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New York prices are sharply higher for all sizes this period. Regional prices remain steady. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply higher for both the heavier and the lighter weight eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light on fairly good to good demand. Supplies are usually light. Market activity is moderate to active. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are varied. 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	85-94	87-90	63-72	65-68
NORTHEAST	88-102	93-97	65-78	70-72
SOUTH CENTRAL	95.5-104	97-100	68.5-77	70-73
SOUTHEAST	92-99	93-96	67.5-75	68-72

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

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	95.00	72.00
SOUTHEAST	96.50	94.50	70.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	101.50	98.50	71.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.73	94.32	70.04

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

IA-MN-WI	03/13/12	03/06/12	03/15/11
LARGE	67-77	67-77	58-68
MEDIUM	46-50	45-49	52-56

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

March 12, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	14.2	7.7	15.5	8.8	14.0	3.8	64.0
	% Change	34.0%	-10.0%	-0.8%	-5.5%	-21.4%	9.1%	-2.1%
Extra-large	This Week	25.8	24.2	34.5	16.5	42.5	4.2	147.7
	% Change	8.5%	12.5%	-9.7%	-1.8%	11.4%	-14.3%	3.0%
Large	This Week	67.4	106.2	141.7	88.1	75.1	50.8	529.1
	% Change	12.1%	-1.4%	-4.0%	-11.2%	2.4%	-23.6%	-4.5%
Medium	This Week	10.5	20.7	47.9	21.1	35.0	9.0	144.2
	% Change	-15.3%	15.9%	-6.4%	-16.4%	-15.9%	8.8%	-7.9%
Small	This Week	1.5	5.0	9.7	2.1	3.0	1.5	22.7
	% Change	-7.0%	-11.4%	-12.3%	-28.5%	90.4%	-27.5%	-8.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	9.5	23.1	11.1	9.0	1.8	57.2
	% Change	-4.3%	-5.9%	2.7%	17.0%	82.4%	60.5%	12.2%
Ungraded	This Week	7.5	12.5	88.0	29.5	19.6	15.5	172.7
	% Change	107.1%	1.7%	-15.1%	-2.9%	15.2%	54.6%	-2.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	129.6	185.8	360.4	177.2	198.1	86.6	1,137.7
	% Change	12.8%	1.2%	-7.6%	-8.3%	1.9%	-10.1%	-3.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,137.7	-3.0%
Breaking Stock	281.0	2.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,418.7	-1.9%

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	8.7	7.9	6.5	3.2	3.6	3.5	33.3
	% Change	-20.8%	3.4%	143.8%	20.4%	-4.5%	-35.6%	0.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	23.0	5.2	0.0	1.7	29.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-7.4%	-25.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-6.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.7	7.9	29.4	8.4	3.6	5.2	63.2
	% Change	-20.8%	3.4%	7.2%	-13.0%	-4.5%	-4.0%	-2.6%

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

Large:	31.5%
Ungraded:	37.4%
Total:	34.3%

^{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 10-Mar-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,312,008	30,998	13,932	6,841	2,442	4,506
PW	1,285,809	31,010	12,738	6,399	2,568	4,364
LY	1,347,636	31,436	14,058	7,404	2,987	4,331
% PW	2%	0%	9%	7%	-5%	3%
% LY	-3%	-1%	-1%	-8%	-18%	4%
2012*	13,086,449	309,842	133,978	68,880	28,744	44,994
2011*	13,139,412	310,603	135,903	68,981	30,605	44,482
% YTD	0%	0%	-1%	0%	-6%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.89	42.39	42.47
(Inedible Excluded)	39.46	39.00	39.25

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	741,719	56.5%	19,278	62.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	698,246	54.3%	18,187	58.6%
LAST YEAR	753,176	55.9%	18,808	59.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 03	Mar 10	Mar 03	Mar 10
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,581	27,476	18,749	19,390
Arkansas	20,493	20,665	19,498	18,611
Delaware	3,191	3,303	4,117	3,910
Florida	1,350	1,350	1,454	1,174
Georgia	32,150	32,374	27,520	28,332
Kentucky	7,855	7,841	6,562	6,595
Louisiana	3,470	3,440	3,091	3,022
Maryland	7,212	7,674	5,778	6,441
Mississippi	17,799	17,682	15,599	15,428
Missouri	7,840	7,648	5,566	6,020
North Carolina	20,397	20,342	15,856	15,816
Oklahoma	6,930	6,930	4,125	4,014
Pennsylvania	3,763	3,639	2,894	2,917
South Carolina	5,291	5,472	4,523	4,230
Texas	14,732	14,994	12,466	12,321
Virginia	6,118	6,207	5,368	4,581
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,030	10,992	10,165	9,900
19 State total	197,202	198,029	163,331	162,702
Previous year total	208,530	207,787	167,792	170,434
Percent of previous year	95	95	97	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 21-Apr-12 is estimated at 150.1 million head. This compares to 149.0 million head the previous week and to 158.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.69 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 03/08/12 - 03/14/12											
CLASS	Current Lds 112.25			Future Lds 70.25			Total Lds 182.50		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	SE	ORG	DST	NE	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	68.50	74.73		70.42	72.38		--	70.29			87.00
GNR W 2	--	--		70.00	73.00		--	--			3.00
GL W J	56.00	--		81.00	71.50		62.60	--			9.25
GL W XL	--	92.00		82.79	90.09		81.79	85.33			35.50
GL W LG	--	77.00		78.00	82.33		74.11	86.88			32.25
GL W MD	--	--		52.67	54.00		50.77	--			26.50
GL BR LG	--	--		--	83.00		75.00	--			7.00
GL BR MD	--	62.00		--	78.00		66.00	--			4.00
NRBS - 50	--	--		--	--		51.67	55.00			1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--		--	62.00		53.75	56.20			11.00
NRBS - 45	--	--		--	--		54.00	--			2.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 10-Mar-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	16.9	17.2	-2	-9
Boston	3.3	3.3	0	6
Chicago	58.2	60.9	-4	1
Los Angeles	63.8	51.5	24	2
New Orleans	6.0	6.8	-12	-8
New York	37.2	37.2	0	16
St. Louis	90.4	72.7	24	5
San Francisco	13.3	13.9	-4	-35
Total	289.1	263.5	10	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	275.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 10-Mar-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,734	2,559	39	9	4,341
Avg Wt	17.16	40.91	27.64	31.21	31.28
Last week	1,814	2,400	14	7	4,235
Same wk yr ago	1,684	2,586	54	13	4,337
Avg Wt	17.24	39.06	24.73	27.79	30.24
To-date/2012*	17,048	24,537	227	82	41,894
To-date/2011*	17,351	25,208	192	61	42,812
% Change YTD	-2%	-3%	18%	34%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,801	83,757	825	215	108,598
Last week	25,250	78,590	262	215	104,317
Same wk yr ago	23,226	80,807	1,035	280	105,348
To-date/2012*	232,121	815,487	4,657	2,041	1,054,306
To-date/2011*	238,537	802,256	5,911	1,552	1,048,256
% Change YTD	-3%	2%	-21%	32%	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 10-Mar-12	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt		
	Head	PW	-Thousand head-		
North East	602	-7	26.54	(A)	604
South Atlantic	585	-13	38.28	(A)	587
North Central	2,147	11	34.89	(A)	2,149
South Central	779	0	20.19	(A)	781
West	219	4	29.79	(A)	220
U.S. total	4,332 (B)	2	31.28	9	4,341
To-date					
2012*	41,812 (B)			82	41,894
To-date					
2011*	42,751 (B)			61	42,812

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date* 227,000; for last year to date* 192,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 10-Mar-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	150,226	1,687	1,395	3,082	440
Avg Wt	5.79	3.39	7.89	5.43	6.83
Last week	151,684	1,346	1,451	2,797	474
Same wk yr ago	157,830	1,598	1,476	3,074	431
Avg Wt	5.63	3.09	7.99	5.44	6.90
To-date/2012*	1,492,190	15,225	15,217	30,442	4,285
To-date/2011*	1,594,738	14,677	15,073	29,750	4,487
% Change YTD	-6%	4%	1%	2%	-5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	652,356	2,974	7,429	10,403	2,164
Last week	657,550	2,233	7,620	9,853	2,341
Same wk yr ago	661,994	2,617	7,843	10,460	2,141
To-date/2012*	6,405,563	25,472	78,880	104,352	20,658
To-date/2011*	6,750,000	24,709	78,912	103,621	22,207
% Change YTD	-5%	3%	0%	1%	-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 151.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.1 million head, or 0.7 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
Feb 4	153.4	153.3	100%	5.79
11	151.6	153.0	99%	5.81
18	152.3	152.4	100%	5.70
25	151.8	152.9	99%	5.64
Mar 3	153.5	152.5	101%	5.78
10	152.1	151.4	100%	5.79
Year to date	1510.4	1518.6	99%	
Mar 17		151.2		
24		151.9		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 17-Mar-12

Class	Current Week 03/17/12 (1)	Previous Week 03/10/12
Broiler/fryer	151,601 (2)	151,968
Light hens	1,860	1,824
Heavy hens	1,307	1,474
Total	154,768	155,266

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Mar-12 is 151.2 million head compared to 162.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.9 million head or 0.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 24-Mar-12 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 03/12/12	3,149	133,702	45,544
AM 03/01/12	3,175	129,156	47,693
CHG	-26	4546	-2149
PCT CHG	-1%	4%	-5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 102.00-104.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 103.00-105.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

09-Mar-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.5-18.0	13.29

(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 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

Week ending 10-Mar-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	204.5	1	-2
East North Central	711.6	-1	6
West North Central	294.0	2	18
South Atlantic	153.9	0	10
South Central	50.3	0	-2
West	59.6	-2	20
Total	1473.9	0	7

Matched plants reporting

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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 12-MAR-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A Majority Wtd Avg	Grade A Wtd Avg	Composite Load	Composite Wtd Avg	Composite Loads
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Los Angeles	102.00	102.68	22	95.61	80
New York	94.00-97.00	95.86	21	95.77	41

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Whole Body 2/:	Composite Wtd Avg	Composite Loads
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Chicago	92.00-96.00	94.38	36
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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	03/12/12	Change Last Wk	03/05/12	03/14/11
332	94.48	2.15	92.33	84.30

