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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



New York and regional egg prices are sharply lower this week for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone continues weak. Retail demand is light to instances moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone continues barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to mostly moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate offerings. 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	101-110	103-106	76-85	78-81
NORTHEAST	103-117	108-112	79-90	82-84
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.5-119	112-115	80.5-89	82-85
SOUTHEAST	109-124.25	110-113	79.5-95.26	80-84

**WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL** 04/06/12  
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	126.50	126.00	100.50
SOUTHEAST	130.50	128.50	99.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	135.50	133.50	101.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	129.07	127.42	99.70

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	04/10/12	04/03/12	04/12/11
LARGE	83-93	97-107	86-96
MEDIUM	58-62	74-78	73-77

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) <sup>1</sup>(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

APRIL 09, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	11.3	8.7	19.2	6.6	14.4	3.1	63.3
	% Change	-0.5%	-17.2%	-17.4%	-27.2%	-27.0%	-1.0%	-17.8%
<b>Extra-large</b>	This Week	31.2	25.2	38.3	18.0	29.1	5.3	147.2
	% Change	-5.4%	11.8%	5.4%	5.0%	-28.8%	-26.5%	-6.3%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	50.5	92.9	140.3	64.6	57.6	53.6	459.5
	% Change	-22.7%	-14.0%	3.9%	-18.4%	-38.9%	-16.6%	-15.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	12.7	22.2	50.0	24.7	18.4	6.3	134.2
	% Change	-18.3%	2.9%	-10.6%	-2.3%	-23.5%	-38.3%	-12.0%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	2.3	6.0	7.0	1.1	1.8	1.3	19.5
	% Change	6.1%	11.9%	-19.4%	-15.9%	5.3%	55.3%	-2.8%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.2	11.8	23.4	10.5	6.4	1.5	55.8
	% Change	-22.4%	-7.0%	-24.7%	-3.5%	5.7%	9.0%	-14.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	8.5	8.6	62.4	29.9	17.2	10.1	136.8
	% Change	7.9%	-5.5%	8.9%	-4.4%	5.1%	11.3%	4.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	118.7	175.4	340.7	155.5	144.8	81.2	1,016.3
	% Change	-14.0%	-7.6%	-2.0%	-10.8%	-28.7%	-15.5%	-11.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,016.3	-11.5%
Breaking Stock	278.9	15.0%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,295.2</b>	<b>-6.9%</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	7.6	8.2	0.9	1.7	2.1	3.1	23.6
	% Change	-18.8%	-4.4%	17.1%	-34.4%	-49.5%	-17.8%	-19.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.7	11.8	0.0	2.3	31.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-19.5%	28.7%	0.0%	46.8%	-2.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	7.6	8.2	18.5	13.5	2.1	5.4	55.3
	% Change	-18.8%	-4.4%	-18.3%	14.6%	-49.5%	1.1%	-10.6%

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

Large:	36.6%
Ungraded:	48.4%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>43.3%</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 07-Apr-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,302,876	30,242	14,005	7,096	2,412	4,777
PW	1,245,678	30,467	12,306	6,304	2,127	4,417
LY	1,288,379	31,663	12,622	6,468	2,004	4,463
% PW	5%	-1%	14%	13%	13%	8%
% LY	1%	-4%	11%	10%	20%	7%
2012*	18,155,269	430,382	186,409	95,353	37,678	62,802
2011*	18,325,747	434,854	188,215	95,573	40,611	61,985
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%	-7%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	43.07	42.94	42.86
(Inedible Excluded)	39.41	39.40	39.39

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	730,347	56.1%	17,936	59.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	703,169	56.4%	18,348	60.2%
LAST YEAR	722,668	56.1%	19,402	61.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 31	Apr 07	Mar 31	Apr 07
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,319	27,989	20,335	20,595
Arkansas	21,178	21,240	20,359	18,964
Delaware	3,517	3,506	3,724	4,760
Florida	1,350	1,349	1,016	1,233
Georgia	32,796	32,564	27,233	28,079
Kentucky	7,683	7,709	6,214	5,964
Louisiana	3,500	3,500	3,025	3,356
Maryland	7,000	7,128	7,020	5,488
Mississippi	17,907	17,878	15,136	15,282
Missouri	7,464	7,701	5,548	5,413
North Carolina	20,077	20,381	16,080	16,127
Oklahoma	6,930	6,910	3,813	4,123
Pennsylvania	3,576	3,785	3,144	3,244
South Carolina	5,385	5,488	4,218	4,096
Texas	14,933	14,972	12,524	12,235
Virginia	6,311	6,415	4,735	4,592
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,783	10,668	10,859	11,778
19 State tota	197,709	199,183	164,983	165,329
Previous year total	208,037	208,503	172,812	172,733
Percent of previous year	95	96	95	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 19-May-12 is estimated at 152.1 million head. This compares to 151.6 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 84.58 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 04/05/12 - 04/11/12

CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds		LOADS
	114.50	SE	22.00	NE	136.50	MW	
GNR W 1	76.00	79.33	76.67	78.86	--	--	13.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	75.00	60.00	65.00	1.50
GL W J	--	--	87.00	89.00	58.93	--	7.75
GL W XL	--	91.00	81.33	81.42	64.12	68.00	32.00
GL W LG	--	93.00	76.25	76.58	56.10	64.00	26.50
GL W MD	--	--	53.05	58.07	50.29	--	25.25
GL W SM	50.00	44.00	48.50	51.50	40.75	--	5.00
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	152.50	104.50	--	.75
GL BR MD	61.50	--	--	62.00	57.80	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	48.50	--	62.00	47.52	52.04	23.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 07-Apr-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY			
Atlanta	21.2	18.7	13			-4
Boston	3.2	3.0	7			10
Chicago	62.3	59.3	5			17
Los Angeles	74.0	59.7	24			35
New Orleans	6.0	7.2	-17			-3
New York	40.7	37.2	9			11
St. Louis	77.6	86.7	-10			-16
San Francisco	19.1	17.6	9			-9
Total	304.1	289.4	5			5
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.4					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 07-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Avg Wt	17.03	40.04	27.67	30.37	30.70
Last week	1,931	2,575	18	2	4,526
Same wk yr ago	1,724	2,602	18	2	4,346
Avg Wt	17.02	39.15	26.55	40.69	29.53
To-date/2012*	24,475	34,575	289	103	59,442
To-date/2011*	24,355	35,427	311	108	60,201
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	-7%	-5%	-1%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	21,709	74,834	376	138	97,057
Last week	26,508	83,370	352	64	110,294
Same wk yr ago	23,327	80,985	370	63	104,745
To-date/2012*	332,956	1,141,227	5,891	2,582	1,482,656
To-date/2011*	334,116	1,121,990	8,330	2,579	1,467,015
% Change YTD	0%	2%	-29%	0%	1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

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

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

W/E 07-Apr-12 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	560	-10	27.37	(A)	562	27.37
South Atlantic	496	-26	36.93	(A)	497	36.93
North Central	1,990	-6	33.91	(A)	1,991	33.91
South Central	697	-16	19.42	(A)	698	19.42
West	204	-27	32.05	(A)	205	32.05
U.S. total	3,947 (B)	-13	30.70	6	3,953	30.70
To-date						
2012*	59,339 (B)			103	59,442	
To-date						
2011*	60,093 (B)			108	60,201	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date\* 289,000; for last year to date\* 311,000.00

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 07-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Avg Wt	5.65	3.36	8.12	5.38	6.76
Last week	149,755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Same wk yr ago	159,746	1,493	1,392	2,885	475
Avg Wt	5.69	3.16	8.12	5.55	6.85
To-date/2012*	2,093,361	22,184	20,575	42,759	5,945
To-date/2011*	2,235,058	20,143	20,763	40,906	6,308
% Change YTD	-6%	10%	-1%	5%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	630,307	3,038	7,070	10,108	2,171
Last week	651,434	2,998	7,187	10,185	2,028
Same wk yr ago	677,171	2,548	7,347	9,895	2,343
To-date/2012*	8,993,414	37,202	107,870	145,072	28,735
To-date/2011*	9,463,380	34,081	109,248	143,329	31,192
% Change YTD	-5%	9%	-1%	1%	-8%
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 149.6 million head, or 2.3 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
Mar 3	153.5	152.5	101%	5.78
10	152.1	151.4	100%	5.79
17	154.9	151.2	102%	5.74
24	152.4	151.9	100%	5.73
31	151.6	152.2	100%	5.80
Apr 7	149.6	151.9	98%	5.65
Year to date	2118.9	2125.8	100%	
Apr 14		152.9		
21		153.4		

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

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

Week Ending 14-Apr-12

Class	Current Week 04/14/12 (1)	Previous Week 04/07/12
Broiler/fryer	151,101 (2)	151,645
Light hens	2,011	1,778
Heavy hens	1,432	1,250
Total	154,544	154,673

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Apr-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 162.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.4 million head or 1.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 21-Apr-12 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/09/12	3,043	138,974	38,836
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG	185	3982	1063
PCT CHG	6%	3%	3%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 104.00-110.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00-111.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

06-Apr-12

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.5- 19.5	13.38

(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 07-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	194.5	-2	-9
East North Central	713.8	3	8
West North Central	300.9	-2	23
South Atlantic	153.0	-1	2
South Central	51.0	1	-7
West	42.8	-31	-22
Total	1456.0	-1	5

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 09-APR-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg

Los Angeles	102.00	101.12	21	88.90	60
New York	84.00-87.00	85.40	20	86.83	40

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite		
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg	
Chicago	75.00-80.00			76.10	46

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	04/09/12	Change Last Wk	04/02/12	04/11/11
332	84.56	-2.18	86.74	80.69

