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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for all sizes. The undertone remains firm. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is reported as mostly moderate to good, occasionally light. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to increased. 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	111-120	113-116	89-98	91-94
NORTHEAST	112-126	117-121	94-107	99-101
SOUTH CENTRAL	123.5-132	125-128	95.5-104	94-100
SOUTHEAST	115.5-133	124-127	94-110	96-100

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

IA-MN-WI	01/22/13	01/15/13	01/24/12
LARGE	96-106	83-93	70-80
MEDIUM	73-77	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	95.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	85.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	115.50	95.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	113.65	111.53	93.30

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)¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

January 21, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.6	6.8	16.6	6.0	6.5	3.3	47.8
	% Change	20.2%	-14.9%	-11.0%	-14.7%	-8.8%	-36.0%	-10.0%
Extra Large	This Week	25.1	11.8	32.2	13.0	30.7	8.3	121.2
	% Change	15.4%	-17.5%	-1.9%	-7.7%	0.0%	36.8%	1.2%
Large	This Week	44.9	76.1	98.9	51.3	62.9	40.3	374.5
	% Change	-16.2%	-5.3%	-2.6%	-10.1%	8.8%	-3.2%	-4.5%
Medium	This Week	19.8	13.6	35.1	21.7	19.2	9.7	119.1
	% Change	7.3%	-5.9%	-7.3%	-22.2%	-16.8%	7.5%	-8.9%
Small	This Week	8.2	3.7	8.9	2.6	0.8	2.3	26.3
	% Change	30.8%	-13.9%	7.4%	-4.8%	23.0%	2.2%	8.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	15.4	24.6	17.6	2.5	2.6	64.8
	% Change	2.4%	21.1%	-16.8%	-11.0%	-63.8%	-7.7%	-12.1%
Ungraded	This Week	6.8	17.4	83.8	23.9	19.6	10.7	162.1
	% Change	58.3%	-12.2%	-2.3%	1.0%	1.2%	23.8%	0.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	115.6	144.9	299.9	136.1	142.1	77.3	915.8
	% Change	1.7%	-6.0%	-4.6%	-10.6%	-2.3%	2.2%	-4.1%
Totals				Cases	Percent Change			
Shell Egg				915.8	-4.1%			
Breaking Stock				279.9	-2.9%			
Total Shell Egg				1,195.7	-3.8%			

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	8.5	19.2	5.9	4.7	6.8	0.9	45.9
	% Change	22.2%	0.3%	-20.7%	-2.7%	10.8%	-39.3%	0.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.0	7.7	4.3	0.0	37.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	14.4%	-31.6%	30.8%	-100.0%	-4.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.5	19.2	32.0	12.3	11.0	0.9	83.8
	% Change	22.2%	0.3%	5.7%	-23.0%	17.7%	-77.6%	-2.0%
							Large:	27.2%
							Ungraded:	77.2%
							Total:	49.8%

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

Large: 27.2%
Ungraded: 77.2%
Total: 49.8%

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 19-Jan-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,372,586	32,627	14,406	6,940	3,256	4,603
PW	1,422,000	34,186	13,960	6,654	3,484	4,807
LY	1,331,049	31,137	13,952	7,135	3,147	4,633
% PW	-3%	-5%	3%	4%	-7%	-4%
% LY	3%	5%	3%	-3%	3%	-1%
2012*	4,094,321	95,868	42,464	20,957	9,714	13,774
2011*	4,021,832	96,283	40,280	20,878	9,039	13,860
% YTD	2%	0%	5%	0%	7%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.67	41.92	42.72
(Inedible Excluded)	39.32	38.54	39.23

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	789,203	57.5%	20,432	62.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	816,787	57.4%	21,172	61.9%
LAST YEAR	724,408	54.4%	17,681	56.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 12	Jan 19
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,021	27,746	21,115	21,411
Arkansas	22,002	21,756	20,368	21,231
Delaware	3,415	3,414	4,566	3,964
Florida	1,348	1,350	1,399	1,127
Georgia	31,606	32,584	26,800	26,932
Kentucky	7,507	7,749	6,355	5,761
Louisiana	3,273	3,288	2,958	2,974
Maryland	7,215	7,171	6,096	6,713
Mississippi	17,073	16,908	14,513	14,464
Missouri	7,997	7,715	5,382	5,342
North Carolina	19,898	19,640	15,890	16,130
Oklahoma	6,929	6,514	4,051	3,605
Pennsylvania	4,052	4,063	3,214	3,197
South Carolina	5,264	5,217	4,252	3,954
Texas	14,451	14,426	11,919	11,614
Virginia	6,342	6,323	4,835	4,420
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,239	10,020	10,212	9,381
19 State total	196,632	195,884	163,925	162,220
Previous year total	193,079	193,909	162,550	160,522
Percent of previous year	102	101	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 02-Mar-13 is estimated at 163.9 million head. This compares to 151.0 million head the previous week and to 152.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.8 million head and the national weighted average price was 92.27 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/17/13 - 01/23/13		Current Lds 122.00		Future Lds 129.50		Total Lds 251.50	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	112.33	--	--	--	--	8.00
GNR W 1	101.00	110.08	102.67	104.75	106.20	88.67	103.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	73.50	52.00	55.00	3.00
GL W J	--	--	114.00	116.00	127.21	--	6.75
GL W XL	--	134.67	119.33	122.13	116.05	122.57	38.50
GL W LG	--	124.00	111.70	109.50	111.28	124.00	56.00
GL W MD	79.50	83.50	83.67	89.83	83.53	92.33	21.00
GL W SM	66.75	--	--	--	64.00	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	108.00	111.00	--	--	6.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	60.00	58.23	61.00	14.00
NRBS - 45	--	55.00	--	--	47.00	64.75	5.00
NRBS - 39	--	49.00	--	--	41.00	--	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	LY
Atlanta	21.1	-6	22.5	14	8	8
Boston	3.2	14	2.8	-3	-9	-9
Chicago	58.9	-3	61.0	5	5	5
Los Angeles	64.5	-2	65.6	7	7	7
New Orleans	6.9	10	6.3	10	10	10
New York	40.3	4	38.7	0	0	0
St. Louis	118.8	-1	119.6	49	49	49
San Francisco	20.4	-3	21.0	49	49	49
Total	334.1	-1	337.5	20	20	20
4 Week Moving Avg.	320.3					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 19-Jan-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,675	2,474	26	23	4,198
Avg Wt	16.84	41.59	33.48	26.95	31.58
Last week	1,686	2,547	50	24	4,307
Same wk yr ago	1,690	2,467	23	2	4,182
Avg Wt	17.65	42.02	26.46	40.70	32.09
To-date/2013*	4,649	7,097	105	57	11,908
To-date/2012*	4,896	7,016	59	19	11,990
% Change YTD	-5%	1%	78%	200%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,566	82,315	670	477	106,028
Last week	22,309	84,723	1,055	497	108,584
Same wk yr ago	23,869	82,929	466	62	107,326
To-date/2013*	63,680	236,077	2,242	1,207	303,206
To-date/2012*	67,336	236,728	1,210	485	305,759
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	85%	149%	-1%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 19-Jan-13	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
North East	597	7	26.49	(A)	597	26.49
South Atlantic	605	14	41.72	(A)	605	41.72
North Central	2,005	-10	32.28	(A)	2,022	32.28
South Central	744	1	20.90	(A)	750	20.90
West	198	5	33.03	(A)	198	33.03
U.S. total	4,149 (B)	-2	31.58	23	4,172	31.58
To-date						
2013*	11,746 (B)			57	11,803	
To-date						
2012*	11,971 (B)			19	11,990	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date* 105,000; for last year to date* 59,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 19-Jan-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,093	1,885	1,569	3,454	417
Avg Wt	5.68	3.11	7.66	5.18	6.82
Last week	158,856	1,730	1,595	3,325	475
Same wk yr ago	147,103	1,797	1,615	3,412	469
Avg Wt	5.52	3.19	7.54	5.25	6.78
To-date/2013*	440,522	4,983	4,294	9,277	1,241
To-date/2012*	436,240	4,990	4,538	9,528	1,282
% Change YTD	1%	0%	-5%	-3%	-3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	652,238	3,107	8,052	11,159	2,019
Last week	715,932	3,081	8,485	11,566	2,219
Same wk yr ago	609,006	2,981	8,220	11,201	2,289
To-date/2013*	1,947,705	8,414	21,640	30,054	6,176
To-date/2012*	1,840,308	8,258	23,080	31,338	6,016
% Change YTD	6%	2%	-6%	-4%	3%

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 142.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.9 million head, or 10.1 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
12/15	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
01/19	152.9	142.8	107%	5.68
Year to date	445.9	428.5	104%	
01/26		150.0		
02/02		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 26-Jan-13

Class	Current Week 01/26/13 (1)	Previous Week 01/19/13
Broiler/fryer	148,415 (2)	155,147
Light hens	1,849	2,102
Heavy hens	1,487	1,583
Total	151,751	158,832

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Jan-13 is 146.4 million head compared to 154.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.7 million head or 2.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Feb-13 the estimated available is 151.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 01/21/13	2,934	115,195	72,200
AM 01/01/13	2,945	95,985	76,228
CHG	-11	19210	-4028
PCT CHG	0%	20%	-5%

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

18-Jan-13

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.0	13.90

(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 19-Jan-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	216.7	-1	7
East North Central	720.0	-3	-1
West North Central	333.7	0	16
South Atlantic	130.7	4	-10
South Central	50.4	1	14
West	34.7	2	-16
Total	1486.2	-1	3

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

18-Jan-13

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	101.23	↓ 2.58	12,255
Last Week:	103.81		11,824
Last Year:	84.04	↑ 17.19	13,960

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Dec	97.63	47,943
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	93.25 - 108.00	100.00 - 105.00	102.96	1,438
Chicago	83.00 - 108.25	89.00 - 98.00	95.16	1,955
Los Angeles	88.00 - 128.00	98.00 - 108.00	105.84	2,041

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.

