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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

For this week, all New York egg prices are higher. Early in the week, regional prices were unchanged for the heavier weight eggs and steady to lower for the lighter weights. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for both the larger and smaller sized eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail demand in the Northeastern region continues light to moderate with the balance of regions reporting fairly good to good. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate on light to mostly moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Processing schedules remain full-time to over-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	101-110	103-106	82-91	84-87
NORTHEAST	103-117	108-112	90-104	96-98
SOUTH CENTRAL	112.5-121	114-117	92.5-101	94-97
SOUTHEAST	113-130	114-117	92.5-110	93-97

**PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS** - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	01/15/13	01/08/13	01/17/15
LARGE	83-93	83-93	70-80
MEDIUM	64-68	64-68	55-59

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

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	112.50	110.00	97.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	97.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	87.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	115.50	95.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	113.65	111.53	94.24

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

January 14, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	7.1	8.0	18.6	7.1	7.2	5.1	53.1
	% Change	9.5%	-5.3%	12.6%	-17.4%	-16.5%	13.1%	-0.1%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	21.8	14.4	32.8	14.1	30.7	6.1	119.8
	% Change	-7.5%	-4.7%	-34.7%	-4.5%	28.6%	-19.3%	-11.2%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	53.6	80.4	101.6	57.1	57.8	41.7	392.1
	% Change	-4.3%	-13.8%	-21.2%	-11.6%	-13.3%	-18.3%	-14.8%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	18.4	14.5	37.8	27.9	23.1	9.0	130.7
	% Change	25.8%	1.2%	-25.9%	-15.2%	-18.4%	3.0%	-12.8%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	6.2	4.3	8.2	2.7	0.6	2.3	24.3
	% Change	-2.5%	28.8%	30.2%	55.5%	7.0%	-26.2%	13.6%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.1	12.7	29.5	19.8	6.8	2.9	73.8
	% Change	-12.1%	0.2%	-13.9%	1.8%	23.2%	59.8%	-3.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	4.3	19.8	85.8	23.6	19.3	8.7	161.5
	% Change	-73.6%	-4.4%	-9.4%	-14.7%	1.1%	-18.8%	-14.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	113.6	154.0	314.3	152.2	145.4	75.7	955.2
	% Change	-9.7%	-8.2%	-17.7%	-10.3%	-4.7%	-13.4%	-12.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	955.2	-12.0%
Breaking Stock	288.2	-4.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,243.4</b>	<b>-10.4%</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	7.0	19.1	7.5	4.8	6.1	1.5	45.9
	% Change	-16.0%	1.5%	-3.0%	-7.0%	61.2%	-8.2%	1.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.7	11.2	3.3	2.5	39.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-13.1%	-18.9%	-14.5%	21.6%	-13.4%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	7.0	19.1	30.2	16.0	9.4	3.9	85.6
	% Change	-16.0%	1.5%	-10.8%	-15.7%	23.3%	8.6%	-6.1%

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

Large:	29.0%
Ungraded:	71.7%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>48.8%</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 12-Jan-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,422,000	34,186	13,960	6,654	3,484	4,807
PW	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
LY	1,374,673	32,825	13,599	7,226	3,024	4,803
% PW	9%	18%	-1%	-10%	17%	10%
% LY	3%	4%	3%	-8%	15%	0%
2013*	2,721,735	63,241	28,058	14,018	6,458	9,172
2012*	2,690,783	65,146	26,328	13,743	5,893	9,227
% YTD	1%	-3%	7%	2%	10%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	41.92	42.22	42.52
(Inedible Excluded)	38.54	38.87	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	816,787	57.4%	21,172	61.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	828,662	63.8%	19,242	66.2%
LAST YEAR	754,562	54.9%	19,605	59.7%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 05	Jan 12	Jan 05	Jan 12
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,185	28,021	21,164	21,115
Arkansas	21,748	22,011	21,225	20,363
Delaware	3,414	3,415	4,181	4,566
Florida	1,351	1,348	1,226	1,399
Georgia	32,580	31,600	27,209	26,776
Kentucky	7,579	7,499	6,125	6,359
Louisiana	3,258	3,273	2,966	2,958
Maryland	7,212	7,215	5,860	6,096
Mississippi	16,549	17,073	14,757	14,513
Missouri	7,995	7,997	5,484	5,382
North Carolina	19,937	19,898	16,076	15,890
Oklahoma	6,935	6,929	3,579	4,051
Pennsylvania	3,821	4,052	3,140	3,214
South Carolina	4,879	5,264	3,779	4,899
Texas	14,377	14,451	11,966	11,919
Virginia	6,363	6,342	4,954	4,835
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,514	10,239	9,743	10,212
19 State total	196,697	196,627	163,434	164,547
Previous year total	193,220	193,079	161,868	162,550
Percent of previous year	102	102	101	101

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 23-Feb-13 is estimated at 151.0 million head. This compares to 148.5 million head the previous week and to 152.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.3 million head and the national weighted average price was 90.50 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/10/13 - 01/16/13		Current Lds 145.00		Future Lds 99.25		Total Lds 244.25	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	91.00	88.00	90.00	--	--	10.00
GNR W 1	84.00	92.94	87.00	86.71	91.50	92.00	103.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	66.00	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	98.67	101.00	99.55	--	8.50
GL W XL	--	110.80	95.58	97.73	94.62	--	50.25
GL W LG	--	105.71	91.00	89.08	88.68	--	81.75
GL W MD	69.50	--	73.41	77.92	70.56	--	30.25
GL W SM	67.50	--	69.00	71.50	--	--	5.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	54.00	58.00	--	60.50	3.00
NRBS - 45	--	53.00	--	--	45.00	--	5.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	37.50	42.00	1.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	43.00	35.00	--	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 12-Jan-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	22.5	23.3	-3	15
Boston	2.8	2.4	17	-10
Chicago	61.0	57.7	6	-3
Los Angeles	65.6	62.2	5	15
New Orleans	6.3	6.6	-5	-5
New York	38.7	32.2	20	4
St. Louis	119.6	113.4	5	31
San Francisco	21.0	18.3	15	50
Total	337.5	315.6	7	16
4 Week Moving Avg.	323.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 12-Jan-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,686	2,547	50	24	4,307
Avg Wt	16.54	41.58	27.39	26.87	31.53
Last week	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
Same wk yr ago	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Avg Wt	16.83	42.19	27.29	36.66	31.87
To-date/2013*	2,974	4,623	79	34	7,710
To-date/2012*	3,206	4,549	36	17	7,808
% Change YTD	-7%	2%	119%	100%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,309	84,723	1,055	497	108,584
Last week	18,805	69,039	517	233	88,594
Same wk yr ago	22,383	81,957	522	280	105,142
To-date/2013*	41,114	153,762	1,572	730	197,178
To-date/2012*	43,467	153,799	744	423	198,433
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	111%	73%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 12-Jan-13 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old	Total	Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders	-Thousand head-	Avg	
Head	PW	Live wt			Live wt	
North East	558	19	25.86	(A)	558	25.86
South Atlantic	533	5	41.36	(A)	533	41.36
North Central	2,220	30	33.03	(A)	2,238	33.03
South Central	734	49	18.96	(A)	740	18.96
West	188	3	33.1	(A)	188	33.10
U.S. total	4,233 (B)	26	31.53	24	4,257	31.53
To-date						
2013*	7,597 (B)			34	7,631	
To-date						
2012*	7,791 (B)			17	7,808	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 50,000; for the current year to date\* 79,000; for last year to date\* 36,000.  
 \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 12-Jan-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	158,856	1,730	1,595	3,325	475
Avg Wt	5.93	3.36	7.94	5.56	6.58
Last week	130,573	1,368	1,130	2,498	349
Same wk yr ago	153,922	1,818	1,558	3,376	409
Avg Wt	5.65	3.20	7.34	5.11	6.47
To-date/2013*	289,429	3,098	2,725	5,823	824
To-date/2012*	289,137	3,193	2,923	6,116	813
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	-7%	-5%	1%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	715,932	3,081	8,485	11,566	2,219
Last week	579,535	2,226	5,103	7,329	1,938
Same wk yr ago	652,244	3,025	7,719	10,744	1,905
To-date/2013*	1,295,467	5,307	13,588	18,895	4,157
To-date/2012*	1,231,302	5,277	14,860	20,137	3,727
% Change YTD	5%	1%	-9%	-6%	12%

Dressing % 76.0% 53.0% 67.0% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.8 million head, or 14.1 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
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
01/05	132.2	139.0	95%	5.84
01/12	160.8	146.7	110%	5.93
Year to date	293.0	285.7	103%	
01/19		142.8		
01/26		150.0		

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

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

Week Ending 19-Jan-13

Class	Current Week 01/19/13 (1)	Previous Week 01/12/13
Broiler/fryer	155,147 (2)	152,066
Light hens	2,102	1,667
Heavy hens	1,583	1,600
Total	158,832	155,333

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Jan-13 is 144.8 million head compared to 148.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.5 million head or 10.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 26-Jan-13 the estimated available is 146.4 million head.

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 01/14/13	2,924	106,386	74,929
AM 01/01/13	2,945	95,985	76,228
CHG	-21	10401	-1299
PCT CHG	-1%	11%	-2%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-98.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 93.00-98.00 cents fob for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

11-Jan-13

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0- 22.0	13.88

(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 12-Jan-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	218	-1	10
East North Central	741	7	2
West North Central	333.1	4	15
South Atlantic	126.1	0	-14
South Central	50	-1	7
West	34	1	-15
Total	1502.2	4	4

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)

**NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER**

11-Jan-13

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	103.81	↓ 1.17	11,824
<b>Last Week:</b>	104.98		11,248
<b>Last Year:</b>	80.95	↑ 22.86	12,920

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Dec	97.63	47,943

**Whole Body:**

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
<b>New York</b>	89.00 - 108.00	100.00 - 106.00	103.70	1,508
<b>Chicago</b>	84.00 - 108.00	93.00 - 101.00	97.08	1,683
<b>Los Angeles</b>	93.00 - 123.00	107.00 - 109.00	109.03	1,799

Negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot quantities of ready-to-cook whole body broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers; prices in cents per pound; volume in thousands of pounds.

