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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are slightly lower for the larger sizes and lower for Medium. Early in the week, regional prices were steady for Jumbo, sharply higher for Extra Large and Large, and mostly steady for Medium and Small. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate in the Midwestern and Southwestern regions, moderate in the Northeast region, and moderate to fairly good in the Southeastern and South Central regions. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to at times light. Market activity is moderate to slow. All breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are 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
Northeast	134-148	139-143	104-121	113-115
Southeast	131.5-151	141-144	103.5-121	104-108
Midwest	129-138	131-134	96-105	98-101
South Central	140.5-149	142-145	104.5-113	106-109

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

IA-MN-WI	03/26/13	03/19/13	03/27/12
Large	111-121	102-112	97-107
Medium	78-82	78-82	76-80

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

03/22/13

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	129.50	128.00	109.00
SOUTHEAST	131.50	129.50	105.00
MIDWEST	121.50	119.50	99.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	130.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	128.88	127.00	105.33

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)<sup>1/</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	8.9	8.7	19.3	9.5	8.9	3.6	58.9
	% Change	-24.2%	-12.4%	20.1%	16.7%	-4.4%	-17.7%	-1.1%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	31.2	18.6	28.7	15.0	34.1	6.4	133.9
	% Change	9.2%	5.3%	1.7%	-17.3%	7.1%	11.4%	2.9%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	49.9	104.2	115.7	63.0	76.5	48.2	457.5
	% Change	-8.8%	-10.9%	-15.0%	-26.8%	-28.1%	14.3%	-15.7%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	17.8	13.8	37.7	21.6	32.6	11.8	135.3
	% Change	6.0%	3.5%	-13.1%	-4.0%	7.9%	31.9%	0.1%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	3.8	3.2	4.8	1.7	1.9	2.7	18.1
	% Change	-39.8%	-9.6%	-34.1%	61.2%	1.6%	20.9%	-18.9%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	3.6	13.6	22.0	11.5	5.8	1.5	57.9
	% Change	30.7%	0.6%	-10.4%	-3.7%	7.1%	-14.3%	-3.3%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	3.1	18.6	50.7	25.6	17.0	9.0	124.0
	% Change	-55.8%	-0.1%	-44.4%	16.1%	-19.4%	-50.9%	-30.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	118.3	180.7	278.9	147.7	176.8	83.2	985.7
	% Change	-7.6%	-6.6%	-19.6%	-13.0%	-14.2%	-0.5%	-12.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	985.7	-12.6%
Breaking Stock	227.3	-8.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,213.0</b>	<b>-11.9%</b>

## Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2/</sup>

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	8.4	26.0	4.7	4.7	4.4	1.4	49.5
	% Change	-6.2%	2.0%	-16.5%	22.3%	-13.1%	-3.5%	-1.7%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	32.6	8.6	5.8	3.5	50.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.8%	-7.1%	-33.9%	-8.1%	-8.2%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	8.4	26.0	37.2	13.3	10.2	4.9	99.9
	% Change	-6.2%	2.0%	-3.9%	1.5%	-26.3%	-6.9%	-5.1%

<b>Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:</b>	<b>Large:</b>	<b>22.4%</b>
	<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>72.1%</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>47.5%</b>

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 23-MAR-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,364,673	32,208	13,538	7,001	1,956	4,439
PW	1,341,202	32,258	13,224	7,236	1,982	4,308
LY	1,255,323	29,370	13,259	6,549	2,100	4,351
% PW	2%	0%	2%	-3%	-1%	3%
% LY	9%	10%	2%	7%	-7%	2%
2012*	16,231,387	380,134	166,889	85,181	32,634	52,971
2011*	15,606,715	369,673	160,098	81,952	33,139	53,608
% YTD	4%	3%	4%	4%	-2%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	41.90	42.52	42.64
(Inedible Excluded)	38.65	39.31	39.18

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	804,417	58.9%	20,167	62.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	787,534	58.7%	19,996	62.0%
LAST YEAR	704,414	56.1%	17,936	61.1%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 16	Mar 23
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,113	28,130	21,217	21,201
Arkansas	21,156	21,080	20,533	20,406
Delaware	3,412	3,323	3,583	4,696
Florida	1,221	1,220	1,224	1,141
Georgia	33,182	32,852	27,047	26,880
Kentucky	7,708	7,433	6,162	6,408
Louisiana	3,395	3,455	3,020	2,994
Maryland	7,457	7,398	6,281	5,420
Mississippi	17,869	17,593	14,957	14,890
Missouri	7,938	8,126	5,502	5,769
North Carolina	19,926	19,795	16,191	16,276
Oklahoma	6,909	6,969	4,364	4,171
Pennsylvania	3,796	3,877	3,062	3,114
South Carolina	5,275	5,346	3,894	3,898
Texas	15,238	15,159	12,433	12,479
Virginia	6,653	6,518	5,087	4,856
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,906	11,333	10,121	9,942
19 State total	200,154	199,607	164,678	164,541
Percent of previous year	101	102	101	100
Other States	8,001	8,230	5,492	5,767
United States	208,155	207,837	170,170	170,308

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 05-May-13 is estimated at 149.4 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 153.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 85.07 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 03/21/13 - 03/27/13		Current Lds 96.25		Future Lds 38.25		Total Lds 134.50	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	119.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 1	113.33	118.59	114.50	117.70	116.80	110.00	80.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	5.75
GL W XL	--	132.80	119.33	116.55	95.55	103.50	33.25
GL W LG	--	133.90	92.67	114.50	93.77	116.60	35.00
GL W MD	--	--	92.75	94.40	86.00	100.00	12.00
GL W SM	--	51.00	50.13	54.44	43.00	--	6.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	75.00	76.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	73.00	76.50	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	60.00	65.00	--	75.75	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 23-Mar-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	21.7	19.7	10	23		
Boston	3.5	3.4	3	17		
Chicago	59.2	53.8	10	-6		
Los Angeles	69.1	61.6	12	42		
New Orleans	7.1	6.3	13	13		
New York	39.1	41.2	-5	-1		
St. Louis	110.6	110.5	0	16		
San Francisco	20.0	19.3	4	50		
Total	330.3	316.8	4	15		
4 Week Moving Avg.	314.6					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 23-Mar-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Avg Wt	16.52	40.32	24.84	28.48	30.83
Last week	1,614	2,517	5	14	4,150
Same wk yr ago	2,075	2,517	16	11	4,619
Avg Wt	16.78	40.97	25.14	27.97	30.01
To-date/2013*	20,110	30,013	276	201	50,600
To-date/2012*	20,951	29,664	253	95	50,963
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	9%	112%	-1%

  

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	21,991	81,608	555	373	104,527
Last week	22,351	81,994	108	299	104,752
Same wk yr ago	27,849	82,492	308	235	110,884
To-date/2013*	274,412	981,162	5,704	4,352	1,265,630
To-date/2012*	284,739	983,023	5,163	2,380	1,275,305
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	10%	83%	-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 23-Mar-13	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	443	-6	27.43	(A)	443	27.43
South Atlantic	671	24	36.61	(A)	671	36.61
North Central	1,948	-7	34.02	(A)	1,961	34.02
South Central	811	16	18.87	(A)	815	18.87
West	321	-2	25.69	(A)	321	25.69
U.S. total	4,194(B)	2	30.83	17	4,211	30.83
To-date						
2013*	50,123(B)			201	50,324	
To-date						
2012*	50,868(B)			95	50,963	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date\* 276,000; for last year to date\* 253,000.  
 \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 23-Mar-2013	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Avg Wt	5.85	3.19	8.05	5.33	6.99
Last week	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Same wk yr ago	150,600	1,809	1,383	3,192	402
Avg Wt	5.73	3.08	7.98	5.20	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,817,428	18,213	16,278	34,491	4,687
To-date/2012*	1,795,846	18,786	17,932	36,718	5,095
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	-9%	-6%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	685,302	2,837	7,103	9,940	2,094
Last week	673,660	2,477	6,966	9,443	1,899
Same wk yr ago	647,204	2,897	7,450	10,347	1,977
To-date/2013*	8,056,402	31,250	84,989	116,239	22,591
To-date/2012*	7,711,673	31,166	93,613	124,779	24,476
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-9%	-7%	-8%
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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 153.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.0 million head, or 2.8 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			
	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
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
3/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85
Year to date	1,839.6	1,806.3	102%	
3/30		153.2		
4/6		152.9		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 30-Mar-13

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/30/13 (1)	03/23/13
-----Thousand head-----		
Broiler/fryer	151,477 (2)	157,242
Light hens	1,863	1,788
Heavy hens	1,535	1,424
Total	154,875	160,454

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 151.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.8 million head or -3.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 06-Apr-13 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)	
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other	Poultry lbs
	Lbs	Lbs		
AM 03/25/13	3,107	144,400		52,340
AM 03/01/13	2,931	136,369		57,996
CHG	176	8,031		-5,656
PCT CHG	6%	6%		-10%

**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**

22-Mar-13

**Live Spent Heavy**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal for the week. Retail feature activity is moderate entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the Northeast and South Central regions. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing well. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	10.0 - 22.0	13.92

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

**Live Spent Light**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing 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)

Week ending 23-Mar-2013

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	215.1	-3	7
East North Central	768.5	-1	5
West North Central	309.9	0	0
South Atlantic	138.1	1	-8
South Central	53.3	1	8
West	35.4	0	-19
Total	1,520.3	-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)

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

**WEEKLY NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER** 22-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:	106.68	-1.10	11,116
Last Week:	107.78		12,117
Last Year:	91.82	+14.86	13,600

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Feb 101.80 45,653

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
New York	95.75-113.00	107.00-111.00	107.67	1,508
Chicago	97.00-115.00	99.00-105.00	103.46	1,670
Los Angeles	101.00-130.00	107.00-111.00	109.45	1,697

