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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

For this period, New York prices are lower for Extra Large and Large, while Medium are steady. Early in the week, regional prices declined for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is reported as light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies remain moderate to heavy in the Midwest region with the balance of regions mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to instances moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate offerings. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. 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	105-114	107-110	84-93	86-89
NORTHEAST	106-120	113-115	91-104	96-98
SOUTH CENTRAL	116.5-125	118-121	92.5-101	94-97
SOUTHEAST	117-140	118-121	94.5-118	95-99

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/28/12
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	124.00	123.00	103.00
SOUTHEAST	131.50	129.50	105.00
MIDWEST	120.50	118.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	129.50	129.50	103.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	126.47	125.30	102.25

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	01/02/13	12/26/12	01/03/11
LARGE	87-97	93-103	111-121
MEDIUM	66-70	72-76	72-76

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

December 31, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	5.8	8.2	18.4	8.5	7.6	3.2	51.8
	% Change	-38.1%	-1.8%	-0.9%	32.3%	5.3%	14.6%	-2.0%
Extra Large	This Week	22.8	14.3	41.6	13.7	27.6	6.3	126.3
	% Change	8.4%	-13.9%	12.1%	-19.0%	2.1%	18.1%	1.8%
Large	This Week	54.0	96.2	130.1	80.0	73.2	54.6	488.0
	% Change	4.6%	-1.4%	12.1%	-2.7%	-9.1%	26.7%	3.6%
Medium	This Week	13.8	14.1	55.9	31.2	27.1	11.1	153.2
	% Change	0.9%	-11.6%	19.5%	13.9%	6.1%	-6.8%	8.5%
Small	This Week	3.0	2.8	6.8	1.2	0.6	2.9	17.1
	% Change	90.3%	-18.6%	2.3%	16.0%	-25.6%	105.0%	16.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.8	11.9	36.3	18.0	5.6	2.1	75.7
	% Change	-19.7%	-4.9%	16.0%	8.9%	9.7%	-17.4%	7.8%
Ungraded	This Week	9.2	16.2	70.4	20.6	19.2	11.8	147.3
	% Change	11.6%	131.7%	16.9%	-0.9%	-10.4%	45.5%	17.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	110.3	163.6	359.4	173.3	160.8	91.9	1,059.3
	% Change	2.4%	1.4%	13.6%	1.1%	-4.1%	22.3%	6.0%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
Shell Egg		1,059.3		6.0%				
Breaking Stock		288.2		8.4%				
Total Shell Egg		1,347.5		6.5%				

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	8.8	15.9	4.8	4.3	3.2	2.0	39.0
	% Change	3.2%	-5.6%	-31.9%	5.6%	-5.0%	5.9%	-6.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.7	14.6	3.6	2.3	47.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-3.2%	10.4%	-41.9%	-19.9%	-5.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.8	15.9	31.5	18.9	6.8	4.2	86.2
	% Change	3.2%	-5.6%	-9.1%	9.2%	-28.8%	-9.7%	-5.9%

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

Large:	31.2%
Ungraded:	67.4%
Total:	51.0%

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 29-Dec-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,443,475	33,225	14,857	7,801	2,880	4,107
PW	1,387,570	34,152	13,840	6,781	2,954	4,583
LY	1,183,897	28,932	11,606	5,856	2,707	3,880
% PW	4%	-3%	7%	15%	-2%	-10%
% LY	22%	15%	28%	33%	6%	6%
2012*	71,276,726	1,686,203	720,422	365,786	150,632	236,937
2011*	69,681,439	1,660,057	697,089	354,398	147,703	233,497
% YTD	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year		
(Inedible Included)		41.56	42.78	42.47		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.71	39.47	39.19		

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	835,710	57.9%	19,630	59.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	820,699	59.1%	21,501	63.0%
LAST YEAR	700,367	59.2%	18,148	62.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Dec 22	Dec 29	Dec 22	Dec 29
Alabama	27,871	27,873	21,399	21,054
Arkansas	21,622	21,742	19,753	19,236
Delaware	3,414	3,411	3,817	3,727
Florida	1,353	1,350	1,304	725
Georgia	32,432	32,233	27,620	25,505
Kentucky	7,679	7,352	5,574	5,731
Louisiana	3,304	3,288	2,958	2,937
Maryland	7,153	7,066	6,137	7,131
Mississippi	16,822	16,719	14,871	15,027
Missouri	7,897	7,932	5,633	5,589
North Carolina	19,978	19,765	15,819	15,556
Oklahoma	6,968	6,936	5,334	4,523
Pennsylvania	3,713	3,711	3,110	2,970
South Carolina	5,462	5,463	4,763	4,128
Texas	14,033	14,048	12,416	11,619
Virginia	6,490	6,260	4,973	4,021
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,574	10,428	11,497	9,301
19 State total	196,765	195,577	166,978	158,780
Previous year total	195,380	192,967	162,753	162,444
Percent of previous year	101	101	103	98

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-Feb-13 is estimated at 150.0 million head. This compares to 152.1 million head the previous week and to 153.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 86.31 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 12/27/12 - 01/02/12

CLASS	Current Lds 101.50		Future Lds 87.50		Total Lds 189.00	
	SE	DST	NE	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	85.00	95.20	86.67	87.36	--	--
GL W J	--	--	101.00	104.00	80.00	--
GL W XL	--	100.06	93.00	93.72	76.72	81.92
GL W LG	--	102.65	88.00	82.77	80.79	92.00
GL W MD	67.00	--	71.33	79.22	--	--
GL W SM	--	--	68.00	70.75	--	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	80.00	--
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	95.00	96.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	56.50	61.00	--	--
NRBS - 45	--	53.50	--	--	45.50	--

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Dec-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY	
Atlanta	17.6	27.7	-36	4		
Boston	2.9	3.0	-3	16		
Chicago	55.3	63.5	-13	-5		
Los Angeles	55.8	71.3	-22	2		
New Orleans	7.5	6.1	23	23		
New York	39.9	42.1	-5	-10		
St. Louis	92.5	106.6	-13	26		
San Francisco	22.5	24.0	-6	47		
Total	294.0	348.6	-16	8		
4 Week Moving Avg.	320.2					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 29-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Breeders	
Head	930	1,444	7	0	2,381
Avg Wt	16.15	42.62	25.93	0.00	32.23
Last week	1,386	2,405	13	27	3,831
Same wk yr ago	1,287	1,992	6	8	3,293
Avg Wt	15.41	42.11	26.27	30.19	31.62
To-date/2012*	94,698	133,890	1,429	408	230,425
To-date/2011*	95,990	133,313	1,122	453	230,878
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	27%	-10%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	12,016	49,235	138	0	61,389
Last week	17,375	78,826	254	524	96,979
Same wk yr ago	15,866	61,706	121	185	77,878
To-date/2012*	1,279,468	4,267,716	28,335	9,893	5,585,712
To-date/2011*	1,302,882	4,134,795	24,643	10,659	5,472,979
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	15%	-7%	2%
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 29-Dec-12	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg	Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt
North East	365	-46	27.51	(A)	365
South Atlantic	213	-62	40.92	(A)	213
North Central	1,189	-36	35.81	(A)	1,189
South Central	449	0	18.99	(A)	449
West	158	-37	31.47	(A)	158
U.S. total	2,374 (B)	-37	32.23	0	2,374
To-date					
2012*	228,588 (B)			408	228,996
To-date					
2011*	230,425 (B)			453	230,878

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 7,000; for the current year to date* 1,429,000; for last year to date* 1,122,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 29-Dec-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	115,385	940	780	1,720	239
Avg Wt	5.64	3.04	8.31	5.43	6.16
Last week	155,551	1,910	1,272	3,182	399
Same wk yr ago	126,173	1,378	1,371	2,749	402
Avg Wt	5.72	3.19	7.69	5.43	6.83
To-date/2012*	7,874,507	76,192	80,930	157,122	21,412
To-date/2011*	8,085,700	69,328	79,587	148,915	22,305
% Change YTD	-3%	10%	2%	6%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	491,332	1,543	4,246	5,789	1,053
Last week	662,367	3,208	6,549	9,757	1,612
Same wk yr ago	541,282	2,330	6,958	9,288	1,977
To-date/2012*	34,162,250	129,543	422,729	552,272	102,600
To-date/2011*	34,585,849	118,635	411,316	529,951	108,590
% Change YTD	-1%	9%	3%	4%	-6%

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 143.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 116.8 million head, or 26.3 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
11/24	125.4	145.4	86%	5.86
12/01	155.3	144.8	107%	5.94
12/08	155.1	146.8	106%	5.94
12/15	154.2	145.2	106%	5.83
12/22	157.4	145.2	108%	5.64
12/29	116.8	143.1	82%	5.64
Year to date	7970.4	7933.8	100%	
01/05		139.0		
01/12		146.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 05-Jan-13

Class	Current Week 01/05/13 (1)	Previous Week 12/29/12
Broiler/fryer	123,502 (2)	115,119
Light hens	1,518	1,049
Heavy hens	1,182	880
Total	126,202	117,048

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-13 is 141.1 million head compared to 136.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 123.7 million head or -17.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-13 the estimated available is 142.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	12/31/12	2,985	90,863	78,498
AM	12/01/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
CHG		-17	14136	8662
PCT CHG		-1%	18%	12%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-100.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 96.00-100.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

28-Dec-12

Live Spent Heavy	Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	Prices in cents per pound.	10.0- 22.0	13.87

(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 29-Dec-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	209.1	0	-1
East North Central	716.0	-1	1
West North Central	338.7	-3	13
South Atlantic	131.1	-4	-14
South Central	50.8	-4	2
West	33.7	-3	-18
Total	1479.4	-2	1

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 31-Dec-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	107.00	111.43	15	107.53
New York	100.00-103.00	101.86	21	101.85

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
98.00-104.00			101.48	44

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	12/31/12	Change Last Wk	12/24/12	01/02/12
280	102.94	3.37	99.57	81.70

