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New York and regional prices are steady this week for all egg sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending unchanged for the larger and smaller sized eggs. The undertone is steady to cautiously steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate, instances fairly good in the Southwestern region. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices remain steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light. Offerings range light to heavy, mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time to reduced. 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	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	01/31/12	01/24/12	02/01/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	77-87
MEDIUM	55-59	55-59	68-72

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 01/27/12

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	13.5	12.0	20.2	9.2	13.5	2.5	70.8
	% Change	24.1%	2.9%	-1.8%	-9.5%	-15.1%	1.6%	-1.0%
Extra Large	This Week	30.7	21.6	32.7	16.9	30.7	3.0	135.6
	% Change	15.3%	6.5%	-13.4%	25.1%	-5.4%	65.9%	2.4%
Large	This Week	58.3	102.8	133.7	73.2	71.2	42.5	481.7
	% Change	-3.5%	-1.2%	21.3%	28.2%	-8.0%	-1.2%	6.5%
Medium	This Week	13.7	13.2	51.0	22.9	24.8	10.8	136.5
	% Change	-8.0%	-14.0%	9.7%	-15.3%	11.2%	-8.4%	-1.1%
Small	This Week	1.2	6.5	6.7	1.4	2.1	1.9	19.7
	% Change	-49.6%	24.9%	-23.3%	-55.5%	12.4%	-15.0%	-16.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	10.7	27.7	13.7	5.6	1.0	61.2
	% Change	9.9%	-4.5%	-7.4%	-25.0%	-12.3%	-29.7%	-11.9%
Ungraded	This Week	3.5	8.4	53.6	17.5	12.9	6.7	102.5
	% Change	-46.8%	-0.7%	-34.2%	8.7%	44.1%	-15.1%	-20.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.1	175.1	325.5	154.9	160.8	68.6	1,007.9
	% Change	-0.5%	-0.6%	-2.8%	6.5%	-2.7%	-3.2%	-0.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,007.9	-0.8%
Breaking Stock	284.6	1.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,292.5	-0.3%

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	7.9	9.2	2.6	3.1	3.8	5.1	31.7
	% Change	3.4%	15.9%	61.5%	19.4%	55.5%	77.1%	26.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.5	7.0	0.0	0.0	25.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	-2.8%	0.0%	-100.0%	-5.6%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.9	9.2	21.1	10.1	3.8	5.1	57.2
	% Change	3.4%	15.9%	10.4%	3.1%	55.5%	-1.7%	9.8%

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

Large: 30.1%
Ungraded: 34.3%
Total: 32.0%

^{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, 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 28-Jan-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,319,465	29,818	14,161	7,427	3,522	4,578
PW	1,331,049	31,137	13,952	7,135	3,147	4,633
LY	1,263,563	30,183	12,992	6,669	2,968	4,321
% PW	-1%	-4%	2%	4%	12%	-1%
% LY	4%	-1%	9%	11%	19%	6%
2012*	5,341,297	126,102	54,441	28,305	12,562	18,438
2011*	5,303,115	128,179	52,861	26,095	12,893	18,233
% YTD	1%	-2%	3%	8%	-3%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.43	42.72	42.87
(Inedible Excluded)	38.96	39.23	39.45

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	692,637	52.5%	17,048	57.2%
Previous Week	724,408	54.4%	17,681	56.8%
Last Year	688,337	54.5%	18,076	59.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 21	Jan 28	Jan 21	Jan 28
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,025	27,963	20,265	20,287
Arkansas	20,073	20,235	18,621	19,924
Delaware	3,262	3,262	3,901	4,607
Florida	1,353	1,352	953	1,136
Georgia	31,148	31,630	26,950	26,830
Kentucky	7,643	7,389	5,990	6,540
Louisiana	3,440	3,424	2,995	3,010
Maryland	7,669	7,216	6,386	5,337
Mississippi	18,111	18,185	15,053	15,216
Missouri	7,677	7,668	4,913	5,036
North Carolina	19,988	19,952	15,698	16,007
Oklahoma	6,721	6,609	4,691	3,928
Pennsylvania	3,849	3,785	3,179	3,059
South Carolina	5,363	5,156	4,221	4,124
Texas	14,249	14,322	11,748	11,786
Virginia	6,231	5,698	4,844	4,785
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,659	10,694	10,619	9,693
19 State total	194,461	194,540	161,027	161,305
Previous year total	204,116	203,933	167,507	168,493
Percent of previous year	95	95	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 10-Mar-12 is estimated at 148.4 million head. This compares to 149.1 million head the previous week and to 158.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.25 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/26/12 - 02/01/12

CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds		152.75
	84.50	SE	68.25	NE	MW	LOADS	
GNR W 1	65.00	72.70	67.33	68.80	65.00	--	39.00
GNR BR 1	--	75.00	--	85.00	--	--	1.75
GL W J	--	--	81.00	83.00	66.00	--	7.00
GL W XL	--	83.16	73.33	75.28	63.69	71.50	32.00
GL W LG	--	81.93	73.00	71.14	64.74	--	52.25
GL W MD	--	--	62.67	65.33	55.77	61.18	14.25
GL W SM	--	--	50.00	53.00	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	80.50	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	79.25	87.50	2.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	71.00	62.60	--	1.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.00	16.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	18.4	19.5	-6	-8
Boston	3.2	3.5	-9	3
Chicago	57.9	56.0	3	-1
Los Angeles	49.6	60.4	-18	-15
New Orleans	6.7	6.3	6	-9
New York	37.3	40.2	-7	14
St. Louis	84.1	79.6	6	1
San Francisco	13.9	13.7	1	-31
Total	271.1	279.2	-3	-4
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,699	2,453	40	16	4,208
Avg Wt	17.30	41.64	25.38	29.12	31.61
Last week	1,690	2,467	23	2	4,182
Same wk yr ago	1,873	2,542	17	8	4,440
Avg Wt	16.80	40.00	27.03	43.19	30.37
To-date/2012*	6,595	9,469	99	35	16,198
To-date/2011*	6,973	9,804	64	21	16,862
% Change YTD	-5%	-3%	55%	67%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	23,518	81,706	777	356	106,357
Last week	23,869	82,929	466	62	107,326
Same wk yr ago	25,173	81,344	356	268	107,141
To-date/2012*	90,854	318,434	1,987	841	412,116
To-date/2011*	94,068	319,426	1,302	591	415,387
% Change YTD	-3%	0%	53%	42%	-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 28-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	537	-10	27.21	(A)	541	27.21
South Atlantic	693	13	35.85	(A)	696	35.85
North Central	2,037	0	35.75	(A)	2,040	35.75
South Central	736	-2	19.45	(A)	739	19.45
West	189	4	31.36	(A)	192	31.36
U.S. total	4,192 (B)	0	31.61	16	4,208	31.61
To-date						
2012*	16,163 (B)			35	16,198	
To-date						
2011*	16,841 (B)			21	16,862	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 40,000; for the current year to date* 99,000; for last year to date* 64,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Jan-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	152,226	1,640	1,630	3,270	402
Avg Wt	5.84	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.91
Last week	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Same wk yr ago	162,184	1,485	1,515	3,000	507
Avg Wt	5.59	3.18	7.98	5.60	6.89
To-date/2012*	588,466	6,630	6,168	12,798	1,684
To-date/2011*	643,151	5,819	5,677	11,496	1,822
% Change YTD	-9%	14%	9%	11%	-8%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	666,750	2,720	8,461	11,181	2,000
Last week	609,006	2,981	8,220	11,201	2,289
Same wk yr ago	675,423	2,503	8,040	10,543	2,515

To-date/2012*	2,507,058	10,978	31,541	42,519	8,076
To-date/2011*	2,743,244	9,749	29,915	39,664	9,048
% Change YTD	-9%	13%	5%	7%	-11%

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 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.1 million head, or 0.8 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

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
Dec 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
28	154.1	153.3	101%	5.84
Year to date	595.7	603.1	99%	
Feb 4		153.3		
11		153.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 04-Feb-12

Class	Current Week 02/04/12 (1)	Previous Week 01/28/12
Broiler/fryer	154,723 (2)	154,311
Light hens	1,360	1,801
Heavy hens	1,563	1,613
Total	157,646	157,725

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Feb-12 is 153.3 million head compared to 158.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.0 million head or 1.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Feb-12 the estimated available is 153.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 01/30/12	3,156	98,495	53,622
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG	-19	42075	2442
PCT CHG	-1%	75%	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 92.50-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 92.50-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

27-Jan-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	8.0-15.5	13.16
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

Week ending 28-Jan-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	199.2	-1	1
East North Central	719.2	-1	15
West North Central	284.4	-1	10
South Atlantic	146.9	0	2
South Central	45.3	0	-6
West	55.2	-6	-11
Total	1450.2	-1	9

Matched plants reporting 71 71
 Areas Covered: N. 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)

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 30-JAN-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads
Los Angeles	100.00	98.26	23	89.36 51
New York	79.00-82.00	80.67	21	81.38 42

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads
70.00-74.00			72.47	38

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	01/30/12	Change Last Wk	01/23/12	01/31/11
311	81.89	-1.15	83.04	75.05

