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This week, New York and regional prices are steady for both the heavier and the lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending unchanged for all sizes. The undertone remains steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone continues steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are usually moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are full-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	88-97	90-93	73-82	75-78
Northeast	89-103	94-98	76-89	81-83
South Central	97.5-106	99-102	78.5-87	80-83
Southeast	94-101	95-98	77.5-85	78-82

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

IA-MN-WI	01/24/12	01/17/12	01/25/11
Large	70-80	70-80	73-83
Medium	55-59	55-59	63-67

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

01/20/12

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	97.50	96.00	82.00
Southeast	98.50	96.50	80.00
Midwest	93.50	91.50	76.50
South Central	101.50	100.50	81.50
Combined Regional	97.91	96.33	80.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.8	11.7	20.5	10.2	15.9	2.5	71.5
	% Change	15.4%	7.0%	-18.6%	-4.2%	3.4%	-33.3%	-4.8%
Extra Large	This Week	26.6	20.2	37.8	13.5	32.5	1.8	132.4
	% Change	-23.7%	-11.8%	-25.2%	1.6%	-10.4%	-56.9%	-18.3%
Large	This Week	60.4	104.0	110.2	57.1	77.4	43.1	452.1
	% Change	2.8%	-5.3%	-26.0%	-18.0%	0.0%	-10.8%	-11.8%
Medium	This Week	14.9	15.4	46.5	27.1	22.3	11.8	137.9
	% Change	3.6%	-20.3%	16.0%	18.5%	11.9%	-1.0%	7.4%
Small	This Week	2.3	5.2	8.7	3.2	1.9	2.3	23.5
	% Change	96.6%	33.9%	9.6%	72.6%	24.8%	-2.6%	26.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	11.2	29.9	18.2	6.4	1.5	69.5
	% Change	22.0%	-3.0%	-0.2%	-4.7%	17.6%	39.6%	0.7%
Ungraded	This Week	6.5	8.4	81.4	16.1	8.9	7.9	129.3
	% Change	-30.0%	8.8%	0.8%	11.9%	-19.0%	-10.6%	-2.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.7	176.1	335.0	145.4	165.2	70.8	1,016.3
	% Change	-4.6%	-5.4%	-12.6%	-4.2%	-1.0%	-11.9%	-7.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,016.3	-7.4%
Breaking Stock	279.6	-3.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,295.9	-6.6%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory ^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	7.6	7.9	1.6	2.6	2.5	2.9	25.1
	% Change	-36.4%	72.4%	-56.7%	-3.4%	-48.9%	-8.9%	-18.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.5	7.2	0.0	2.3	27.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.8%	38.4%	0.0%	7.9%	6.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	7.9	19.2	9.8	2.5	5.2	52.1
	% Change	-36.4%	72.4%	-12.0%	24.2%	-48.9%	-2.1%	-7.5%

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

Large:	28.7%
Ungraded:	31.0%
Total:	29.9%

^{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, and WV;

Midwest = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT;

Southwest = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-Jan-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,331,049	31,137	13,952	7,135	3,147	4,633
PW	1,374,673	32,825	13,599	7,226	3,024	4,803
LY	1,279,063	31,105	12,774	6,332	3,253	4,334
% PW	-3%	-5%	3%	-1%	4%	-4%
% LY	4%	0%	9%	13%	-3%	7%
2012*	4,021,832	96,283	40,280	20,878	9,039	13,860
2011*	4,039,552	97,996	39,869	19,426	9,925	13,912
% YTD	0%	-2%	1%	7%	-9%	0%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.72	42.52	42.64
(Inedible Excluded)	39.23	39.03	39.26

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	724,408	54.4%	17,681	56.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	754,562	54.9%	19,605	59.7%
LAST YEAR	690,918	54.0%	18,288	58.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 14	Jan 21
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	26,905	27,092	19,898	20,269
Arkansas	20,085	20,073	18,012	18,621
Delaware	3,261	3,262	4,547	4,027
Florida	1,351	1,353	1,160	953
Georgia	31,386	31,148	27,346	26,950
Kentucky	7,571	7,643	6,021	5,990
Louisiana	3,379	3,440	2,992	2,995
Maryland	7,098	7,628	6,060	6,277
Mississippi	17,475	18,111	15,594	15,060
Missouri	7,623	7,677	6,087	4,913
North Carolina	20,010	19,988	15,738	15,694
Oklahoma	6,787	6,721	4,693	4,599
Pennsylvania	3,875	3,877	3,136	3,183
South Carolina	5,348	5,363	4,435	4,221
Texas	13,652	14,249	11,772	11,553
Virginia	5,939	6,231	4,693	4,844
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,454	9,659	10,881	10,619
19 State total	192,199	193,515	163,065	160,768
Previous year total	205,099	204,116	168,220	167,507
Percent of previous year	94	95	97	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 03-Mar-12 is estimated at 149.1 million head. This compares to 149.2 million head the previous week and to 158.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.88 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/19/12 - 01/25/12												
CURRENT LDS		123.75	FUTURE LDS		61.00	TOTAL LDS		184.75				
		SE			NE	MW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W XL	--	--	71.00	73.00	--	--	1.00					
GNR W 1	69.00	72.73	69.50	71.67	65.00	--	50.00					
GL W J	--	--	81.88	83.75	69.80	--	12.75					
GL W XL	--	82.16	74.63	76.85	66.23	73.50	38.75					
GL W LG	--	77.77	69.75	68.43	68.53	66.50	42.50					
GL W MD	58.50	64.58	63.50	65.67	55.88	60.00	23.50					
GL W SM	53.00	--	58.00	55.33	44.38	--	6.25					
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	.25					
GL BR XL	--	--	--	92.00	85.80	--	2.75					
GL BR LG	--	--	--	85.00	83.22	87.50	3.50					
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	19.5	19.6	-1	-19
Boston	3.5	3.1	13	13
Chicago	56.0	62.8	-11	-3
Los Angeles	60.4	57.1	6	-2
New Orleans	6.3	6.6	-5	-18
New York	40.2	37.3	8	14
St. Louis	79.6	91.0	-13	-19
San Francisco	13.7	14.0	-2	-28
Total	279.2	291.5	-4	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 21-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,690	2,467	23	2	4,182
Avg Wt	17.65	42.02	26.46	40.70	32.09
Last week	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Same wk yr ago	1,649	2,465	21	4	4,139
Avg Wt	17.18	41.08	25.42	28.35	30.98
To-date/2012*	4,896	7,016	59	19	11,990
To-date/2011*	5,100	7,262	47	13	12,422
% Change YTD	-4%	-3%	26%	46%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,869	82,929	466	62	107,326
Last week	22,383	81,957	522	280	105,142
Same wk yr ago	22,664	81,010	414	88	104,176
To-date/2012*	67,336	236,728	1,210	485	305,759
To-date/2011*	68,895	238,082	946	323	308,246
% Change YTD	-2%	-1%	28%	50%	-1%
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 21-Jan-12	(Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
	-----Young turkeys-----					
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	-Thousand head-		
	Head	PW	Live wt			
North East	599	11	27.21	(A)	600	27.21
South Atlantic	616	2	39.69	(A)	617	39.69
North Central	2,032	-1	35.30	(A)	2,032	35.30
South Central	752	2	20.63	(A)	752	20.63
West	181	-4	33.79	(A)	181	33.79
U.S. total	4,180 (B)	2	32.09	2	4,182	32.09
To-date						
2012*	11,971 (B)			19	11,990	
To-date						
2011*	12,409 (B)			13	12,422	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date* 59,000; for last year to date* 47,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 21-Jan-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Avg Wt	5.52	3.19	7.54	5.25	6.78
Last week	153,922	1,818	1,558	3,376	409
Same wk yr ago	163,577	1,338	1,455	2,793	467
Avg Wt	5.80	3.24	7.92	5.68	6.89
To-date/2012*	436,240	4,990	4,538	9,528	1,282
To-date/2011*	480,967	4,334	4,162	8,496	1,315
% Change YTD	-9%	15%	9%	12%	-3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	609,006	2,981	8,220	11,201	2,289
Last week	652,244	3,025	7,719	10,744	1,905
Same wk yr ago	706,816	2,298	7,663	9,961	2,317
To-date/2012*	1,840,308	8,258	23,080	31,338	6,076
To-date/2011*	2,067,821	7,246	21,875	29,121	6,533
% Change YTD	-11%	14%	6%	8%	-7%

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 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.9 million head, or 4.0 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 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
14	155.8	150.3	104%	5.65
21	148.9	152.9	97%	5.52
Year to date	441.6	449.8	98%	
Jan 28		153.3		
Feb 4		153.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Class	Current Week 01/28/12 (1)	Previous Week 01/21/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	154,311 (2)	147,931
Light hens	1,801	1,749
Heavy hens	1,613	1,620
Total	157,725	151,300

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Jan-12 is 153.3 million head compared to 164.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.6 million head or 1.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Feb-12 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Proc. Turkeys LBS	Proc. other Poultry LBS
AM 01/23/12	3,210	86,099	51,067
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG	35	29679	-113
PCT CHG	1%	53%	0%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 96-103.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

20-Jan-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.0-15.0	13.12

(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 21-Jan-2012	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	201.9	2	1
East North Central	724.7	0	18
West North Central	287.7	-1	14
South Atlantic	146.7	-1	3
South Central	45.5	-5	-6
West	58.5	4	7
Total	1465.0	0	11

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 23-Jan-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	100.00	97.43	23	94.77	88
New York	79.00-82.00	80.90	21	81.11	45

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	70.00-74.00			73.08	46

Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer

Loads	01/23/12	Change Last Wk	01/16/12	01/24/11
358	83.04	2.20	80.84	74.26

1/: Includes branded product.

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

