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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



This week, New York prices are lower for medium and steady for the balance of sizes. Regional prices are steady for both heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for Jumbo and Medium, unchanged for Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady to barely steady, instances weak in the Southwestern region. Retail demand is light to moderate, at times fairly good with feature activity providing best movement. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for the larger sized eggs and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity remains slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy on light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate. 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	02/07/12	01/31/12	02/08/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	77-87
MEDIUM	55-59	55-59	68-72

**WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL** 02/03/12

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) <sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

February 06, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	13.2	10.7	20.1	7.0	18.2	3.8	72.9
	% Change	-1.9%	-10.9%	-0.3%	-24.2%	35.1%	50.8%	3.0%
<b>Extra-large</b>	This Week	30.4	22.6	34.2	16.9	29.9	3.7	137.6
	% Change	-1.0%	4.7%	4.6%	-0.2%	-2.6%	24.9%	1.5%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	59.9	101.6	122.6	72.5	70.6	38.9	466.0
	% Change	2.8%	-1.2%	-8.3%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-8.7%	-3.2%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	12.3	14.1	56.0	22.0	28.2	10.3	142.9
	% Change	-9.8%	6.9%	9.8%	-4.2%	13.8%	-5.4%	4.7%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	1.0	6.3	6.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	20.2
	% Change	-9.6%	-2.2%	2.1%	35.0%	-6.2%	12.5%	2.5%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.7	12.1	29.0	11.4	5.5	0.8	61.5
	% Change	11.1%	13.0%	4.8%	-16.7%	-2.7%	-20.2%	0.6%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	3.3	13.1	73.9	16.8	7.4	7.1	121.5
	% Change	-4.3%	56.2%	37.9%	-4.3%	-42.6%	5.3%	18.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	122.9	180.5	342.7	148.4	161.7	66.7	1,022.8
	% Change	-0.2%	3.1%	5.3%	-4.2%	0.6%	-2.7%	1.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,022.8	1.5%
Breaking Stock	275.7	-3.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,298.5</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory** <sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	7.3	8.7	3.1	3.4	3.8	5.3	31.6
	% Change	-6.9%	-5.7%	17.7%	9.7%	0.8%	4.1%	-0.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.4	8.8	0.0	0.0	27.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	26.1%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	7.3	8.7	21.4	12.2	3.8	5.3	58.8
	% Change	-6.9%	-5.7%	1.4%	21.1%	0.8%	4.1%	2.8%

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

Large:	33.9%
Ungraded:	32.3%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>33.2%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 04-Feb-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,266,547	29,589	13,461	6,768	2,840	4,404
PW	1,319,465	29,818	14,161	7,427	3,522	4,578
LY	1,275,761	30,130	13,239	6,586	2,667	4,290
% PW	-4%	-1%	-5%	-9%	-19%	-4%
% LY	-1%	-2%	2%	3%	6%	3%
2012*	6,607,844	155,691	67,902	35,073	15,402	22,841
2011*	6,578,876	158,309	66,100	32,680	15,560	22,522
% YTD	0%	-2%	3%	7%	-1%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.81	42.43	42.52
(Inedible Excluded)	39.33	38.96	39.16

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	678,344	53.6%	16,720	56.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	692,637	52.5%	17,048	57.2%
LAST YEAR	722,649	56.6%	18,924	62.8%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 28	Feb 04	Jan 28	Feb 04
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,962	26,916	20,298	19,730
Arkansas	20,235	19,931	19,924	20,438
Delaware	3,258	3,265	4,431	4,082
Florida	1,352	1,352	1,136	1,149
Georgia	31,630	30,927	27,019	26,053
Kentucky	7,389	7,655	6,646	5,839
Louisiana	3,424	3,440	3,010	3,023
Maryland	7,216	6,867	5,518	5,790
Mississippi	18,185	18,147	15,037	15,122
Missouri	7,668	7,784	5,036	4,932
North Carolina	19,952	20,206	15,780	15,699
Oklahoma	6,609	6,841	3,943	3,220
Pennsylvania	3,831	3,711	3,065	3,229
South Carolina	5,156	5,318	4,124	4,956
Texas	14,345	14,441	11,809	11,575
Virginia	5,698	5,985	4,785	5,164
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,478	10,247	9,565	10,319
19 State total	194,388	193,033	161,126	160,320
Previous year total	203,933	205,787	168,493	168,151
Percent of previous year	95	94	96	95

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 17-Mar-12 is estimated at 148.0 million head. This compares to 148.4 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.67 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)  
National trading for 02/02/12 - 02/08/12

CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds		LOADS
	95.75 SE	DST	28.75 NE	DST	124.50 MW	DST	
GNR W 1	67.00	72.43	68.63	70.33	64.00	--	22.00
GNR W 3	--	--	50.00	52.00	47.50	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	79.00	81.00	64.85	--	6.00
GL W XL	--	82.88	70.58	72.96	62.80	69.57	30.00
GL W LG	--	79.46	73.00	72.00	63.83	67.56	33.25
GL W MD	--	--	56.80	59.00	50.70	57.50	39.75
GL W SM	48.00	48.00	42.00	45.00	40.00	--	7.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	83.00	--	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.00	15.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 04-Feb-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	17.0	18.4	-8	-14
Boston	2.7	3.2	-16	-16
Chicago	59.5	57.9	3	6
Los Angeles	56.7	49.6	14	5
New Orleans	6.5	6.7	-3	-12
New York	34.2	37.3	-8	1
St. Louis	84.6	84.1	1	3
San Francisco	14.0	13.9	1	-30
Total	275.2	271.1	2	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.3			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 04-Feb-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,769	2,466	26	4	4,265
Avg Wt	15.76	41.57	25.96	34.58	30.76
Last week	1,699	2,453	40	16	4,208
Same wk yr ago	1,689	2,530	25	1	4,245
Avg Wt	17.29	39.55	26.40	38.34	30.15
To-date/2012*	8,364	11,935	125	39	20,463
To-date/2011*	8,662	12,334	89	22	21,107
% Change YTD	-3%	-3%	40%	77%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,304	82,005	516	106	104,931
Last week	23,518	81,706	777	356	106,357
Same wk yr ago	23,362	80,049	512	30	103,953
To-date/2012*	113,158	400,439	2,503	947	517,047
To-date/2011*	117,430	399,475	1,814	621	519,340
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	38%	52%	0%
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 04-Feb-12 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
North East	537	0	27.49	(A)	538	27.49
South Atlantic	657	-5	35.54	(A)	658	35.54
North Central	2,110	4	34.39	(A)	2,111	34.39
South Central	775	5	18.60	(A)	776	18.60
West	182	-4	32.83	(A)	182	32.83
U.S. total	4,261 (B)	2	30.76	4	4,265	30.76
To-date						
2012*	20,424 (B)			39	20,463	
To-date						
2011*	21,085 (B)			22	21,107	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date\* 125,000; for last year to date\* 89,000.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 04-Feb-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,562	1,221	1,530	2,751	400
Avg Wt	5.79	3.15	7.70	5.68	6.56
Last week	152,226	1,640	1,630	3,270	402
Same wk yr ago	156,612	1,325	1,355	2,680	434
Avg Wt	5.63	3.22	7.97	5.62	6.90
To-date/2012*	740,028	7,851	7,698	15,549	2,084
To-date/2011*	799,763	7,144	7,032	14,176	2,256
% Change YTD	-7%	10%	9%	10%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	658,158	2,000	7,952	9,952	1,889
Last week	666,750	2,720	8,461	11,181	2,000
Same wk yr ago	656,886	2,261	7,182	9,443	2,156
To-date/2012*	3,165,216	12,978	39,493	52,471	9,965
To-date/2011*	3,400,130	12,010	37,097	49,107	11,204
% Change YTD	-7%	8%	6%	7%	-11%
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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 153.4 million head, or 0.1 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 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
Feb 4	153.4	153.3	100%	5.79
Year to date	749.1	756.4	99%	
Feb 11		153.0		
18		152.4		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 11-Feb-12

Class	Current Week 02/11/12 (1)	Previous Week 02/04/12
Broiler/fryer	153,419 (2)	154,723
Light hens	1,546	1,360
Heavy hens	1,505	1,563
Total	156,470	157,646

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Feb-12 is 153.0 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.7 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Feb-12 the estimated available is 152.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	(INCL GOVT STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Poultry	Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 02/06/12	3,140	103,435	51,908	
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180	
CHG	-35	47015	728	
PCT CHG	-1%	83%	1%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold storage holdings report of December 31, 2011 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	36 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Turkeys	370 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Other Poultry	646 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

**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 96.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

03-Feb-12

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.0-16.0	13.19

(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 04-Feb-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	199.7	0	-1
East North Central	717.2	0	10
West North Central	284.8	0	16
South Atlantic	147.1	0	3
South Central	46.1	2	-7
West	54.8	-1	-5
Total	1449.7	0	8

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 06-FEB-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	100.00	98.62	21	89.03
New York	79.00-82.00	80.71	21	81.29
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:				
Whole Body 2/:				
Majority		Wtd Avg	Loads	Composite Wtd Avg
Chicago	70.00-74.00			73.81

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	02/06/12	Change Last Wk	01/30/12	02/07/11
356	81.99	.10	81.89	74.17

