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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are sharply lower for all egg sizes. Early in the week, Regional egg prices were higher for Jumbo and slightly lower for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for Jumbo and sharply lower for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. The undertone is weak to lower. Demand is light to moderate, occasionally fairly good in the Southwestern region. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are light to moderate in the Southwest with the remainder of regions reporting moderate or moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices, along with checks, are lower. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate with buyers bidding lower trending prices for future needs. Offerings are moderate and reported as more available. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Market activity is slow to 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	115-124	117-120	95-104	97-100
NORTHEAST	119-133	124-128	100-113	105-107
SOUTH CENTRAL	127.5-136	129-132	103.5-112	105-108
SOUTHEAST	126-147	128-131	102-123	103-107

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

IA-MN-WI	05/28/13	05/21/13	05/29/12
LARGE	95-105	101-111	70-80
MEDIUM	75-79	81-85	43-47

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

05/24/13

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	129.00	127.00	106.50
SOUTHEAST	132.50	130.50	106.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	100.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	131.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	129.24	127.53	105.21

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)

May 28, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.8	9.9	15.8	14.0	9.0	3.4	60.9
	% Change	13.0%	-5.7%	12.5%	61.3%	8.5%	11.7%	16.3%
Extra Large	This Week	31.2	19.6	43.4	23.1	36.2	4.1	157.6
	% Change	6.8%	15.8%	41.4%	42.6%	7.5%	-13.5%	19.9%
Large	This Week	56.2	119.7	154.1	80.6	73.5	38.9	523.0
	% Change	8.2%	22.7%	25.2%	10.8%	-2.1%	6.7%	14.5%
Medium	This Week	18.7	17.1	35.9	27.5	28.7	10.8	138.5
	% Change	41.1%	8.4%	1.8%	-7.4%	4.9%	-10.0%	4.0%
Small	This Week	5.1	2.9	8.2	2.4	0.8	0.8	20.1
	% Change	190.9%	25.7%	77.4%	-5.2%	8.0%	-81.5%	23.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	10.6	25.7	12.8	4.6	0.4	56.8
	% Change	-18.8%	3.8%	-1.9%	22.5%	4.3%	-61.7%	2.1%
Ungraded	This Week	5.0	15.9	78.5	24.1	29.9	16.0	169.4
	% Change	63.1%	-20.3%	9.6%	-12.5%	16.1%	-1.2%	3.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	127.8	195.7	361.4	184.2	182.7	74.3	1,126.2
	% Change	15.7%	13.0%	18.3%	9.9%	4.2%	-4.4%	11.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,126.2	11.5%
Breaking Stock	244.3	7.3%
Total Shell Egg	1,370.5	10.7%

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	9.6	26.1	8.4	3.4	5.1	1.0	53.7
	% Change	38.8%	11.9%	15.7%	7.2%	31.1%	8.8%	17.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	36.7	10.0	13.8	4.6	65.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.7%	6.7%	4.5%	3.2%	1.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.6	26.1	45.1	13.5	18.9	5.6	118.8
	% Change	38.8%	11.9%	1.1%	6.8%	10.6%	4.1%	8.1%

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

Large:	20.1%
Ungraded:	75.0%
Total:	50.2%

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 25-MAY-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,421,601	32,948	14,778	7,716	2,729	4,239
PW	1,375,432	31,436	14,748	7,491	2,819	4,294
LY	1,367,272	33,380	13,446	6,785	3,110	4,610
% PW	3%	5%	0%	3%	-3%	-1%
% LY	4%	-1%	10%	14%	-12%	-8%
2012*	28,921,460	669,188	303,438	155,477	58,314	92,095
2011*	27,912,994	656,799	288,742	147,489	60,533	95,720
% YTD	4%	2%	5%	5%	-4%	-4%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	41.98	42.15	42.58
(Inedible Excluded)	39.00	39.02	39.21

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	869,752	61.2%	21,975	66.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	857,343	62.3%	21,005	66.8%
LAST YEAR	755,550	55.3%	19,259	57.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	May 18	May 25	May 18	May 25
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,899	28,093	21,277	21,608
Arkansas	21,839	22,058	19,412	20,308
Delaware	3,629	3,501	3,940	3,811
Florida	1,221	1,214	1,157	1,250
Georgia	33,675	33,583	26,834	26,874
Kentucky	7,780	7,804	6,051	6,657
Louisiana	3,490	3,485	3,106	3,123
Maryland	7,681	7,621	6,609	5,804
Mississippi	18,174	18,069	15,131	15,096
Missouri	8,314	8,271	5,646	5,399
North Carolina	20,616	20,311	16,334	15,268
Oklahoma	6,590	6,717	4,411	4,670
Pennsylvania	4,064	3,985	3,107	2,983
South Carolina	5,596	5,212	4,166	4,472
Texas	15,204	15,115	12,162	12,436
Virginia	6,557	6,551	4,909	6,139
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,910	10,881	10,335	10,489
19 State total	203,239	202,471	164,587	166,387
Percent of previous year	101	101	100	100
Other States	8,088	8,129	5,804	5,981
United States	211,327	210,600	170,391	172,368

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 07-Jul-13 is estimated at 152.4 million head. This compares to 151.3 million head the previous week and to 156.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.8 million head and the national weighted average price was 80.48 cents per pound.

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

National trading for MAY 23, 2013-MAY 29, 2013
CURRENT LOADS 111.75 FUTURE LOADS 22.25 TOTAL LOADS 134.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	85.00	101.20	94.00	93.33	--	--	15.00
GL W J	86.00	--	103.00	105.00	87.22	--	6.50
GL W XL	78.00	95.90	96.50	97.84	81.67	83.00	25.50
GL W LG	--	109.53	94.60	95.78	95.81	--	50.75
GL W MD	75.00	--	79.80	79.33	78.09	75.00	24.00
GL W SM	--	62.00	60.00	63.00	54.00	--	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	87.50	--	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	102.80	125.00	1.25
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	78.00	--	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	73.00	67.00	--	6.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-May-2013

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands		% CHANGE	
	LW	LY	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.8	19.4	-3	-6
Boston	2.4	2.4	0	-20
Chicago	56.6	55.3	2	-6
Los Angeles	48.9	61.3	-20	5
New Orleans	7.1	6.2	15	15
New York	34.0	34.5	-1	-12
St. Louis	84.4	78.6	7	-7
San Francisco	19.4	22.3	-13	31
Total	271.6	280.5	-3	-3
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 25-May-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,861	2,550	39	17
Avg Wt	17.33	40.26	27.31	30.58
Last week	1,792	2,443	13	3
Same wk yr ago	1,966	2,483	11	3
Avg Wt	16.67	40.43	29.58	49.44
To-date/2013*	36,026	52,830	502	248
To-date/2012*	37,810	52,915	451	153
% Change YTD	-5%	0%	11%	62%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	25,801	82,130	820	400
Last week	24,730	79,466	317	61
Same wk yr ago	26,220	80,508	246	112
To-date/2013*	494,100	1,719,713	10,402	5,370
To-date/2012*	509,972	1,731,612	9,083	3,957
% Change YTD	-3%	-1%	15%	36%

	Young	Old	Total
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-May-13 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
North East	597	14	26.15	(A)	597	26.15
South Atlantic	620	13	40.47	(A)	620	40.47
North Central	2,170	3	32.44	(A)	2,183	32.44
South Central	741	-5	18.33	(A)	745	18.33
West	283	2	27.36	(A)	283	27.36
U.S. total	4,411 (B)	4	30.56	17	4,428	30.56
To-date 2013*	89,358 (B)			248	89,606	
To-date 2012*	91,176 (B)			153	91,329	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 39,000; for the current year to date* 502,000; for last year to date* 451,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 25-May-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	158,753	1,586	1,531	3,117	456
Avg Wt	5.74	3.02	7.93	5.43	6.45
Last week	156,952	1,735	1,473	3,208	430
Same wk yr ago	158,757	1,786	1,624	3,410	409
Avg Wt	5.66	3.21	7.53	5.27	6.84
To-date/2013*	3,212,350	34,479	29,537	64,016	8,530
To-date/2012*	3,178,333	35,365	31,296	66,661	8,830
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	-6%	-4%	-3%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	692,544	2,586	8,256	10,842	2,088
Last week	697,809	3,026	7,753	10,779	2,100
Same wk yr ago	678,416	3,010	8,377	11,387	2,028

To-date/2013*	14,185,726	58,877	156,669	215,546	41,081
To-date/2012*	13,707,588	59,176	165,076	224,252	43,069
% Change YTD	3%	-1%	-5%	-4%	-5%

Dressing %	76.0%	54.0%	68.0%	71.0%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.7 million head, or 6.1 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
04/20	155.5	153.6	101%	5.79
04/27	157.9	153.0	103%	5.72
05/04	157.5	155.0	102%	5.78
05/11	158.7	155.0	102%	5.87
05/18	158.9	154.8	103%	5.85
05/25	160.7	154.6	104%	5.74
Year to date	3249.9	3192.1	102%	
06/01		155.3		
06/08		154.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 01-Jun-2013

Class	Current Week 06/01/13 (1)	Previous Week 05/25/13
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	141,999 (2)	158,593
Light hens	1,287	1,743
Heavy hens	1,570	1,655
Total	144,856	161,991

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Jun-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 144.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 142.3 million head or -13.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 08-Jun-13 the estimated available is 154.7 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 05/27/13	2,816	198,843	47,642
AM 05/01/13	2,980	170,759	47,049
CHG	-164	28084	593
PCT CHG	-6%	16%	1%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 95.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 92.00-101.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

24-May-2013

Live Spent Heavy

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 generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

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

Week ending 25-May-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	206.5	2	6
East North Central	708.8	-1	-1
West North Central	296.4	-2	2
South Atlantic	124.0	3	-2
South Central	51.2	2	0
West	36.2	-4	9
Total	1423.1	-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

24-May-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	113.53	↑ 2.42	10,382
Last Week:	111.12		11,697
Last Year:	86.94	↑ 26.59	13,720

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Apr	107.10	43,665
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	98.75 - 120.00	112.00 - 117.00	114.88	1,505
Chicago	102.00 - 118.25	107.00 - 113.00	110.16	1,805
Los Angeles	102.00 - 133.00	112.00 - 117.00	114.82	1,389

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.

