
354	81.33	-.37	81.70	77.25

