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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are sharply lower. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for the larger sizes and lower for Mediums. The undertone is steady to lower. Both retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is light to moderate with offerings heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time 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	99-108	101-104	75-84	77-80
NORTHEAST	104-118	109-113	83-98	90-92
SOUTH CENTRAL	108.5-117	110-113	84.5-93	86-89
SOUTHEAST	106-145	109-112	83.5-111	84-88

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

IA-MN-WI	04/09/13	04/02/13	04/10/12
LARGE	75-85	106-116	83-93
MEDIUM	56-60	68-72	58-62

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	138.50	139.00	108.00
SOUTHEAST	142.50	140.50	101.00
MIDWEST	132.50	130.50	92.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	141.50	141.50	102.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	138.83	138.00	101.01

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 11, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	12.2	8.6	13.7	6.4	7.8	4.1	52.7
	% Change	30.6%	-12.3%	-27.1%	0.8%	15.5%	3.8%	-4.0%
Extra Large	This Week	38.3	17.7	46.4	18.8	25.2	3.3	149.6
	% Change	10.7%	0.5%	31.7%	42.5%	-1.6%	19.3%	16.0%
Large	This Week	55.7	105.5	135.3	97.1	66.0	51.9	511.5
	% Change	41.9%	2.4%	35.1%	50.1%	31.0%	8.2%	26.2%
Medium	This Week	16.2	12.3	35.0	27.0	26.6	12.3	129.3
	% Change	-22.5%	-0.4%	-6.8%	15.1%	41.0%	5.8%	3.7%
Small	This Week	2.0	1.5	4.8	3.9	1.0	2.5	15.7
	% Change	11.0%	-16.9%	-15.8%	49.6%	-8.5%	-31.6%	-5.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.4	13.3	25.9	11.4	4.8	1.4	58.2
	% Change	59.6%	-8.1%	-8.6%	3.6%	-15.9%	14.2%	-5.5%
Ungraded	This Week	4.8	11.5	79.7	16.3	22.6	12.1	147.0
	% Change	102.5%	-32.2%	30.7%	-31.7%	39.3%	14.0%	12.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	130.5	170.3	340.8	181.0	153.9	87.5	1,063.9
	% Change	19.7%	-3.2%	18.9%	24.6%	23.6%	7.0%	15.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,063.9	15.3%
Breaking Stock	257.4	13.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,321.3	14.9%

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	8.0	23.3	7.7	3.7	4.5	4.7	51.9
	% Change	29.9%	4.7%	31.9%	-4.2%	-4.9%	47.3%	12.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	34.0	6.4	8.2	0.0	48.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	-41.4%	118.7%	-100.0%	-2.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.0	23.3	41.7	10.1	12.7	4.7	100.5
	% Change	29.9%	4.7%	9.5%	-31.8%	50.1%	-21.1%	5.0%

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

Large:	24.8%
Ungraded:	79.0%
Total:	51.0%

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 06-APR-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,425,340	32,184	15,263	7,855	2,631	4,286
PW	1,338,488	30,922	13,840	7,173	2,275	4,366
LY	1,302,876	30,242	14,005	7,096	2,412	4,777
% PW	6%	4%	10%	9%	16%	-2%
% LY	9%	6%	9%	11%	9%	-10%
2012*	18,995,215	443,241	195,992	100,209	37,540	61,623
2011*	18,155,269	430,382	186,409	95,353	37,678	62,802
% YTD	5%	3%	5%	5%	0%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	41.81	42.06	43.07
(Inedible Excluded)	38.80	38.80	39.41

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	885,741	62.1%	21,064	65.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	816,834	61.0%	19,596	63.4%
LAST YEAR	730,347	56.1%	17,936	59.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Mar 30	Apr 06	Mar 30	Apr 06
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,369	28,140	20,553	21,761
Arkansas	21,718	21,500	21,409	20,019
Delaware	3,413	3,411	3,808	4,438
Florida	1,221	1,225	1,291	1,224
Georgia	32,702	32,908	26,254	26,408
Kentucky	7,780	7,764	5,585	6,315
Louisiana	3,531	3,500	3,288	3,056
Maryland	7,625	7,407	6,642	5,331
Mississippi	17,741	17,906	14,374	15,113
Missouri	8,027	7,686	5,560	5,416
North Carolina	20,350	20,022	15,778	15,739
Oklahoma	6,393	6,653	3,390	4,005
Pennsylvania	3,718	3,921	3,118	3,040
South Carolina	5,373	5,365	4,811	4,644
Texas	14,651	14,535	12,133	12,612
Virginia	6,591	6,622	4,454	5,851
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,074	10,795	11,250	10,277
19 State total	200,277	199,360	163,698	165,249
Percent of previous year	101	100	99	100
Other States	7,981	7,820	5,690	5,837
United States	208,258	207,180	169,388	171,086

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 18-May-13 is estimated at 151.4 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 155.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 89.86 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 04/04/13 - 04/10/13		Current Lds 157.50		Future Lds 18.00		Total Lds 175.50	
CLASS	ORG	DST	NE	NE	ORG	DST	MW
GNR W 1	81.00	--	--	75.75	79.00	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	86.00	88.13	91.00	--
GL W XL	--	82.88	--	83.33	84.73	75.29	75.75
GL W LG	--	88.00	--	78.25	76.20	65.76	63.00
GL W MD	--	88.00	--	67.89	70.45	66.68	--
GL W SM	48.00	--	--	51.00	53.00	43.75	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	--
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	61.00	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	55.00	56.67	61.00
NRBS - 45	--	47.00	--	--	40.00	--	3.00
NRBS - 42	--	50.00	--	--	50.50	--	4.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	42.00	46.00	--	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-Apr-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY
Atlanta	16.2	26.5	-39	-24		
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-13		
Chicago	53.8	58.5	-8	-14		
Los Angeles	61.7	75.6	-18	-17		
New Orleans	6.5	6.0	8	8		
New York	31.0	39.0	-21	-24		
St. Louis	83.6	111.4	-25	8		
San Francisco	13.0	26.2	-50	-32		
Total	268.6	347.6	-23	-12		
4 Week Moving Avg.	315.8					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 06-Apr-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Turkeys	
Head	1,659	2,520	41	0	4,220
Avg Wt	18.68	39.43	26.42	0.00	31.14
Last week	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Same wk yr ago	1,593	2,336	18	6	3,953
Avg Wt	17.03	40.04	27.67	30.37	30.70
To-date/2013*	23,388	34,855	360	210	58,813
To-date/2012*	24,475	34,575	289	103	59,442
% Change YTD	-4%	1%	25%	104%	-1%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,792	79,491	834	0	105,117
Last week	21,785	75,679	795	192	98,451
Same wk yr ago	21,709	74,834	376	138	97,057
To-date/2013*	320,989	1,136,332	7,333	4,544	1,469,198
To-date/2012*	332,956	1,141,227	5,891	2,582	1,482,656
% Change YTD	-4%	0%	24%	76%	-1%

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 06-Apr-13	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	515	0	27.39	(A)	515	27.39
South Atlantic	532	-9	38.94	(A)	532	38.94
North Central	2,133	9	32.90	(A)	2,133	32.90
South Central	720	4	19.24	(A)	720	19.24
West	279	46	29.52	(A)	279	29.52
U.S. total	4,179 (B)	6	31.14	0	4,179	31.14
To-date						
2013*	58,243 (B)			210	58,453	
To-date						
2012*	59,339 (B)			103	59,442	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 41,000; for the current year to date* 360,000; for last year to date* 289,000.
 *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 06-Apr-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	153,236	1,812	1,440	3,252	441
Avg Wt	5.83	3.31	8.09	5.43	6.96
Last week	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Same wk yr ago	147,760	1,722	1,271	2,993	443
Avg Wt	5.65	3.36	8.12	5.38	6.76
To-date/2013*	2,120,371	21,858	19,198	41,056	5,547
To-date/2012*	2,093,361	22,184	20,575	42,759	5,945
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-7%	-4%	-7%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	678,958	3,239	7,922	11,161	2,179
Last week	641,704	3,049	7,920	10,969	2,035
Same wk yr ago	630,307	3,038	7,070	10,108	2,171

To-date/2013*	9,377,064	37,538	100,831	138,369	26,805
To-date/2012*	8,993,414	37,202	107,870	145,072	28,675
% Change YTD	4%	1%	-7%	-5%	-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 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 153.5 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.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
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
04/06	153.5	152.9	100%	5.83
Year to date	2144.6	2112.4	102%	
04/13		153.7		
04/20		153.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 13-Apr-2013

Class	Current Week 04/13/13 (1)	Previous Week 04/06/13
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	155,999 (2)	154,021
Light hens	2,081	1,850
Heavy hens	1,515	1,475
Total	159,595	157,346

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Apr-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 154.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.3 million head or 0.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Apr-13 the estimated available is 153.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/08/13	3,061	146,402	47,181
AM 04/01/13	3,107	144,400	52,340
CHG	-46	2002	-5159
PCT CHG	-1%	1%	-10%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

05-Apr-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.0	13.88

(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 06-Apr-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	212.6	-2	9
East North Central	732.0	-2	3
West North Central	303.9	-1	1
South Atlantic	121.9	-13	-20
South Central	50.9	-3	3
West	34.5	-2	13
Total	1455.8	-3	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

05-Apr-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	106.51	↓ 0.18	10,332
Last Week:	106.69		10,280
Last Year:	84.55	↑ 21.96	12,880

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	96.25 - 113.00	105.00 - 110.00	107.30	1,438
Chicago	99.00 - 112.25	99.00 - 104.00	102.93	1,840
Los Angeles	102.00 - 130.00	108.00 - 111.00	110.51	1,046

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.

