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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. Early in the week, regional prices were steady for Jumbo and higher for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for Jumbo, higher for extra Large and Large, and steady to higher for Medium. The undertone ranges steady to firm for the larger sizes and generally steady for Medium. Demand in the Southwestern region is light to moderate with the balance of regions reporting demand as moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, increased early in the week. The undertone is steady. Demand was light to instances moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly 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
Northeast	121-135	126-130	103-116	108-110
Southeast	118-137	128-131	96-115	103-107
Midwest	116-125	118-121	96-105	98-101
South Central	127.5-136	129-132	104.5-113	106-109

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS – Loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	03/19/13	03/12/13	03/20/12
Large	102-112	88-98	83-93
Medium	78-82	72-76	61-65

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	118.50	116.00	100.00
SOUTHEAST	118.50	116.50	94.00
MIDWEST	109.50	107.50	90.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	122.50	118.50	96.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	117.47	114.77	95.28

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)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	11.8	9.9	16.1	8.1	9.3	4.4	59.6
	% Change	6.2%	9.0%	-3.4%	-19.5%	9.0%	5.3%	-0.1%
Extra Large	This Week	28.6	17.7	28.2	18.1	31.8	5.7	130.1
	% Change	-0.9%	12.2%	-12.0%	-15.1%	-9.5%	12.6%	-5.9%
Large	This Week	54.7	116.9	136.2	86.1	106.4	42.2	542.5
	% Change	-5.6%	-4.8%	-2.7%	-8.3%	-5.8%	-27.4%	-7.4%
Medium	This Week	16.8	13.3	43.4	22.5	30.3	8.9	135.2
	% Change	-4.4%	12.7%	-4.5%	-8.0%	-20.0%	6.1%	-7.1%
Small	This Week	6.3	3.6	7.3	1.0	1.8	2.3	22.3
	% Change	35.8%	47.7%	8.1%	39.2%	21.9%	-7.0%	20.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	13.5	24.6	11.9	5.4	1.8	59.9
	% Change	25.1%	36.1%	1.4%	-10.4%	5.7%	-28.3%	4.7%
Ungraded	This Week	7.1	18.6	91.1	22.0	21.1	18.4	178.4
	% Change	-18.0%	-14.1%	-0.8%	-12.1%	16.3%	-18.5%	-5.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	128.0	193.5	346.9	169.8	206.1	83.6	1,127.9
	% Change	-2.3%	0.0%	-2.8%	-10.1%	-6.0%	-18.9%	-5.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,127.9	-5.4%
Breaking Stock	249.3	-1.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,377.2	-4.7%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	9.0	25.5	5.6	3.8	5.0	1.4	50.3
	% Change	12.4%	-10.8%	-31.2%	-2.1%	-2.7%	44.9%	-8.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	33.1	9.3	8.8	3.8	55.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%	-9.0%	28.7%	19.0%	3.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.0	25.5	38.8	13.1	13.8	5.2	105.3
	% Change	12.4%	-10.8%	-5.2%	-7.0%	15.1%	25.1%	-2.2%

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

Large:	28.2%
Ungraded:	69.6%
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, and WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; **Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-MAR-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,341,202	32,258	13,224	7,236	1,982	4,308
PW	1,356,109	32,224	13,606	7,388	2,565	4,396
LY	1,264,943	30,460	12,861	6,524	2,296	4,263
% PW	-1%	0%	-3%	-2%	-23%	-2%
% LY	6%	6%	3%	11%	-14%	1%
2012*	14,866,714	347,926	153,351	78,179	30,678	48,532
2011*	14,351,392	340,303	146,839	75,403	31,040	49,257
% YTD	4%	2%	4%	4%	-1%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.52	42.48	42.78
(Inedible Excluded)	39.31	39.24	39.40

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	787,534	58.7%	19,996	62.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	789,088	58.2%	20,237	62.8%
LAST YEAR	690,687	54.6%	17,913	58.8%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 9	Mar 16	Mar 9	Mar 16
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,434	28,113	20,548	21,221
Arkansas	21,772	21,156	20,875	20,533
Delaware	3,409	3,412	4,419	3,583
Florida	1,221	1,221	1,488	1,224
Georgia	33,057	33,182	27,148	27,147
Kentucky	7,648	7,668	5,781	6,177
Louisiana	3,379	3,395	2,968	3,020
Maryland	7,453	7,457	6,163	6,281
Mississippi	16,957	17,869	14,731	14,957
Missouri	8,268	7,938	5,144	5,502
North Carolina	20,085	19,926	16,412	16,191
Oklahoma	6,886	6,909	4,797	4,364
Pennsylvania	3,949	3,877	3,031	3,164
South Carolina	5,333	5,275	4,442	3,894
Texas	15,223	15,238	12,202	12,433
Virginia	6,661	6,653	4,451	5,087
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,617	10,906	10,231	10,089
19 State total	199,352	200,195	164,831	164,867
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	101
Other States	7,989	8,001	5,866	5,492
United States	207,341	208,196	170,697	170,359

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 27-Apr-13 is estimated at 149.9 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 156.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.4 million head and the national weighted average price was 84.88 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 03/14/13 - 03/20/13						
CLASS	Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds	
	108.50 SE	67.00 NE	175.50 MW	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 1	106.00	114.68	110.50	110.40	--	100.86 83.00
GNR W 2	--	112.33	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	117.00	119.00	94.91	-- 12.00
GL W XL	--	126.96	118.33	118.19	99.20	107.00 35.25
GL W LG	109.00	124.88	105.02	108.96	94.61	120.29 52.25
GL W MD	--	100.00	94.57	96.44	83.00	-- 11.25
GL W SM	52.00	--	50.83	53.83	52.00	-- 9.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	95.00	-- .25
GL BR LG	--	--	101.00	103.00	100.00	103.75 2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	75.50 2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	77.25	80.00 2.00

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

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	19.7	21.8	-10	22		
Boston	3.4	2.7	26	21		
Chicago	53.8	59.1	-9	-2		
Los Angeles	61.6	70.7	-13	-7		
New Orleans	7.3	6.6	11	11		
New York	41.2	35.4	16	15		
St. Louis	110.5	85.4	29	30		
San Francisco	19.3	21.3	-9	39		
Total	316.8	303.5	4	13		
4 Week Moving Avg.	309.5					

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

	Young		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,614	2,517	5	14
Avg Wt	17.31	40.72	28.05	27.72
Last week	1,740	2,546	25	2
Same wk yr ago	1,828	2,610	10	2
Avg Wt	16.94	40.73	25.89	68.00
To-date/2013*	18,446	27,483	247	184
To-date/2012*	18,876	27,147	237	84
% Change YTD	-2%	1%	4%	119%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	22,351	81,994	108	299
Last week	24,249	83,366	482	94
Same wk yr ago	24,769	85,044	198	104
To-date/2013*	252,421	899,554	5,149	3,979
To-date/2012*	256,890	900,531	4,855	2,145
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	6%	86%
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-Mar-13	(Preliminary)			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
North East	471	4	27.59	(A)	471
South Atlantic	542	-16	40.29	(A)	542
North Central	2,093	0	33.00	(A)	2,104
South Central	697	-15	21.27	(A)	701
West	328	13	26.01	(A)	328
U.S. total	4,131 (B)	-4	31.56	14	4,145
To-date 2013*	45,929 (B)			184	46,113
To-date 2012*	46,260 (B)			84	46,344

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 5,000; for the current year to date* 247,000; for last year to date* 237,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 16-Mar-2013	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Avg Wt	5.86	3.25	7.80	5.44	6.46
Last week	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Same wk yr ago	153,056	1,752	1,332	3,084	408
Avg Wt	5.74	3.07	8.10	5.24	6.47
To-date/2013*	1,663,289	16,535	14,961	31,496	4,265
To-date/2012*	1,645,246	16,977	16,549	33,526	4,693
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	-10%	-6%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	673,660	2,477	6,966	9,443	1,899
Last week	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
Same wk yr ago	658,906	2,797	7,283	10,080	1,901
To-date/2013*	7,371,100	28,413	77,886	106,299	20,497
To-date/2012*	7,064,469	28,269	86,163	114,432	22,499
% Change YTD	4%	1%	-10%	-7%	-9%
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 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.1 million head, or 0.6 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head			Avg Wt
	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	
2/9	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
2/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
2/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
3/2	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
3/9	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
3/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86
Year to date	1,683.6	1,653.1	102%	
3/23		153.2		
3/30		153.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 23-Mar-13

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/23/13 (1)	03/16/13
Broiler/fryer	157,242 (2)	154,574
Light hens	1,788	1,603
Heavy hens	1,424	1,320
Total	160,454	157,497

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 152.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Mar-13 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 03/18/13	3,138	145,347	53,576
AM 03/01/13	2,931	136,369	57,996
CHG	207	8,978	-4,420
PCT CHG	7%	7%	-8%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-100.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents fob from current production for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

15-Mar-13

Live Spent Heavy

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are seasonally normal to less than normal. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Midwest and Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	10.0 - 22.0	13.91

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens general for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are seasonally normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product sales are moving well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is 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 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 16-Mar-13

REGIONS	Cases	% Change From	
	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	221.0	3	8
East North Central	774.3	4	7
West North Central	310.3	2	5
South Atlantic	136.3	7	-9
South Central	52.8	0	8
West	35.5	1	-17
Total	1,530.2	3	5

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)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

WEEKLY NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

15-Mar-13

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.

	National Composite Weighted Average		
	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	107.78	0.03	12,117
Last Week:	107.82		11,559
Last Year:	94.08	13.70	12,760

Monthly Composite Weighted Average		
Feb	101.80	45,653

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
New York	95.50-115.00	108.00-113.00	109.90	1,618
Chicago	95.00-118.00	99.00-107.00	104.18	2,120
Los Angeles	98.00-132.00	109.00-113.00	110.59	2,000

