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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



This week, New York and regional prices are steady for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand started the week as light but improved as the week progressed and was noted as moderate to fairly good by the end of the trading period. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Demand is very light for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to 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	123-132	125-128	98-107	100-103
NORTHEAST	124-138	129-133	99-112	104-106
SOUTH CENTRAL	134.5-143	136-139	104.5-113	106-109
SOUTHEAST	135-152	136-139	104.5-122	105-109

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

11/30/12

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	132.00	131.00	105.00
SOUTHEAST	139.50	137.50	107.00
MIDWEST	128.50	126.50	101.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	137.50	137.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	134.47	133.30	105.33

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	12/04/12	11/27/12	12/06/11
LARGE	105-115	105-115	96-106
MEDIUM	80-84	80-84	76-80

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

December 03, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	15.6	10.1	21.4	6.2	12.7	4.0	70.0
	% Change	87.6%	24.3%	26.2%	-13.7%	26.9%	-8.5%	27.4%
Extra Large	This Week	42.3	23.4	46.9	19.4	42.4	4.4	178.9
	% Change	46.5%	31.0%	23.2%	40.2%	41.2%	15.9%	35.0%
Large	This Week	62.6	145.9	147.4	110.4	87.8	51.9	606.0
	% Change	12.6%	41.0%	40.5%	41.6%	37.7%	15.0%	34.4%
Medium	This Week	11.5	21.2	59.0	26.5	26.5	13.9	158.7
	% Change	-27.2%	22.5%	8.9%	8.3%	2.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Small	This Week	2.8	2.0	7.3	1.3	0.6	3.2	17.1
	% Change	30.7%	40.7%	-11.8%	-26.9%	-61.0%	-4.8%	-6.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	15.0	32.9	16.6	5.8	3.2	76.6
	% Change	52.6%	8.5%	-14.4%	14.1%	-1.0%	3.5%	-1.6%
Ungraded	This Week	10.6	16.2	96.7	21.6	22.4	11.2	178.6
	% Change	38.5%	-1.3%	2.9%	-14.9%	-10.1%	44.0%	1.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	148.5	233.8	411.7	201.9	198.3	91.7	1,285.9
	% Change	23.3%	31.1%	16.0%	22.3%	22.4%	13.8%	21.2%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
Shell Egg		1,285.9		21.2%				
Breaking Stock		273.7		2.9%				
Total Shell Egg		1,559.6		17.5%				

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	11.5	14.1	5.4	4.7	3.9	1.2	40.7
	% Change	42.0%	82.9%	10.2%	18.1%	41.5%	-45.5%	37.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.1	10.8	7.1	2.3	48.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	-10.6%	-30.1%	5.5%	-5.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	11.5	14.1	33.5	15.5	11.0	3.5	89.1
	% Change	42.0%	82.9%	5.8%	-3.5%	-14.9%	-19.5%	10.2%

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

Large:	34.6%
Ungraded:	69.7%
Total:	53.7%

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 01-Dec-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,389,387	33,770	13,202	6,882	2,846	4,741
PW	1,266,630	30,474	12,550	6,169	2,294	4,133
LY	1,348,380	33,117	12,774	6,597	2,749	4,435
% PW	10%	11%	5%	12%	24%	15%
% LY	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	7%
2012*	65,668,245	1,551,746	665,066	337,328	139,948	219,107
2011*	64,693,351	1,536,488	650,026	330,157	137,563	216,857
% YTD	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

Average Yield Per Case - Current Week Previous Week Last Year
 (Inedible Included) 42.17 42.10 42.22
 (Inedible Excluded) 38.76 38.84 38.93

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	817,535	58.8%	20,884	61.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	803,758	63.5%	20,433	67.1%
LAST YEAR	737,343	54.7%	20,129	60.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Nov 24	Dec 01	Nov 24	Dec 01
Alabama	27,056	27,369	17,883	19,786
Arkansas	21,632	22,063	18,987	19,476
Delaware	3,413	3,415	4,309	3,550
Florida	1,353	1,655	1,162	1,020
Georgia	31,711	33,372	24,791	26,359
Kentucky	7,171	6,761	5,875	5,542
Louisiana	3,258	3,258	2,664	2,642
Maryland	7,182	7,067	5,710	7,060
Mississippi	17,178	17,089	12,984	14,757
Missouri	8,013	8,012	4,869	5,316
North Carolina	19,786	19,794	16,127	16,603
Oklahoma	6,825	7,026	3,997	4,204
Pennsylvania	3,630	3,648	2,965	2,949
South Carolina	5,657	5,557	4,885	3,843
Texas	14,000	14,764	11,140	11,811
Virginia	6,455	6,638	3,929	3,592
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,288	10,755	9,435	11,042
19 State total	194,608	198,243	151,712	159,552
Previous year total	194,560	194,178	156,853	160,576
Percent of previous year	100	102	97	99

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 12-Jan-13 is estimated at 143.3 million head. This compares to 141.3 million head the previous week and to 146.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 136.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.84 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 11/29/12 - 12/05/12

CLASS	Current Lds 126.00		Future Lds 48.50		Total Lds 174.50	
	SE	DST	NE	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	101.67	113.18	104.33	106.29	--	--
GL W J	--	--	115.50	117.50	100.08	--
GL W XL	101.56	127.08	113.20	113.99	101.47	112.50
GL W LG	--	124.50	106.00	106.02	95.67	99.88
GL W MD	79.00	85.75	84.50	87.50	78.04	--
GL W SM	79.00	78.00	71.50	74.50	66.50	--
GL BR J	--	--	122.00	124.00	100.00	--
GL BR XL	--	--	105.00	106.00	--	--
GL BR LG	--	--	118.00	120.00	100.00	--
GL BR MD	79.00	--	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	97.00	--	--
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	71.00	75.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	74.00	--	77.00	80.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Dec-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY	
Atlanta	18.7	19.9	-6	2	2	
Boston	3.0	2.9	3	-9	-9	
Chicago	52.9	61.8	-14	-17	-17	
Los Angeles	58.9	58.2	1	-2	-2	
New Orleans	5.9	6.4	-8	-8	-8	
New York	36.0	35.0	3	0	0	
St. Louis	92.7	100.0	-7	23	23	
San Francisco	16.0	20.8	-23	19	19	
Total	284.1	305.2	-7	3	3	
4 Week Moving Avg.	310.3					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 01-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,806	2,712	58	6	4,582
Avg Wt	16.69	40.68	26.02	37.99	31.04
Last week	933	1,648	35	0	2,616
Same wk yr ago	1,977	2,603	20	33	4,633
Avg Wt	16.60	38.21	29.42	30.62	28.90
To-date/2012*	88,369	124,815	1,352	344	214,880
To-date/2011*	90,024	123,873	1,063	396	215,356
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	27%	-13%	0%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

	Young	Old	Total
Current week	24,114	88,259	1,147
Last week	11,920	53,448	668
Same wk yr ago	26,247	79,571	450
To-date/2012*	1,196,938	3,967,370	26,752
To-date/2011*	1,226,405	3,831,679	23,444
% Change YTD	-2%	4%	14%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 76.0% 76.0%

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 01-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg		
North East	661	100	26.24 (A)	661
South Atlantic	546	28	41.73 (A)	546
North Central	2,177	62	33.12 (A)	2,182
South Central	777	119	18.52 (A)	779
West	357	181	25.92 (A)	357
U.S. total	4,518 (B)	75	31.04	4,524
To-date 2012*	213,184 (B)			344
To-date 2011*	214,960 (B)			396

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 58,000; for the current year to date* 1,352,000; for last year to date* 1,063,000.
 *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 01-Dec-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	153,396	1,544	1,131	2,675	504
Avg Wt	5.94	3.44	8.16	5.44	6.79
Last week	123,851	674	772	1,446	376
Same wk yr ago	148,055	1,155	1,477	2,632	429
Avg Wt	5.86	3.13	7.81	5.76	6.85
To-date/2012*	7,297,968	64,069	75,928	146,136	19,871
To-date/2011*	7,521,984	57,103	73,501	137,523	20,606
% Change YTD	-3%	12%	3%	6%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	687,935	2,868	6,045	8,913	2,447
Last week	547,952	1,227	4,141	5,368	1,833
Same wk yr ago	650,702	1,916	7,613	9,529	2,116
To-date/2012*	31,650,668	119,498	396,626	516,124	95,763
To-date/2011*	32,177,590	109,656	380,287	489,943	100,184
% Change YTD	-2%	9%	4%	5%	-4%
Dressing %	75.5%	54.0%	65.5%		71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 10.5 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
10/27	155.3	150.6	103%	5.76
11/03	150.1	150.1	100%	5.87
11/10	156.5	151.1	104%	5.93
11/17	152.9	149.6	102%	5.83
11/24	125.4	145.4	86%	5.86
12/01	155.3	144.8	107%	5.94
Year to date	7386.9	7353.5	100%	
12/08		146.8		
12/15		145.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 08-Dec-12

Class	Current Week 12/08/12 (1)	Previous Week 12/01/12
Broiler/fryer	154,406 (2)	152,212
Light hens	1,727	1,552
Heavy hens	1,533	1,448
Total	157,666	155,212

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Dec-12 is 145.1 million head compared to 153.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.7 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 15-Dec-12 the estimated available is 145.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 12/03/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
AM 11/01/12	3,011	122,767	55,357
CHG	-9	-46040	14479
PCT CHG	0%	-38%	26%

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

Frozen Eggs	29	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	254	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	818	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-102.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-102.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

30-Nov-12

Live Spent Heavy	Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	Prices in cents per pound.	9.5- 21.0	13.78

(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 01-Dec-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	207.6	-5	3
East North Central	736.6	-1	3
West North Central	330.2	-3	11
South Atlantic	136.2	-5	-14
South Central	53.7	-1	4
West	35.2	-3	-17
Total	1499.5	-3	2

Matched Plants Reporting Previous Week 69 Last Year 69

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)
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 03-Dec-2012

	Grade A Majority	Grade A Wtd Avg	Composite Loads	Composite Wtd Avg	Composite Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Los Angeles	106.00	108.79	14	103.53	66
New York	97.00-100.00	98.86	21	98.98	40

	Whole Body 2/ Majority	Whole Body 2/ Wtd Avg	Composite Loads	Composite Wtd Avg	Composite Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Chicago	86.00-99.00			93.09	59

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	12/03/12	Change Last Wk	11/26/12	12/05/11
319	98.58	.08	98.50	79.59

