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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

 This week, New York prices are steady for all egg sizes. Early in the week, regional prices were steady for Jumbo, steady to lower for Extra Large, and lower for Large and Medium. Next week's regional asking prices are trending unchanged for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are mostly moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is 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	66-75	68-71	61-70	63-66
NORTHEAST	69-83	74-78	63-76	68-70
SOUTH CENTRAL	73.5-82	75-78	67.5-76	69-72
SOUTHEAST	73-80.25	74-77	66.5-75.26	67-71

**WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL** 05/04/12  
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	83.50	78.00	72.00
SOUTHEAST	80.50	78.50	73.00
MIDWEST	74.50	72.50	68.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	79.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	82.37	77.21	72.09

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	05/08/12	05/01/12	05/10/11
LARGE	48-58	51-61	66-76
MEDIUM	43-47	47-51	58-62

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

May 07, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>11.1</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>54.4</b>
	% Change	25.2%	7.0%	-9.3%	-12.6%	-10.1%	17.3%	-0.3%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>21.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>140.5</b>
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.8%	-16.6%	-15.5%	-2.2%	-5.5%	-9.4%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>50.6</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>489.9</b>
	% Change	17.4%	7.4%	-18.6%	-17.5%	2.4%	-13.3%	-6.2%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>14.6</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>71.5</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>170.0</b>
	% Change	-4.7%	0.9%	17.0%	7.2%	-6.7%	17.5%	6.9%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>18.9</b>
	% Change	-24.9%	17.2%	-7.1%	93.0%	-16.8%	-34.9%	-9.2%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>2.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>63.3</b>
	% Change	-18.6%	1.8%	28.4%	28.0%	7.8%	-27.3%	16.7%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>12.0</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>97.6</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>177.6</b>
	% Change	45.1%	20.7%	-18.7%	21.1%	0.9%	-4.9%	-6.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>115.4</b>	<b>207.2</b>	<b>368.6</b>	<b>154.3</b>	<b>183.5</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>1,114.6</b>
	% Change	8.8%	5.8%	-9.9%	-6.4%	-1.0%	-9.1%	-3.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,114.6	-3.5%
Breaking Stock	289.7	-4.7%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,404.3</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>33.7</b>
	% Change	45.9%	-4.1%	0.0%	69.1%	11.3%	-3.0%	18.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>32.9</b>
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-17.1%	19.5%	0.0%	-4.2%	-5.4%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>11.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>66.6</b>
	% Change	<b>45.9%</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>	<b>30.6%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

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

Large:	27.6%
Ungraded:	53.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40.2%</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, & 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 05-May-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,451,064	33,522	15,583	7,948	3,259	4,915
PW	1,371,190	31,450	14,470	7,440	3,047	4,493
LY	1,376,724	32,795	13,991	7,126	3,187	4,507
% PW	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%	9%
% LY	5%	2%	11%	12%	2%	9%
2012*	23,722,926	558,067	246,235	125,794	50,344	81,625
2011*	23,601,610	561,117	240,926	122,648	51,312	79,514
% YTD	1%	-1%	2%	3%	-2%	3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.71	42.19	42.43
(Inedible Excluded)	39.32	38.92	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	814,539	56.1%	19,764	59.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	795,250	58.0%	19,336	61.5%
LAST YEAR	780,096	56.7%	20,155	61.5%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Apr 28	May 05	Apr 28	May 05
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,188	28,109	20,201	20,237
Arkansas	21,246	21,684	19,093	19,044
Delaware	3,470	3,620	4,190	4,350
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,250	1,083
Georgia	32,356	32,743	27,300	28,268
Kentucky	7,394	7,659	6,390	6,035
Louisiana	3,440	3,359	3,084	3,124
Maryland	7,628	7,449	6,677	6,380
Mississippi	17,689	17,731	15,353	14,867
Missouri	7,473	7,481	5,921	5,767
North Carolina	20,142	20,416	16,189	16,390
Oklahoma	6,970	6,712	4,887	4,791
Pennsylvania	3,597	3,678	3,101	3,142
South Carolina	5,437	5,376	5,350	4,520
Texas	14,560	14,595	12,414	12,238
Virginia	6,294	6,290	4,906	4,604
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,597	10,914	10,597	11,207
19 State total	196,834	199,168	166,903	166,047
Previous year total	207,087	207,982	172,624	172,506
Percent of previous year	95	96	97	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 16-Jun-12 is estimated at 153.3 million head. This compares to 153.4 million head the previous week and to 162.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.04 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)  
National trading for 05/03/12 - 05/09/12

CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds		136.00
	127.00	SE	9.00	NE	MW	LOADS	
GNR W 1	48.33	--	49.00	51.14	--	--	12.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.28	--	5.00
GL W XL	--	68.00	63.00	67.10	59.81	63.00	40.00
GL W LG	--	--	57.15	59.38	51.01	54.50	35.50
GL W MD	--	49.00	50.50	52.00	44.87	--	8.75
GL W SM	47.00	--	49.50	52.50	43.50	--	6.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	.50
GL BR MD	--	49.00	--	--	41.00	--	.75
NRBS - 48	--	49.55	--	--	42.70	--	5.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	42.00	47.75	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 36	--	26.75	--	--	20.00	--	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 05-May-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
Cases, in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	16.7	17.2	-3	-8
Boston	3.6	2.6	38	38
Chicago	59.6	50.1	19	-2
Los Angeles	50.9	49.6	3	-4
New Orleans	6.3	6.5	-3	24
New York	33.6	34.9	-4	7
St. Louis	91.2	83.9	9	22
San Francisco	13.0	11.8	10	-10
Total	274.9	256.6	7	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	267.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 05-May-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,658	2,837	31	1
Avg Wt	16.90	39.77	25.61	52.42
Last week	1,883	2,684	14	7
Same wk yr ago	1,829	2,642	19	7
Avg Wt	17.38	39.55	24.98	26.78
To-date/2012*	31,934	45,222	382	116
To-date/2011*	31,507	45,665	380	126
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	1%	-8%

  

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	22,417	90,269	599	40
Last week	25,244	86,238	256	177
Same wk yr ago	25,271	83,070	368	145
To-date/2012*	430,560	1,483,411	7,660	2,997
To-date/2011*	431,008	1,442,428	9,628	3,095
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-20%	-3%
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 05-May-12	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	633	4	27.25	(A)	634	27.25
South Atlantic	677	10	39.19	(A)	677	39.19
North Central	2,161	-1	34.77	(A)	2,161	34.77
South Central	806	-10	19.09	(A)	806	19.09
West	249	-9	29.51	(A)	249	29.51
U.S. total	4,526 (B)	-1	31.30	1	4,527	31.30
To-date						
2012*	77,538 (B)			116	77,654	
To-date						
2011*	77,552 (B)			126	77,678	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 31,000; for the current year to date\* 382,000; for last year to date\* 380,000.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 05-May-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,715	1,870	1,511	3,381	444
Avg Wt	5.79	3.14	8.01	5.32	6.98
Last week	152,792	1,998	1,429	3,427	428
Same wk yr ago	159,052	1,545	1,563	3,108	417
Avg Wt	5.79	3.15	8.11	5.64	6.87
To-date/2012*	2,705,753	29,849	26,400	56,249	7,610
To-date/2011*	2,865,251	26,104	26,554	52,658	8,003
% Change YTD	-6%	14%	-1%	7%	-5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	663,215	3,083	8,291	11,374	2,247
Last week	674,844	3,430	7,850	11,280	2,104
Same wk yr ago	686,079	2,628	8,239	10,867	2,063
To-date/2012*	11,669,194	50,022	139,654	189,676	37,051
To-date/2011*	12,185,132	44,328	140,076	184,404	39,397
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	0%	3%	-6%
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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 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.6 million head, or 0.6 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 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
May 5	153.6	154.2	100%	5.79
Year to date	2738.7	2739.6	100%	
May 12		155.5		
19		155.7		

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

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

Week Ending 12-May-12

Class	Current Week 05/12/12 (1)	Previous Week 05/05/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	157,718 (2)	153,733
Light hens	2,164	1,994
Heavy hens	1,577	1,518
Total	161,459	157,245

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-May-12 is 155.5 million head compared to 167.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.0 million head or 2.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-May-12 the estimated available is 155.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Poultry LBS	Other Poultry LBS
AM 05/07/12	3,039	164,670	37,329	
AM 05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858	
CHG	-22	7850	471	
PCT CHG	-1%	5%	1%	

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens was 105.00-112.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00-114.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

04-May-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	8.5- 19.5	13.47
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 05-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.5	-2	-1
East North Central	712.9	-1	10
West North Central	291.9	6	7
South Atlantic	133.4	0	5
South Central	51.6	2	10
West	35.0	-33	-24
Total	1422.3	-1	6

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 07-MAY-2012

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

Los Angeles	103.00	102.32	25	94.30	56
New York	82.00-85.00	83.77	22	85.79	41

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

Chicago	76.00-81.00			80.45	51
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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	05/07/12	Change Last Wk	04/30/12	05/09/11
324	86.87	1.76	85.11	84.58

