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Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for Jumbo and Extra Large, and 3 to 4 cents lower for Large and Medium. The undertone is steady for Jumbo and steady to barely steady for all other sizes. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks lower. The undertone is barely steady. Offerings are moderate on light demand with breakers working from regular committed production. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs remain steady on moderate demand and offerings. Processing schedules are normal. 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	69-78	71-74	65-74	67-70
NORTHEAST	71-85	76-80	66-79	71-73
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.5-85	78-81	71.5-80	73-76
SOUTHEAST	76-87.25	77-80	70.5-78	71-75

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 04/27/12

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	90.50	85.50	74.00
SOUTHEAST	85.50	83.50	73.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.50	86.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.33	83.86	73.05

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	05/01/12	04/24/12	05/03/11
LARGE	51-61	58-68	76-86
MEDIUM	47-51	49-53	59-63

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

April 30, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.9	9.0	13.1	7.7	13.2	2.8	54.6
	% Change	-2.9%	6.6%	-16.3%	4.2%	9.3%	-3.5%	-1.6%
Extra Large	This Week	23.2	26.0	44.5	17.7	38.2	5.4	155.0
	% Change	-11.7%	15.3%	14.4%	1.5%	12.9%	21.8%	8.1%
Large	This Week	43.1	106.3	140.4	88.8	83.2	60.3	522.2
	% Change	-16.6%	-1.2%	-6.7%	-9.0%	21.6%	-0.5%	-2.7%
Medium	This Week	15.3	23.1	61.1	21.6	29.6	8.5	159.1
	% Change	-1.0%	9.5%	17.6%	-10.1%	17.1%	17.3%	9.8%
Small	This Week	4.6	4.7	5.9	0.4	1.5	3.7	20.8
	% Change	10.9%	-10.6%	20.9%	-40.3%	30.7%	17.3%	7.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	11.7	24.0	9.1	5.2	1.4	54.3
	% Change	30.8%	-1.6%	8.6%	-29.0%	-4.6%	50.5%	-2.0%
Ungraded	This Week	8.3	15.1	120.1	19.6	14.5	12.1	189.6
	% Change	4.2%	-3.8%	69.5%	-21.4%	-17.4%	14.9%	28.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	106.1	195.9	409.1	164.8	185.4	94.2	1,155.5
	% Change	-9.1%	1.8%	15.3%	-10.8%	13.2%	4.9%	4.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,155.5	4.8%
Breaking Stock	304.1	5.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,459.6	4.9%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	7.6	10.8	1.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	28.3
	% Change	-5.9%	19.3%	16.1%	-25.7%	-24.9%	-7.5%	-2.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.3	10.4	0.0	2.2	34.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-7.9%	-15.9%	0.0%	-4.9%	-10.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	10.8	23.3	13.3	2.9	5.1	63.1
	% Change	-5.9%	19.3%	-7.1%	-18.3%	-24.9%	-6.4%	-7.1%

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

Large:	28.2%
Ungraded:	49.8%
Total:	40.1%

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, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 28-Apr-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,371,190	31,450	14,470	7,440	3,047	4,493
PW	1,385,218	31,467	15,230	7,693	3,492	4,698
LY	1,339,829	31,553	13,608	7,135	2,981	4,540
% PW	-1%	0%	-5%	-3%	-13%	-4%
% LY	2%	0%	6%	4%	2%	-1%
2012*	22,271,862	524,544	230,652	117,847	47,084	76,710
2011*	22,224,886	528,321	226,935	115,522	48,126	75,007
% YTD	0%	-1%	2%	2%	-2%	2%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current	Previous	Last		
		Week	Week	Year		
(Inedible Included)		42.19	42.66	42.42		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.92	39.26	39.03		

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	795,250	58.0%	19,336	61.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	759,938	54.9%	18,146	57.7%
LAST YEAR	735,925	54.9%	19,203	60.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Apr 21	Apr 28	Apr 21	Apr 28
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	28,393	27,188	19,877	20,220
Arkansas	21,168	21,246	20,389	19,093
Delaware	3,622	3,470	4,733	4,190
Florida	1,347	1,353	1,202	1,250
Georgia	32,274	32,356	27,592	27,377
Kentucky	7,358	7,394	6,222	6,390
Louisiana	3,530	3,440	3,095	3,084
Maryland	7,570	7,628	6,244	6,677
Mississippi	18,068	17,689	15,418	15,362
Missouri	7,711	7,473	4,892	5,921
North Carolina	20,434	20,142	16,421	16,157
Oklahoma	6,849	6,970	4,238	4,887
Pennsylvania	3,795	3,673	2,892	3,134
South Carolina	5,483	5,437	4,754	5,350
Texas	14,821	14,560	12,612	12,414
Virginia	6,399	6,294	4,457	4,906
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,262	10,593	11,146	10,559
19 State total	200,084	196,906	166,184	166,971
Previous year total	209,132	207,087	172,008	172,624
Percent of previous year	96	95	97	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 09-Jun-12 is estimated at 153.4 million head. This compares to 152.5 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 148.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.46 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)
National trading for 04/26/12 - 05/02/12

CLASS	Current Lds 88.25		Future Lds 3.75		Total Lds 92.00	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	LOADS
ORG			ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W XL	--	--	52.00	54.00	--	--
GNR W 1	50.50	--	50.50	53.00	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.38	--
GL W XL	--	63.67	66.50	68.14	58.72	63.25
GL W LG	75.00	78.00	58.13	58.00	56.83	54.25
GL W MD	--	52.20	51.00	56.00	47.08	53.63
GL W SM	46.00	--	48.67	51.33	40.63	43.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--
GL BR MD	--	53.00	--	59.00	47.25	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.00

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

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	17.2	15.9	8	13
Boston	2.6	2.8	-7	-7
Chicago	50.1	62.5	-20	-21
Los Angeles	49.6	54.3	-9	-16
New Orleans	6.5	6.2	5	8
New York	34.9	38.6	-10	18
St. Louis	83.9	77.1	9	-3
San Francisco	11.8	12.6	-6	-18
Total	256.6	270.0	-5	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	274.8			

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

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,883	2,684	14	7
Avg Wt	16.76	40.16	24.26	33.55
Last week	1,992	2,610	28	2
Same wk yr ago	1,803	2,621	18	4
Avg Wt	16.70	39.41	26.68	41.71
To-date/2012*	30,276	42,385	351	115
To-date/2011*	29,678	43,023	361	119
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	-3%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	25,244	86,238	256	177
Last week	25,798	84,809	531	60
Same wk yr ago	23,938	82,118	372	129
To-date/2012*	408,143	1,393,142	7,061	2,957
To-date/2011*	405,737	1,359,358	9,260	2,950
% Change YTD	1%	2%	-24%	0%
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 28-Apr-12	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt	
North East	606	11	27.39	(A)	608	27.39
South Atlantic	614	-22	39.71	(A)	616	39.71
North Central	2,192	4	33.70	(A)	2,193	33.70
South Central	895	-2	19.09	(A)	896	19.09
West	274	1	28.25	(A)	275	28.25
U.S. total	4,581 (B)	-1	30.50	7	4,588	30.50
To-date						
2012*	73,012 (B)			115	73,127	
To-date						
2011*	73,062 (B)			119	73,181	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 14,000; for the current year to date* 351,000; for last year to date* 361,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Apr-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Avg Wt	5.85	3.27	8.02	5.25	6.78
Last week	154,825	1,969	1,483	3,452	389
Same wk yr ago	156,149	1,576	1,504	3,080	426
Avg Wt	5.80	3.17	8.37	5.71	6.91
To-date/2012*	2,554,038	27,979	24,889	52,868	7,166
To-date/2011*	2,706,199	24,559	24,991	49,550	7,586
% Change YTD	-6%	14%	0%	7%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	674,844	3,430	7,850	11,280	2,104
Last week	668,627	3,246	8,046	11,292	1,935
Same wk yr ago	674,720	2,698	8,183	10,881	2,119
To-date/2012*	11,005,979	46,939	131,363	178,302	34,804
To-date/2011*	11,499,053	41,700	131,837	173,537	37,334
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	0%	3%	-7%
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 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 154.6 million head, or 1.3 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
Mar 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
14	154.9	152.9	101%	5.79
21	156.7	153.4	102%	5.72
28	154.6	153.3	101%	5.85
Year to date	2585.1	2585.4	100%	
May 5		154.2		
12		155.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 05-May-12

Class	Current Week 05/05/12 (1)	Previous Week 04/28/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	153,733 (2)	152,091
Light hens	1,994	2,061
Heavy hens	1,518	1,439
Total	157,245	155,591

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-May-12 is 154.2 million head compared to 161.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.0 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-May-12 the estimated available is 155.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)			
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 04/30/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG	203	21828	-915
PCT CHG	7%	16%	-2%

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

Frozen Eggs	36	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	436	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	563	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-112.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00- 114.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

27-Apr-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	8.5- 19.5	13.44
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 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 28-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	201.9	2	-4
East North Central	717.4	7	8
West North Central	274.8	-9	1
South Atlantic	133.6	-6	0
South Central	50.8	1	-3
West	52.1	27	6
Total	1430.6	2	4

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-APR-2012

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

Los Angeles	102.00	101.78	30	92.64	80
New York	81.00-84.00	82.60	20	84.40	41

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg

Chicago	70.00-80.00			75.69	53
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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	04/30/12	Change Last Wk	04/23/12	05/02/11
354	85.11	.68	84.43	83.78

