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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



This period New York prices are 1 cent lower for Extra Large and Large, 5 cents lower for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional prices were lower for Mediums and Jumbos, unchanged for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for both heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady to weak. Retail demand is ranges light to good, mostly light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to mostly 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	68-77	70-73
NORTHEAST	89-103	94-98	71-84	76-78
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.5-106	99-102	73.5-82	75-78
SOUTHEAST	94-101	95-98	72.5-80.26	73-77

**PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS** - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	02/14/12	02/07/12	02/15/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	77-87
MEDIUM	50-54	55-59	66-70

**WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL** 02/10/12

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 13, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	8.6	9.7	22.6	9.4	17.3	4.1	71.6
	% Change	-35.2%	-9.4%	12.3%	34.3%	-5.1%	8.8%	-1.9%
<b>Extra-large</b>	This Week	26.2	19.8	34.0	19.9	30.5	4.6	134.9
	% Change	-13.8%	-12.4%	-0.6%	17.9%	1.9%	24.3%	-2.0%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	49.2	111.6	108.8	77.4	60.2	45.9	453.1
	% Change	-17.8%	9.9%	-11.3%	6.7%	-14.7%	18.0%	-2.8%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	17.6	16.7	60.3	19.5	24.1	8.8	147.0
	% Change	42.7%	17.9%	7.7%	-11.2%	-14.6%	-14.0%	2.9%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	2.7	6.1	6.7	2.3	2.9	1.0	21.7
	% Change	161.5%	-3.2%	-2.2%	17.6%	49.5%	-52.8%	7.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.6	9.5	31.0	12.1	5.8	1.0	62.0
	% Change	-5.9%	-21.6%	7.0%	6.3%	5.6%	21.7%	0.8%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	4.3	13.5	93.7	19.3	12.4	5.6	148.6
	% Change	28.4%	3.1%	26.7%	14.9%	68.1%	-21.5%	22.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	111.1	186.9	357.1	159.8	153.2	71.0	1,038.9
	% Change	-9.6%	3.5%	4.2%	7.7%	-5.3%	6.5%	1.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,038.9	1.6%
Breaking Stock	262.3	-4.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,301.2</b>	<b>0.2%</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	11.1	7.6	3.2	2.1	4.1	5.8	33.8
	% Change	50.9%	-12.1%	3.9%	-37.6%	5.7%	8.3%	6.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.6	9.6	0.0	0.0	30.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	10.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	11.1	7.6	23.8	11.7	4.1	5.8	63.9
	% Change	50.9%	-12.1%	10.8%	-4.1%	5.7%	8.3%	8.8%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>34.6%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36.5%</b>

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 11-Feb-2012	(Lbs in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,311,984	31,729	13,149	6,942	2,951	4,334
PW	1,266,547	29,589	13,461	6,768	2,840	4,404
LY	1,247,225	28,893	13,295	6,924	3,204	4,322
% PW	4%	7%	-2%	3%	4%	-2%
% LY	5%	10%	-1%	0%	-8%	0%
2012*	7,919,828	187,420	81,051	42,015	18,353	27,175
2011*	7,826,101	187,202	79,395	39,604	18,763	26,844
% YTD	1%	0%	2%	6%	-2%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.80	42.81	42.84
(Inedible Excluded)	39.50	39.33	39.38

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	708,025	54.0%	18,703	58.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	678,344	53.6%	16,720	56.5%
LAST YEAR	696,674	55.9%	18,188	62.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Feb 04	Feb 11	Feb 04	Feb 11
	Thousand			
Alabama	26,917	27,060	19,733	19,445
Arkansas	19,931	20,091	20,438	18,219
Delaware	3,265	3,188	4,016	4,433
Florida	1,352	1,352	1,149	1,048
Georgia	30,927	31,983	26,053	27,384
Kentucky	7,665	7,645	6,181	6,452
Louisiana	3,440	3,440	3,023	3,062
Maryland	6,874	7,484	5,849	6,406
Mississippi	18,147	18,356	15,155	15,606
Missouri	7,784	7,817	4,934	5,755
North Carolina	20,206	20,361	15,699	15,648
Oklahoma	6,841	6,923	3,220	4,755
Pennsylvania	3,649	3,763	3,211	3,100
South Carolina	5,318	5,282	4,956	4,798
Texas	14,410	14,805	11,568	12,111
Virginia	5,985	6,200	5,164	4,607
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,258	10,087	10,330	9,444
19 State total	192,969	195,837	160,679	162,273
Previous year total	205,787	204,337	168,151	167,953
Percent of previous year	94	96	96	97

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 24-Mar-12 is estimated at 148.7 million head. This compares to 148.0 million head the previous week and to 158.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 84.30 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 02/09/12 - 02/15/12												
CLASS	Current Lds			Future Lds			Total Lds		172.25			
	119.25	SE	DST	53.00	NE	MW	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	69.67		73.00	68.88	70.60	64.00	--	--	17.00			
GNR W 3	--		--	52.00	53.00	--	--	--	1.00			
GNR BR 1	--		--	--	85.00	--	--	--	1.50			
GL W J	--		--	73.00	75.00	60.24	--	--	8.25			
GL W XL	--	85.00	--	70.08	72.42	64.87	68.13	28.75				
GL W LG	--	81.25	--	57.13	60.38	58.59	59.50	50.25				
GL W MD	--	--	--	51.20	54.83	45.16	47.00	33.75				
GL W SM	--	46.00	--	43.33	47.00	38.45	--	6.75				
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	79.00	2.75				
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	49.00	19.00				
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	4.00				

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 11-Feb-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	16.1		17.0	-5	-14	
Boston	3.4		2.7	26	-11	
Chicago	56.2		59.5	-6	-9	
Los Angeles	65.4		56.7	15	-1	
New Orleans	6.0		6.5	-8	-19	
New York	38.8		34.2	13	19	
St. Louis	81.8		84.6	-3	-32	
San Francisco	13.9		14.0	-1	-27	
Total	281.6		275.2	2	-14	
4 Week Moving Avg.	276.8					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 11-Feb-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,673	2,483	20	15	4,191
Avg Wt	16.84	41.25	32.51	33.73	31.44
Last week	1,769	2,466	26	4	4,265
Same wk yr ago	1,614	2,820	12	7	4,453
Avg Wt	17.36	38.21	28.64	37.54	29.48
To-date/2012*	10,037	14,418	145	54	24,654
To-date/2011*	10,276	15,154	101	29	25,560
% Change YTD	-2%	-5%	44%	86%	-4%

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

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 11-Feb-12 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
North East	617	15	27.16	(A)	620	27.16
South Atlantic	573	-13	39.45	(A)	576	39.45
North Central	2,081	-1	34.84	(A)	2,084	34.84
South Central	698	-10	19.67	(A)	701	19.67
West	207	14	27.3	(A)	210	27.30
U.S. total	4,176 (B)	-2	31.44	15	4,191	31.44
To-date						
2012*	24,600 (B)			54	24,654	
To-date						
2011*	25,531 (B)			29	25,560	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 20,000; for the current year to date\* 145,000; for last year to date\* 101,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	Ducks
W/E 11-Feb-2012	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	
-----Thousands-----					
Head	149,825	1,465	1,601	3,066	432
Avg Wt	5.81	3.31	7.87	5.69	6.47
Last week	151,562	1,221	1,530	2,751	400
Same wk yr ago	157,947	1,418	1,557	2,975	433
Avg Wt	5.66	3.04	8.05	5.66	6.85
To-date/2012*	889,853	9,316	9,299	18,615	2,516
To-date/2011*	957,710	8,562	8,589	17,151	2,689
% Change YTD	-6%	9%	8%	9%	-6%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	652,862	2,522	8,505	11,027	2,012
Last week	658,158	2,000	7,952	9,952	1,889
Same wk yr ago	666,015	2,285	8,335	10,620	2,136
To-date/2012*	3,818,078	15,500	47,998	63,498	11,977
To-date/2011*	4,066,145	14,295	45,432	59,727	13,340
% Change YTD	-6%	8%	6%	6%	-10%
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 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.6 million head, or 1.4 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head				
	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt	
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
	11	151.6	153.0	99%	5.81
Year to date		900.7	909.4	99%	
Feb	18		152.4		
	25		152.9		

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

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

Week Ending 18-Feb-12

Current Week	02/18/12 (1)	Previous Week	02/11/12
Class	-----Thousand Head-----		
Broiler/fryer	150,358 (2)		153,419
Light hens	1,678		1,546
Heavy hens	1,565		1,505
Total	153,601		156,470

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Feb-12 is 152.4 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.7 million head or 1.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 25-Feb-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(Incl. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry lbs
AM 02/13/12	3,208	110,334	51,305
AM 02/01/12	3,146	101,459	52,594
CHG	62	8,875	-1,289
PCT CHG	2%	9%	-2%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 98.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 98.00-104.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

10-Feb-12

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	8.0 – 16.5	13.22

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens general for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**Live Spent Light**

Prices are trending steady for the light to mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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 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 11-Feb-12

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	197.3	-1	-2
East North Central	705.7	-2	6
West North Central	292.8	3	16
South Atlantic	146.5	0	4
South Central	47.3	3	-14
West	55.6	1	-2
Total	1445.2	0	5

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 trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 13-Feb-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	100.00	97.55	22 :	90.05	73
New York	84.00-87.00	86.14	21 :	86.07	39

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
80.00-84.00			:	83.63	46

1/: Includes branded product.

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

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Loads	02/13/12	Change Last Wk	02/06/12	02/14/11
339	86.31	4.32	81.99	75.39

