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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are steady for all egg sizes. Earlier this week, regional prices decreased sharply for larger sizes and were lower for Medium and Small. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is mixed, light to good usually moderate and varies by region. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are generally steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are normal. 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	92-101	94-97	74-83	76-79
NORTHEAST	95-109	100-104	80-93	85-87
SOUTH CENTRAL	102.5-111	104-107	78.5-87	80-83
SOUTHEAST	102-125	103-106	79.5-99	80-84

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

IA-MN-WI	02/19/13	02/12/13	02/21/12
LARGE	74-84	85-95	67-77
MEDIUM	56-60	60-64	45-49

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	120.00	117.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	123.50	121.50	86.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	81.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	123.50	122.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	120.24	118.30	85.68

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 19, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.2	9.6	15.9	7.0	7.6	4.5	52.7
	% Change	8.6%	3.4%	-5.8%	-5.8%	16.6%	6.7%	1.8%
Extra Large	This Week	31.0	19.6	37.9	21.3	32.4	10.0	152.2
	% Change	-8.3%	-5.2%	-5.9%	6.0%	-4.8%	0.6%	-4.2%
Large	This Week	77.2	115.1	123.0	82.4	75.2	60.5	533.5
	% Change	3.6%	-1.9%	-4.2%	-4.9%	-5.7%	6.2%	-1.9%
Medium	This Week	15.1	16.5	48.7	20.3	23.0	9.3	133.0
	% Change	-33.6%	-1.6%	-5.2%	-26.4%	-5.7%	3.8%	-12.5%
Small	This Week	3.7	2.8	10.9	6.1	1.8	1.6	26.8
	% Change	-14.2%	9.6%	6.2%	63.7%	7.3%	-19.4%	9.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.0	14.5	20.8	13.5	5.2	2.0	58.0
	% Change	-15.3%	-6.6%	0.4%	-18.0%	15.5%	41.3%	-4.9%
Ungraded	This Week	8.7	12.1	74.8	28.6	16.5	13.3	154.0
	% Change	26.6%	-32.8%	18.9%	11.3%	7.4%	-0.1%	8.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	145.8	190.1	332.1	179.3	161.7	101.1	1,110.2
	% Change	-4.1%	-5.0%	0.4%	-4.5%	-2.7%	4.5%	-2.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,110.2	-2.1%
Breaking Stock	265.2	2.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,375.4	-1.2%

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	9.2	27.5	5.7	4.5	3.8	1.7	52.5
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.9%	-16.2%	-11.5%	-1.3%	-58.8%	-11.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	31.1	8.8	2.2	2.1	44.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	16.5%	0.0%	0.0%	10.8%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.2	27.5	36.9	13.4	6.1	3.8	96.8
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.9%	-0.4%	5.2%	-0.8%	-6.5%	-2.3%

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

Large:	29.6%
Ungraded:	70.5%
Total:	48.3%

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 16-Feb-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,371,608	32,283	14,009	7,112	2,928	4,419
PW	1,357,416	30,764	14,738	7,407	2,920	4,223
LY	1,304,490	30,206	13,615	6,984	3,050	4,489
% PW	1%	5%	-5%	-4%	0%	5%
% LY	5%	7%	3%	2%	-4%	-2%
2012*	9,451,831	218,997	99,028	49,587	20,827	30,824
2011*	9,224,318	217,625	94,666	48,999	21,403	31,664
% YTD	2%	1%	5%	1%	-3%	-3%
Average Yield Per Case -		CW	PW	LW		
(Inedible Included)		42.16	42.09	42.39		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.94	38.98	38.95		

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	795,313	58.0%	19,599	60.7%
Previous Week	787,374	58.0%	19,257	62.6%
Last Year	709,286	54.4%	17,911	59.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Feb 09	Feb 16	Feb 09	Feb 16
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,857	28,071	21,290	21,477
Arkansas	21,867	21,859	19,729	19,327
Delaware	3,415	3,415	3,891	4,141
Florida	1,223	1,221	1,276	1,588
Georgia	32,989	33,069	25,750	26,018
Kentucky	7,771	7,626	5,954	5,760
Louisiana	3,273	3,288	2,951	2,930
Maryland	7,213	7,198	5,815	6,310
Mississippi	17,305	17,272	14,399	14,572
Missouri	8,154	8,216	5,653	5,699
North Carolina	19,908	20,173	15,757	15,089
Oklahoma	7,020	6,992	4,292	4,882
Pennsylvania	3,780	3,798	3,193	3,101
South Carolina	5,283	5,311	4,589	5,643
Texas	14,905	14,804	12,147	12,100
Virginia	6,392	6,217	5,386	4,592
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,622	10,205	10,118	10,272
19 State total	196,977	198,735	162,190	163,501
Percent of previous year	101	102	100	101
Other States	7,611	7,635	5,575	5,982
United States	204,588	206,370	167,765	169,483

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 30-Mar-13 is estimated at 149.9 million head. This compares to 149.4 million head the previous week and to 151.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 91.82 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 02/14/13 - 02/20/13		Current Lds 129.00		Future Lds 37.25		Total Lds 166.25	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	77.91	80.78	75.00	77.75	--	--	18.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	55.00	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	90.00	92.00	100.91	--	7.75
GL W XL	--	89.83	85.00	88.72	81.05	87.75	60.25
GL W LG	--	90.00	81.50	80.32	74.73	--	57.25
GL W MD	--	--	66.00	67.20	58.76	63.00	14.75
GL W SM	52.50	57.00	57.00	60.00	49.00	--	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	89.00	--	94.00	116.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	60.00	54.00	--	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-Feb-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	17.7	17.5	1	-4
Boston	2.9	2.6	12	-3
Chicago	57.0	53.9	6	-9
Los Angeles	65.2	53.1	23	8
New Orleans	6.4	6.8	-6	-6
New York	35.2	34.5	2	-5
St. Louis	103.5	97.4	6	17
San Francisco	17.1	18.5	-8	22
Total	305.0	284.2	7	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-Feb-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,729	2,588	35	22	4,374
Avg Wt	17.09	39.38	25.61	28.90	30.41
Last week	1,862	2,616	0	22	4,500
Same wk yr ago	1,671	2,555	16	10	4,252
Avg Wt	17.13	41.54	26.65	28.66	31.86
To-date/2013*	11,598	17,256	202	151	29,207
To-date/2012*	11,708	16,973	161	64	28,906
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	25%	136%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,639	81,532	690	490	106,351
Last week	25,249	85,303	0	447	110,999
Same wk yr ago	22,898	84,900	326	219	108,343
To-date/2013*	157,846	565,217	4,237	3,197	730,497
To-date/2012*	158,597	567,280	3,326	1,553	730,756
% Change YTD	0%	0%	27%	106%	0%
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 16-Feb-13 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg				
North East	584	10	26.49	(A)	584	26.49
South Atlantic	626	-2	36.87	(A)	626	36.87
North Central	2,063	-5	32.18	(A)	2,080	32.18
South Central	800	-7	20.59	(A)	806	20.59
West	244	-13	29.39	(A)	244	29.39
U.S. total	4,317 (B)	-4	30.41	22	4,339	30.41
To-date 2013*	28,854 (B)			151	29,005	
To-date 2012*	28,842 (B)			64	28,906	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date* 202,000; for last year to date* 161,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 16-Feb-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,584	1,310	1,433	2,743	446
Avg Wt	5.79	3.05	8.01	5.64	6.82
Last week	155,020	1,451	1,439	2,890	408
Same wk yr ago	150,497	1,574	1,615	3,189	401
Avg Wt	5.70	3.15	7.46	5.33	6.70
To-date/2013*	1,052,658	10,802	9,844	20,646	2,758
To-date/2012*	1,040,350	10,890	10,914	21,804	2,917
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-10%	-5%	-5%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	667,030	2,118	7,690	9,808	2,160
Last week	692,753	2,476	7,752	10,228	1,955
Same wk yr ago	643,375	2,578	8,132	10,710	1,934
To-date/2013*	4,664,563	18,130	51,226	69,356	13,369
To-date/2012*	4,461,453	18,078	56,130	74,208	13,851
% Change YTD	5%	0%	-9%	-7%	-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 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.4 million head, or 3.8 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
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
02/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
Year to date	1065.5	1043.0	102%	
02/23		149.8		
03/02		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 23-Feb-13

Class	Current Week 02/23/13 (1)	Previous Week 02/16/13
Broiler/fryer	156,508 (2)	151,186
Light hens	1,675	1,327
Heavy hens	1,235	1,455
Total	159,418	153,968

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Feb-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 151.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.8 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Mar-13 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 02/18/13	2,958	133,657	58,967
AM 02/01/13	3,097	121,849	75,600
CHG	-139	11808	-16633
PCT CHG	-4%	10%	-22%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 92.00-99.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-99.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

16-Feb-13

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.5	13.90

(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 16-Feb-13 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	183.1	-11	-7
East North Central	723.9	2	2
West North Central	318.9	2	7
South Atlantic	127.5	-5	-8
South Central	51.9	3	10
West	35.5	0	-9
Total	1440.8	-1	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)

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

15-Feb-13

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	100.96	↑ 0.69	10,773
Last Week:	100.27		12,350
Last Year:	90.09	↑ 10.87	13,280

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	94.25 - 108.00	102.00 - 106.00	102.36	1,470
Chicago	87.00 - 108.25	89.00 - 98.00	96.48	1,600
Los Angeles	88.00 - 126.00	98.00 - 109.00	102.56	1,775

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.

