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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are sharply lower for all egg sizes. Early in the week, regional prices declined on the larger and smaller sized eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is weak. Demand is light to moderate, instances fairly good in the Southwestern region. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are normal to extended. 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	127-136	129-132	89-98	91-94
NORTHEAST	132-146	137-141	97-115	107-109
SOUTH CENTRAL	138.5-147	140-143	99.5-108	101-104
SOUTHEAST	138-157	139-142	98.5-121	99-103

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

IA-MN-WI	04/02/13	03/26/13	04/03/12
LARGE	106-116	111-121	83-93
MEDIUM	68-72	78-82	61-65

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

03/29/13

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	142.00	141.00	114.00
SOUTHEAST	144.50	142.50	106.00
MIDWEST	134.50	132.50	99.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	144.50	143.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	141.47	140.00	106.73

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)

April 01, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.3	9.8	18.8	6.4	6.7	3.9	54.9
	% Change	4.3%	12.6%	-2.8%	-33.1%	-24.3%	8.5%	-6.9%
Extra Large	This Week	34.6	17.7	35.2	13.2	25.6	2.7	129.0
	% Change	10.9%	-5.2%	23.0%	-12.1%	-25.1%	-56.9%	-3.7%
Large	This Week	39.2	103.0	100.1	64.7	50.4	48.0	405.4
	% Change	-21.4%	-1.2%	-13.5%	2.7%	-34.1%	-0.5%	-11.4%
Medium	This Week	20.9	12.4	37.5	23.4	18.9	11.6	124.6
	% Change	17.2%	-10.3%	-0.6%	8.7%	-42.2%	-1.4%	-7.9%
Small	This Week	1.8	1.8	5.7	2.6	1.1	3.7	16.7
	% Change	-52.2%	-44.7%	18.5%	57.8%	-43.3%	34.9%	-8.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	0.9	14.5	28.3	11.0	5.7	1.2	61.6
	% Change	-75.1%	6.6%	28.5%	-3.8%	-0.3%	-20.0%	6.4%
Ungraded	This Week	2.4	16.9	61.0	23.9	16.2	10.6	131.0
	% Change	-23.9%	-9.3%	20.2%	-6.5%	-4.8%	17.6%	5.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	109.1	175.9	286.6	145.2	124.5	81.7	923.1
	% Change	-7.8%	-2.6%	2.8%	-1.7%	-29.6%	-1.8%	-6.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	923.1	-6.3%
Breaking Stock	226.5	-0.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,149.6	-5.2%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{2/} Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	6.2	22.3	5.9	3.8	4.7	3.2	46.0
	% Change	-26.9%	-14.1%	24.9%	-17.6%	6.8%	132.8%	-7.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	32.2	10.9	3.8	2.8	49.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	27.2%	-35.1%	-21.1%	-1.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.2	22.3	38.1	14.8	8.4	6.0	95.7
	% Change	-26.9%	-14.1%	2.3%	11.5%	-17.0%	22.1%	-4.2%

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

Large:	25.6%
Ungraded:	72.6%
Total:	50.0%

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 30-Mar-2013	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,338,488	30,922	13,840	7,173	2,275	4,366
PW	1,364,673	32,208	13,538	7,001	1,956	4,439
LY	1,245,678	30,467	12,306	6,304	2,127	4,417
% PW	-2%	-4%	2%	2%	16%	-2%
% LY	7%	1%	12%	14%	7%	-1%
2013	17,569,875	411,057	180,729	92,354	34,909	57,337
2012	16,852,393	400,140	172,404	88,257	35,266	58,025
% YTD	4%	3%	5%	5%	-1%	-1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.06	41.90	42.94
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.80	38.65	39.40

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	816,834	61.0%	19,596	63.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	804,417	58.9%	20,167	62.6%
LAST YEAR	703,169	56.4%	18,348	60.2%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-Mar-2013

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)		LW	LY		
Atlanta	26.5	21.7	22	42		
Boston	2.9	3.5	-17	-3		
Chicago	58.5	59.2	-1	-1		
Los Angeles	75.6	69.1	9	27		
New Orleans	7.5	7.2	4	4		
New York	39.0	39.1	0	5		
St. Louis	111.4	110.6	1	28		
San Francisco	26.2	20.0	31	49		
Total	347.6	330.3	5	20		
4 Week Moving Avg.	324.6					

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	MAR 23, 2013	MAR 30, 2013	MAR 23, 2013	MAR 30, 2013
(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)		
AL.....	28,131	28,150	21,182	20,553
AR.....	21,080	21,718	20,406	21,409
DE.....	3,323	3,411	4,602	4,131
FL.....	1,220	1,221	1,141	1,291
GA.....	32,852	32,702	26,878	26,254
KY.....	7,470	7,746	6,691	5,604
LA.....	3,455	3,531	2,994	3,288
MD.....	7,399	7,625	5,503	6,334
MS.....	17,593	17,741	14,896	14,374
MO.....	8,126	8,027	5,769	5,560
NC.....	19,795	20,350	16,298	15,778
OK.....	6,969	6,393	4,171	3,390
PA.....	3,844	3,780	2,988	3,180
SC.....	5,346	5,373	3,898	4,811
TX.....	15,159	14,648	12,479	12,141
VA.....	6,518	6,591	4,856	4,454
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,333	10,604	9,942	11,254
19 State Total.....	199,613	199,611	164,694	163,806
Percent of Prev. Year	102	101	100	99
Other States	8,230	7,981	5,767	5,690
United States	207,843	207,592	170,461	169,496

Source: USDA, NASS

(5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD SHELL EGG SALES

NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 28, 2013- APR 03, 2013 (CENTS/DOZEN)
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 112.75		FUTURE LOADS 21.50		TOTAL LOADS 134.25	
	SE		NE		MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	100.00	109.50	101.50	103.20	120.25	--
GL W J	--	--	103.00	106.00	90.19	--
GL W XL	--	93.50	102.75	106.51	86.04	86.33
GL W LG	--	121.65	109.00	100.71	76.70	--
GL W MD	--	--	79.67	82.67	79.25	81.00
GL W SM	--	--	49.00	51.50	46.50	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	62.43	56.43	--
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	71.50	--	3.00
NRBS - 42	--	52.00	--	--	52.17	70.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	61.50	--

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 30-Mar-2013 (Preliminary)

-----Young turkeys-----	Old		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg		Avg	
	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt
-Thousand Head-				
North East	517	17	23.47	(A) 517 23.47
South Atlantic	587	-13	36.63	(A) 587 36.63
North Central	1,957	0	33.86	(A) 1,964 33.86
South Central	689	-15	19.41	(A) 691 19.41
West	191	-40	29.20	(A) 191 29.20
U.S. total	3,941 (B)	-6	30.83	9 3,950 30.83
To-date				
2013*	54,064 (B)			210 54,274
To-date				
2012*	55,392 (B)			97 55,489

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 43,000; for the current year to date* 319,000; for last year to date* 271,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 30-Mar-2013 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Avg Wt	16.82	40.74	24.00	27.64	30.83
Last week	1,664	2,530	29	17	4,240
Same wk yr ago	1,931	2,575	18	2	4,526
Avg Wt	17.16	40.47	25.58	41.97	30.47
To-date/2013*	21,729	32,335	319	210	54,593
To-date/2012*	22,882	32,239	271	97	55,489
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	18%	116%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	21,785	75,679	795	192	98,451
Last week	21,991	81,608	555	373	104,527
Same wk yr ago	26,508	83,370	352	64	110,294
To-date/2013*	296,197	1,056,841	6,499	4,544	1,364,081
To-date/2012*	311,247	1,066,393	5,515	2,444	1,385,599
% Change YTD	-5%	-1%	18%	86%	-2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-May-13 is estimated at 151.2 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 154.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 86.33 cents per pound.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 30-Mar-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
Last week	154,139	1,678	1,317	2,995	422
Same wk yr ago	149,755	1,676	1,372	3,048	407
Avg Wt	5.80	3.44	7.76	5.38	6.92
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17,758	37,804	5,106
To-date/2012*	1,945,601	20,462	19,304	39,766	5,502
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	-8%	-5%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	641,704	3,049	7,920	10,969	2,035
Last week	685,302	2,837	7,103	9,940	2,094
Same wk yr ago	651,434	2,998	7,187	10,185	2,028
To-date/2013*	8,698,106	34,299	92,909	127,208	24,626
To-date/2012*	8,363,107	34,164	100,800	134,964	26,504
% Change YTD	4%	0%	-8%	-6%	-7%
Dressing %	76.0%	54.0%	68.0%	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 151.5 million head, or 1.7 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
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
03/02	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
03/09	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
03/16	153.1	152.5	100%	5.86
03/23	156.0	153.2	102%	5.85
03/30	151.5	153.2	99%	5.64
Year to date	1991.1	1959.5	102%	
04/06		152.9		
04/13		153.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 06-Apr-2013

Class	Current Week 04/06/13 (1)	Previous Week 03/30/13
Broiler/fryer	154,021 (2)	151,477
Light hens	1,850	1,863
Heavy hens	1,475	1,535
Total	157,346	154,875

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Apr-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 149.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or -1.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-Apr-13 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/01/13	3,075	141,685	49,511
AM 03/01/13	2,931	136,369	57,996
CHG	144	5316	-8485
PCT CHG	5%	4%	-15%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2013 are:

Frozen Eggs	30 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	428 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	550 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-100.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-99.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

29-Mar-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.0	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 30-Mar-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	215.9	0	9
East North Central	746.1	-3	8
West North Central	307.5	-1	0
South Atlantic	140.9	2	-8
South Central	52.6	-1	6
West	35.1	-1	-21
Total	1498.1	-1	4

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

29-Mar-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	106.69	↑ 0.01	10,280
Last Week:	106.68		11,116
Last Year:	86.92	↑ 19.77	13,520

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Mar	107.27	45,071
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	95.00 - 113.00	105.00 - 111.00	107.17	1,438
Chicago	90.00 - 112.25	98.00 - 105.00	102.58	2,000

Los Angeles 101.00 - 130.00 108.00 - 111.00 110.65 1,139

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.

