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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

All New York egg prices are sharply lower this week. Early in the week, regional prices were steady to higher for heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are sharply lower for all sizes. The undertone is weak. Demand is light to moderate, occasionally good in the Northeastern region where inclement weather is predicted. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is usually reported as slow. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs remain 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	131-140	133-136	101-110	103-106
NORTHEAST	132-146	137-141	106-119	111-113
SOUTH CENTRAL	144.5-153	146-149	107.5-116	109-112
SOUTHEAST	143-161	145-148	104.5-122	105-109

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

IA-MN-WI	02/05/13	01/29/13	02/07/12
LARGE	110-120	113-123	70-80
MEDIUM	80-84	83-87	55-59

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

02/01/13

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	137.50	135.00	110.00
SOUTHEAST	144.50	142.50	105.00
MIDWEST	132.50	130.50	102.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	144.50	143.50	108.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	139.93	138.12	106.58

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)

February 4, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.6	8.2	14.9	8.2	6.7	2.4	47.8
	% Change	-14.7%	19.0%	0.2%	36.1%	1.7%	-20.8%	3.6%
Extra Large	This Week	32.0	19.8	34.3	18.4	33.7	8.0	146.1
	% Change	14.8%	38.7%	17.0%	33.4%	0.3%	-11.6%	14.3%
Large	This Week	65.4	107.6	140.3	80.2	76.4	34.0	503.9
	% Change	9.4%	33.1%	24.2%	34.8%	20.1%	-26.5%	19.1%
Medium	This Week	22.1	14.1	46.7	21.9	26.0	8.6	139.4
	% Change	-12.4%	8.0%	11.2%	18.5%	2.4%	-22.7%	3.1%
Small	This Week	3.4	3.7	11.0	3.0	1.6	1.7	24.4
	% Change	-48.1%	39.2%	-1.3%	-14.8%	189.1%	1.2%	-6.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.3	14.1	22.2	17.5	4.4	1.5	62.0
	% Change	-12.4%	-15.6%	-2.5%	-7.7%	-15.8%	-5.7%	-8.6%
Ungraded	This Week	6.1	23.6	51.4	24.3	16.7	5.5	127.6
	% Change	13.1%	37.1%	-37.4%	-12.1%	-4.2%	-32.5%	-19.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	138.9	191.1	320.8	173.5	165.3	61.6	1,051.1
	% Change	1.8%	26.0%	1.8%	17.3%	8.6%	-23.7%	6.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,051.1	6.8%
Breaking Stock	251.6	-0.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,302.7	5.3%

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	10.1	30.7	5.8	4.8	3.2	2.3	57.0
	% Change	-8.0%	49.8%	2.7%	-12.4%	-36.9%	2.6%	14.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.2	9.0	2.2	2.4	40.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	53.1%	6.2%	0.0%	11.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	10.1	30.7	32.9	13.8	5.4	4.7	97.7
	% Change	-8.0%	49.8%	3.3%	21.4%	-24.2%	1.3%	12.9%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	22.5%
	Ungraded:	67.0%
	Total:	41.1%

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 02-Feb-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,294,803	29,291	14,133	7,218	2,472	4,035
PW	1,333,683	30,791	13,684	6,893	2,793	4,373
LY	1,266,547	29,589	13,461	6,768	2,840	4,404
% PW	-3%	-5%	3%	5%	-11%	-8%
% LY	2%	-1%	5%	7%	-13%	-8%
2012*	6,722,807	155,950	70,281	35,068	14,980	22,182
2011*	6,607,844	155,691	67,902	35,073	15,402	22,841
% YTD	2%	0%	4%	0%	-3%	-3%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.23	41.79	42.81
(Inedible Excluded)	39.11	38.52	39.33

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	766,895	59.2%	17,755	60.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	759,830	57.0%	19,115	62.1%
LAST YEAR	678,344	53.6%	16,720	56.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 26	Feb 02	Jan 26	Feb 02
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,698	27,912	21,022	21,020
Arkansas	21,660	21,888	20,935	19,916
Delaware	3,415	3,415	4,776	3,419
Florida	1,224	1,222	1,280	1,384
Georgia	32,754	32,869	26,675	25,713
Kentucky	7,759	7,779	6,656	6,347
Louisiana	3,273	3,273	2,934	2,941
Maryland	7,237	7,191	5,456	6,620
Mississippi	16,971	17,031	14,208	14,598
Missouri	7,966	8,107	5,414	5,655
North Carolina	20,106	19,984	16,250	15,577
Oklahoma	6,922	6,963	3,437	4,196
Pennsylvania	3,728	3,762	3,120	3,304
South Carolina	5,661	5,554	3,765	4,516
Texas	14,531	14,726	12,097	12,205
Virginia	6,388	6,379	5,351	5,247
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,392	10,029	9,707	9,598
19 State total	197,685	198,084	163,083	162,256
Previous year total	193,924	193,162	160,698	160,767
Percent of previous year	102	103	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 16-Mar-13 is estimated at 149.8 million head. This compares to 150.2 million head the previous week and to 151.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 94.08 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 01/31/13 - 02/06/13

CLASS	Current Lds 127.75		Future Lds 21.25		Total Lds 149.00		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	110.50	123.54	107.00	111.25	--	--	34.00
GNR W 2	--	119.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	68.50	62.75	66.00	2.00
GL W J	121.75	--	116.00	118.00	115.15	--	8.50
GL W XL	--	124.12	114.25	116.13	88.45	93.00	42.25
GL W LG	--	127.10	114.00	108.00	82.98	--	50.50
GL W MD	--	--	83.05	86.92	67.51	--	19.50
GL W SM	--	--	68.00	66.42	54.33	--	9.00
GL BR LG	--	--	108.00	110.00	95.00	118.00	4.75
GL BR MD	--	72.00	--	--	64.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	63.00	61.44	66.40	14.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	65.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	52.50	--	--	45.50	67.00	5.00
NRBS - 39	--	50.00	--	--	43.00	64.00	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-Feb-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.0	19.5	-8	6
Boston	3.4	3.0	13	26
Chicago	55.0	54.9	0	-8
Los Angeles	59.6	57.1	4	5
New Orleans	6.5	6.5	0	0
New York	32.2	36.0	-11	-6
St. Louis	93.1	98.0	-5	10
San Francisco	17.3	19.4	-11	24
Total	285.1	295.1	-3	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	313.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 02-Feb-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,603	2,384	21	13	4,021
Avg Wt	16.52	41.09	28.08	30.70	31.19
Last week	1,755	2,571	41	37	4,404
Same wk yr ago	1,769	2,466	26	4	4,265
Avg Wt	15.76	41.57	25.96	34.58	30.76
To-date/2013*	8,007	12,052	167	107	20,333
To-date/2012*	8,364	11,935	125	39	20,463
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	34%	174%	-1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage
 Current week 21,185 78,367 454 307 100,313
 Last week 24,093 83,938 851 746 109,628
 Same wk yr ago 22,304 82,005 516 106 104,931
 To-date/2013* 108,958 398,382 3,547 2,260 513,147
 To-date/2012* 113,158 400,439 2,503 947 517,047
 % Change YTD -4% -1% 42% 139% -1%

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

	W/E 02-Feb-13 (Preliminary)			Old	Total	Turkeys	
	-----Young turkeys-----						Breeder
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg				
	Head	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--		Avg Live wt	
North East	457	-19	26.82	(A)	457	26.82	
South Atlantic	529	-18	39.53	(A)	529	39.53	
North Central	2,012	-2	34.05	(A)	2,022	34.05	
South Central	809	0	18.68	(A)	812	18.68	
West	180	-27	24.7	(A)	180	24.70	
U.S. total	3,987 (B)	-8	31.19	13	4,000	31.19	
To-date							
2013*	20,059 (B)			107	20,166		
To-date							
2012*	20,424 (B)			39	20,463		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 21,000; for the current year to date* 167,000; for last year to date* 125,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 02-Feb-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	155,761	1,513	1,325	2,838	375
Avg Wt	5.81	3.14	8.06	5.44	6.32
Last week	149,771	1,545	1,353	2,898	288
Same wk yr ago	151,562	1,221	1,530	2,751	400
Avg Wt	5.79	3.15	7.70	5.68	6.56
To-date/2013*	746,054	8,041	6,972	15,013	1,904
To-date/2012*	740,028	7,851	7,698	15,549	2,084
% Change YTD	1%	2%	-9%	-3%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	687,778	2,518	7,155	9,673	1,683
Last week	669,297	2,604	6,989	9,593	1,395
Same wk yr ago	658,158	2,000	7,952	9,952	1,889
To-date/2013*	3,304,780	13,536	35,784	49,320	9,254
To-date/2012*	3,165,216	12,978	39,493	52,471	9,905
% Change YTD	4%	4%	-9%	-6%	-7%
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 153.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.7 million head, or 4.0 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
12/29	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
01/26	151.6	150.0	101%	5.88
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
Year to date		755.2	732.2	103%
02/09		153.6		
02/16		157.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 09-Feb-13

Class	Current Week 02/09/13 (1)	Previous Week 02/02/13
Broiler/fryer	153,312 (2)	151,750
Light hens	1,569	1,743
Heavy hens	1,530	1,492
Total	156,411	154,985

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Feb-13 is 153.7 million head compared to 151.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.6 million head or -0.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Feb-13 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 02/04/13	2,979	125,643	107,418
AM 01/01/13	2,945	95,985	76,228
CHG	34	29658	31190
PCT CHG	1%	31%	41%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2013 are:

Frozen Eggs	28	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	386	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	957	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 92.00-98.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-98.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

01-Feb-13

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	10.0- 22.5	13.90
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 02-Feb-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	205.3	-5	3
East North Central	724.2	0	1
West North Central	315.6	-5	11
South Atlantic	130.1	0	0
South Central	50.2	-1	13
West	35.2	1	-10
Total	1460.6	-2	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

01-Feb-13

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	99.43	↑ 1.35	10,348
Last Week:	98.08		12,499
Last Year:	82.90	↑ 16.53	13,840

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Jan	101.48	58,174
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	93.75 - 108.00	98.00 - 104.00	101.83	1,473
Chicago	83.00 - 109.00	87.00 - 97.00	94.36	1,920
Los Angeles	94.00 - 126.00	96.00 - 108.00	102.12	886

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.

