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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, egg prices are sharply lower for the larger sizes and lower for Medium. Early in the week, regional prices declined sharply for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for heavier weights and lower for lighter sizes. The undertone ranges steady to weak, usually barely steady. Retail demand is reported as light to moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate, instances fairly good. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. Demand is light to mostly moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand continues light to moderate on moderate offerings. Processing schedules are generally full-time to instances reduced. 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 | 108-117 | 110-113 | 78-87 | 80-83 |
| NORTHEAST | 110-124 | 115-119 | 84-97 | 89-91 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 119.5-128 | 121-124 | 82.5-91 | 84-87 |
| SOUTHEAST | 118-152 | 120-123 | 83.5-117 | 84-88 |

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

| IA-MN-WI | 02/12/13 | 02/05/13 | 02/14/12 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| LARGE | 85-95 | 110-120 | 70-80 |
| MEDIUM | 60-64 | 80-84 | 50-54 |

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

02/08/13

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 | 141.50 | 139.00 | 112.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 148.50 | 146.50 | 107.00 |
| MIDWEST | 136.50 | 134.50 | 104.50 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 148.50 | 147.50 | 110.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 143.94 | 142.10 | 108.57 |

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 11, 2013 | | Northeast | Southeast | Midwest | South Central | Southwest | Northwest | 6-Area Total |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Jumbo | This Week | 7.5 | 9.3 | 16.9 | 7.4 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 51.8 |
| | % Change | -0.1% | 13.8% | 13.5% | -8.7% | -2.1% | 73.8% | 8.5% |
| Extra Large | This Week | 33.8 | 20.7 | 40.3 | 20.1 | 34.1 | 9.9 | 158.8 |
| | % Change | 5.4% | 4.7% | 17.3% | 9.2% | 1.2% | 24.8% | 8.7% |
| Large | This Week | 74.6 | 117.3 | 128.4 | 86.7 | 79.8 | 57.0 | 543.7 |
| | % Change | 14.1% | 9.0% | -8.5% | 8.1% | 4.4% | 67.7% | 7.9% |
| Medium | This Week | 22.8 | 16.7 | 51.4 | 27.6 | 24.4 | 9.0 | 151.9 |
| | % Change | 2.8% | 18.5% | 10.1% | 26.3% | -6.1% | 4.4% | 9.0% |
| Small | This Week | 4.3 | 2.5 | 10.3 | 3.7 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 24.4 |
| | % Change | 25.3% | -32.0% | -6.2% | 22.4% | 3.1% | 18.1% | 0.2% |
| Miscellaneous | This Week | 2.4 | 15.5 | 20.7 | 16.5 | 4.5 | 1.4 | 61.0 |
| | % Change | 0.4% | 10.1% | -6.6% | -5.7% | 3.7% | -7.4% | -1.6% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 6.8 | 18.0 | 62.9 | 25.7 | 15.3 | 13.3 | 142.2 |
| | % Change | 12.7% | -23.6% | 22.4% | 5.8% | -8.1% | 142.9% | 11.5% |
| Total Shell Egg | This Week | 152.1 | 200.1 | 330.9 | 187.8 | 166.2 | 96.7 | 1,133.8 |
| | % Change | 9.5% | 4.7% | 3.1% | 8.3% | 0.5% | 57.1% | 7.9% |

| Totals | Cases | Percent Change |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Shell Egg | 1,133.8 | 7.9% |
| Breaking Stock | 258.1 | 2.6% |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,391.9 | 6.8% |

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 | 10.0 | 29.2 | 6.8 | 5.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 59.0 |
| | % Change | -1.5% | -5.0% | 18.3% | 6.4% | 22.1% | 72.2% | 3.6% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 0.0 | 0.0 | 30.2 | 7.6 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 40.0 |
| | % Change | 0.0% | 0.0% | 11.1% | -15.7% | 0.0% | -100.0% | -1.9% |
| Total Specialty | This Week | 10.0 | 29.2 | 37.0 | 12.7 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 99.0 |
| | % Change | -1.5% | -5.0% | 12.4% | -8.0% | 13.0% | -14.8% | 1.3% |

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

| | |
|------------------|--------------|
| Large: | 23.6% |
| Ungraded: | 70.4% |
| Total: | 42.5% |

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 09-Feb-2013 | | (Lbs In Thousands) | | (Excludes Ingredients) | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Total | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
| CW | 1,357,416 | 30,764 | 14,738 | 7,407 | 2,920 | 4,223 |
| PW | 1,294,803 | 29,291 | 14,133 | 7,218 | 2,472 | 4,035 |
| LY | 1,311,984 | 31,729 | 13,149 | 6,942 | 2,951 | 4,334 |
| % PW | 5% | 5% | 4% | 3% | 18% | 5% |
| % LY | 3% | -3% | 12% | 7% | -1% | -3% |
| 2012* | 8,080,223 | 186,714 | 85,019 | 42,475 | 17,899 | 26,406 |
| 2011* | 7,919,828 | 187,420 | 81,051 | 42,015 | 18,353 | 27,175 |
| % YTD | 2% | 0% | 5% | 1% | -2% | -3% |

| Average Yield Per Case - | CW | PW | LW |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| (Inedible Included) | 42.09 | 42.23 | 42.80 |
| (Inedible Excluded) | 38.98 | 39.11 | 39.50 |

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 | 787,374 | 58.0% | 19,257 | 62.6% |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 766,895 | 59.2% | 17,755 | 60.6% |
| LAST YEAR | 708,025 | 54.0% | 18,703 | 58.9% |

BROILER HATCHERY

| 19 Selected States STATE | Broiler Eggs Set | | Broiler Chicks Placed | |
|---|------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Feb 02 | Feb 09 | Feb 02 | Feb 09 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| Alabama | 27,912 | 28,153 | 21,020 | 21,270 |
| Arkansas | 21,888 | 21,867 | 19,916 | 19,729 |
| Delaware | 3,415 | 3,415 | 3,419 | 3,891 |
| Florida | 1,222 | 1,223 | 1,384 | 1,410 |
| Georgia | 32,874 | 32,999 | 25,711 | 25,652 |
| Kentucky | 7,835 | 7,771 | 6,433 | 6,042 |
| Louisiana | 3,273 | 3,273 | 2,941 | 2,951 |
| Maryland | 7,191 | 7,213 | 6,620 | 5,815 |
| Mississippi | 17,031 | 17,305 | 14,598 | 14,399 |
| Missouri | 8,107 | 8,154 | 5,655 | 5,653 |
| North Carolina | 19,984 | 19,908 | 15,577 | 15,757 |
| Oklahoma | 6,963 | 7,020 | 4,194 | 4,292 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,632 | 3,721 | 3,160 | 3,346 |
| South Carolina | 5,554 | 5,283 | 4,516 | 4,589 |
| Texas | 14,726 | 14,888 | 12,205 | 12,133 |
| Virginia | 6,379 | 6,392 | 5,247 | 5,386 |
| California, Tennessee, and West Virginia | 10,018 | 8,097 | 9,601 | 10,092 |
| 19 State total | 198,004 | 196,682 | 162,197 | 162,407 |
| Percent of previous year | 103 | 101 | 101 | 100 |
| Other States | 7,518 | 7,611 | 5,421 | 5,575 |
| United States | 205,522 | 204,293 | 167,618 | 167,982 |

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-Mar-13 is estimated at 149.4 million head. This compares to 154.5 million head the previous week and to 151.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 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 02/07/13 - 02/13/13 | | Current Lds 159.50 | | Future Lds 28.25 | | Total Lds 187.75 | |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | SE | | NE | | MW |
| | | | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 86.00 | 90.00 | 82.67 | 84.00 | 63.00 | -- | 18.00 |
| GNR W 3 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 |
| GNR W 4 | -- | -- | -- | 56.00 | -- | -- | 2.00 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 101.00 | 103.50 | 104.34 | -- | 6.25 |
| GL W XL | -- | 86.20 | 90.90 | 91.82 | 79.12 | 85.67 | 65.25 |
| GL W LG | 73.00 | 105.50 | 84.00 | 84.14 | 74.48 | 77.00 | 60.50 |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 67.50 | 67.67 | 59.04 | -- | 19.00 |
| GL W SM | 67.00 | -- | 55.00 | 57.67 | -- | -- | 5.00 |
| GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 101.00 | -- | .25 |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 105.50 | .25 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | 89.00 | -- | -- | 103.50 | 1.75 |
| GL BR MD | 70.00 | -- | -- | -- | 71.00 | -- | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 61.00 | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 42 | -- | 51.63 | -- | -- | 44.63 | -- | 9.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-Feb-13

| Selected Consuming Centers | CW | | PW | | % CHANGE | |
|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----|----------|-----|
| | Cases | in thousands | LW | LY | | |
| Atlanta | 17.5 | | 18.0 | -3 | | 9 |
| Boston | 2.6 | | 3.4 | -24 | | -24 |
| Chicago | 53.9 | | 55.0 | -2 | | -4 |
| Los Angeles | 53.1 | | 59.6 | -11 | | -19 |
| New Orleans | 6.7 | | 6.0 | 12 | | 12 |
| New York | 34.5 | | 32.2 | 7 | | -11 |
| St. Louis | 97.4 | | 93.1 | 5 | | 19 |
| San Francisco | 18.5 | | 17.3 | 7 | | 33 |
| Total | 284.2 | | 285.1 | 0 | | 1 |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 299.6 | | | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-Feb-13 (Preliminary)

| | Young | | Old | Total |
|--|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Hens | Toms | | |
| Head | 1,862 | 2,616 | 0 | 22 |
| Avg Wt | 16.95 | 40.76 | 0.00 | 26.37 |
| Last week | 1,603 | 2,384 | 21 | 13 |
| Same wk yr ago | 1,673 | 2,483 | 20 | 15 |
| Avg Wt | 16.84 | 41.25 | 32.51 | 33.73 |
| To-date/2013* | 9,869 | 14,668 | 167 | 129 |
| To-date/2012* | 10,037 | 14,418 | 145 | 54 |
| % Change YTD | -2% | 2% | 15% | 139% |
| Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage | | | | |
| Current week | 25,249 | 85,303 | 0 | 447 |
| Last week | 21,185 | 78,367 | 454 | 307 |
| Same wk yr ago | 22,541 | 81,941 | 497 | 387 |
| To-date/2013* | 134,207 | 483,685 | 3,547 | 2,707 |
| To-date/2012* | 135,699 | 482,380 | 3,000 | 1,334 |
| % Change YTD | -1% | 0% | 18% | 103% |
| 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 09-Feb-13 (Preliminary) | | -----Young turkeys----- | | Old Breeders | Total | Turkeys Avg |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------|--------|-------------|
| Thousand | Pct chg | Avg | | | | |
| North East | 531 | 16 | 26.07 | (A) | 531 | 26.07 |
| South Atlantic | 641 | 21 | 38.45 | (A) | 641 | 38.45 |
| North Central | 2,166 | 8 | 33.22 | (A) | 2,183 | 33.22 |
| South Central | 858 | 6 | 20.20 | (A) | 864 | 20.20 |
| West | 282 | 57 | 26.4 | (A) | 282 | 26.40 |
| U.S. total | 4,478 (B) | 12 | 30.83 | 22 | 4,500 | 30.83 |
| To-date | | | | | | |
| 2013* | 24,537 (B) | | | 129 | 24,666 | |
| To-date | | | | | | |
| 2012* | 24,600 (B) | | | 54 | 24,654 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 0,000; for the current year to date* 167,000; for last year to date* 145,000.
 *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 09-Feb-2013

| | Young Chickens | Light Hens | Heavy Hens | Total Hens | Ducks |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| -----Thousands----- | | | | | |
| Head | 155,020 | 1,451 | 1,439 | 2,890 | 408 |
| Avg Wt | 5.88 | 3.22 | 8.04 | 5.62 | 6.75 |
| Last week | 155,761 | 1,513 | 1,325 | 2,838 | 375 |
| Same wk yr ago | 149,825 | 1,465 | 1,601 | 3,066 | 432 |
| Avg Wt | 5.81 | 3.31 | 7.87 | 5.69 | 6.47 |
| To-date/2013* | 901,074 | 9,492 | 8,411 | 17,903 | 2,312 |
| To-date/2012* | 889,853 | 9,316 | 9,299 | 18,615 | 2,516 |
| % Change YTD | 1% | 2% | -10% | -4% | -8% |

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Current week | 692,753 | 2,476 | 7,752 | 10,228 | 1,955 |
| Last week | 687,778 | 2,518 | 7,155 | 9,673 | 1,683 |
| Same wk yr ago | 652,862 | 2,522 | 8,505 | 11,027 | 2,012 |
| | | | | | |
| To-date/2013* | 3,997,533 | 16,012 | 43,536 | 59,548 | 11,209 |
| To-date/2012* | 3,818,078 | 15,500 | 47,998 | 63,498 | 11,917 |
| % Change YTD | 5% | 3% | -9% | -6% | -6% |

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 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 3.3 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 |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------|
| 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 |
| 02/09 | 156.9 | 153.6 | 102% | 5.88 |
| Year to date | 912.1 | 885.8 | 103% | |
| 02/16 | | 157.2 | | |
| 02/23 | | 149.8 | | |

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 16-Feb-13

| Class | Current Week 02/16/13 (1) | Previous Week 02/09/13 |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Broiler/fryer | 151,186 (2) | 153,312 |
| Light hens | 1,327 | 1,569 |
| Heavy hens | 1,455 | 1,530 |
| Total | 153,968 | 156,411 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Feb-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.5 million head or -3.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Feb-13 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | Frozen Eggs LBS | Processed Turkeys LBS | Processed Other Poultry LBS |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| AM 02/11/13 | 2,928 | 129,373 | 58,955 |
| AM 02/01/13 | 3,097 | 121,849 | 75,600 |
| CHG | -169 | 7524 | -16645 |
| PCT CHG | -5% | 6% | -22% |

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

08-Feb-13

Live Spent Heavy

| Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: | Price Range | Wtd Avg |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| Prices in cents per pound. | 10.0-22.5 | 13.92 |

(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 09-Feb-13 (Receipts From Producers)

| Regions | Cases (In Thousands) | Percent Change From | |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | | Last Week | Last Year |
| North Atlantic | 205.8 | 0 | 3 |
| East North Central | 712.0 | -2 | 1 |
| West North Central | 312.9 | -1 | 7 |
| South Atlantic | 133.8 | 3 | -8 |
| South Central | 50.6 | 1 | 10 |
| West | 35.4 | 1 | -10 |
| Total | 1450.5 | -1 | 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)

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

08-Feb-13

National Composite Weighted Average

| | Wtd Avg | Change | 1,000 lbs. |
|-------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| This Week: | 100.27 | ↑ 0.84 | 12,350 |
| Last Week: | 99.43 | | 10,348 |
| Last Year: | 86.32 | ↑ 13.95 | 12,840 |

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

| | | |
|-----|--------|--------|
| Jan | 101.48 | 58,174 |
|-----|--------|--------|

Whole Body:

| | Price Range | Majority | Wtd Avg | 1,000 lbs |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| New York | 94.00 - 108.00 | 100.00 - 106.00 | 102.35 | 1,613 |
| Chicago | 79.00 - 108.25 | 87.00 - 97.00 | 93.95 | 1,885 |
| Los Angeles | 90.00 - 126.00 | 98.00 - 109.00 | 101.81 | 1,832 |

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.

