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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, egg prices are higher for Medium and steady for the heavier weight eggs. Earlier in the week, regional prices were higher for Jumbo and Medium, steady to lower for Extra Large and Large. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher Medium with the larger sizes remaining unchanged. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail demand is light in the Northeast and moderate in the balance of regions. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is steady to higher. Demand is fairly good on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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	97-106	99-102	72-81	74-77
NORTHEAST	101-115	106-110	74-87	79-81
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.5-119	112-115	74.5-83	76-79
SOUTHEAST	110-128	111-114	76.5-93	77-81

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

IA-MN-WI	08/06/13	07/30/13	08/07/12
LARGE	79-89	80-90	127-137
MEDIUM	57-61	51-55	79-83

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

08/02/13

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	108.50	108.00	78.50
SOUTHEAST	115.50	113.50	78.00
MIDWEST	103.50	101.50	72.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.50	113.50	77.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	110.93	109.30	76.62

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)

August 05, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	6.6	9.7	17.9	10.0	6.3	5.3	55.8
	% Change	23.7%	11.0%	34.8%	-14.9%	-6.2%	3.3%	9.5%
Extra Large	This Week	28.4	17.9	43.2	17.2	34.4	5.7	146.8
	% Change	34.7%	9.9%	20.4%	-7.2%	-0.8%	-6.7%	10.7%
Large	This Week	55.7	108.1	122.6	84.1	69.2	58.9	498.6
	% Change	25.1%	-6.4%	0.3%	6.1%	-7.6%	-7.0%	-0.2%
Medium	This Week	18.9	18.9	44.5	23.9	21.2	8.0	135.3
	% Change	-26.0%	-15.9%	-21.1%	13.5%	-25.8%	-9.7%	-16.9%
Small	This Week	8.7	5.5	7.9	5.5	1.4	3.5	32.4
	% Change	29.7%	-4.5%	-18.1%	2.2%	3.7%	29.7%	3.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.0	12.1	24.8	14.4	2.2	2.5	58.0
	% Change	-22.4%	-19.5%	-21.6%	-14.1%	-21.2%	-12.4%	-19.1%
Ungraded	This Week	12.5	13.3	76.0	15.9	21.1	9.7	148.5
	% Change	4.9%	4.8%	-4.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.3%	-1.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	132.8	185.4	336.9	171.0	155.8	93.6	1,075.5
	% Change	12.8%	-5.6%	-3.3%	1.4%	-8.1%	-5.1%	-2.2%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,075.5	-2.2%
Breaking Stock	271.7	-3.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,347.2	-2.4%

### Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2/</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	10.2	19.9	5.2	3.5	3.7	1.1	43.6
	% Change	18.9%	-22.5%	-27.4%	28.8%	-5.4%	-57.1%	-14.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	7.3	26.8	5.6	8.5	2.2	50.4
	% Change	0.0%	2.1%	-9.3%	-0.5%	24.4%	-49.9%	-5.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	10.2	27.2	32.0	9.1	12.2	3.3	94.0
	% Change	18.9%	-17.1%	-12.9%	8.9%	13.5%	-52.6%	-9.8%

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

Large:	27.0%
Ungraded:	71.6%
Total:	50.9%

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 03-AUG-2013		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,526,692	36,016	15,555	7,432	3,430	4,669
PW	1,469,405	34,288	14,937	7,580	3,158	4,687
LY	1,356,612	32,530	13,468	6,550	2,817	4,019
% PW	4%	5%	4%	-2%	9%	0%
% LY	13%	11%	15%	13%	22%	16%
2012*	43,663,812	1,012,747	455,433	232,567	89,907	137,123
2011*	41,663,432	978,348	426,723	217,164	91,915	139,626
% YTD	5%	4%	7%	7%	-2%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	41.71	41.85	41.70
(Inedible Excluded)	38.65	38.66	38.73

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	910,850	59.7%	22,899	63.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	874,328	59.5%	21,151	61.7%
LAST YEAR	779,424	57.5%	20,265	62.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jul 27	Aug 03	Jul 27	Aug 03
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,408	28,114	21,302	21,354
Arkansas	21,223	21,643	19,843	21,006
Delaware	3,692	3,691	4,708	4,304
Florida	1,223	1,225	1,385	1,259
Georgia	34,162	33,353	27,585	27,853
Kentucky	7,887	7,996	5,993	5,975
Louisiana	3,485	3,485	3,088	3,142
Maryland	7,606	7,631	5,296	6,020
Mississippi	16,863	17,770	15,225	15,224
Missouri	8,357	8,201	5,870	5,113
North Carolina	19,598	20,444	16,024	15,651
Oklahoma	6,880	6,828	4,569	4,023
Pennsylvania	4,007	4,102	2,949	3,162
South Carolina	5,274	5,110	4,570	4,423
Texas	14,734	14,915	12,775	12,604
Virginia	6,396	6,391	5,848	5,235
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,183	10,492	10,107	11,017
19 State total	199,978	201,391	167,137	167,365
Percent of previous year	103	103	104	102
Other States	7,909	7,861	6,171	5,696
United States	207,887	209,252	173,308	173,061

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 14-Sep-13 is estimated at 154.0 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 153.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 140.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 81.12 cents per pound.

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

National trading for August 1, 2013-August 7, 2013		CURRENT LOADS 116.00		FUTURE LOADS 22.00		TOTAL LOADS 138.00	
CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW	
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	81.00	90.25	81.00	83.25	--	--	20.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	104.50	107.00	102.33	--	10.00
GL W XL	93.00	104.13	91.15	93.08	91.35	--	30.50
GL W LG	--	98.61	81.85	84.63	86.64	--	35.25
GL W MD	--	--	67.00	70.00	72.97	--	27.25
GL W SM	46.00	--	45.50	48.50	--	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	106.50	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	83.00	73.00	77.00	3.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	81.00	86.00	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 42	--	66.00	--	--	62.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	63.40	--	--	59.80	--	5.00
NRBS - 36	--	52.00	--	--	46.50	46.00	4.00

\*Due to limited availability of this data, this report will be discontinued on Aug 18, 2013. If you have any questions please call 515-284-4471.

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 03-Aug-2013

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY			
Atlanta	19.4	19.7	-2			-2
Boston	2.4	3.2	-25			-8
Chicago	60.2	59.8	1			7
Los Angeles	70.9	60.1	18			36
New Orleans	6.6	6.9	-4			-4
New York	33.0	36.1	-9			2
St. Louis	106.6	98.9	8			28
San Francisco	20.9	21.1	-1			50
Total	320.0	305.5	5			20
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.7					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 03-Aug-13 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	2,384	2,273	13	4,670
Avg Wt	17.59	40.95	26.68	28.99
Last week	2,065	2,651	24	4,740
Same wk yr ago	1,878	2,729	43	4,670
Avg Wt	16.30	37.42	26.43	28.80
To-date/2013*	54,874	77,637	701	133,472
To-date/2012*	55,892	78,921	700	135,742
% Change YTD	-2%	-2%	0%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	33,548	74,463	267	108,278
Last week	28,447	83,560	559	112,566
Same wk yr ago	24,487	81,696	858	107,529
To-date/2013*	758,709	2,514,558	14,573	5,640
To-date/2012*	751,848	2,550,222	14,035	5,869
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	4%	-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 03-Aug-13 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys Avg
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg				
North East	535	-17	26.37	(A)	535	26.37
South Atlantic	727	-1	32.30	(A)	727	32.30
North Central	2,190	1	31.58	(A)	2,190	31.58
South Central	917	2	18.86	(A)	917	18.86
West	301	1	26.09	(A)	301	26.09
U.S. total	4,670 (B)	-1	28.99	0	4,670	28.99
To-date 2013*	133,212 (B)			260	133,472	
To-date 2012*	135,513 (B)			229	135,742	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 701,000; for last year to date 700,000.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 03-Aug-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	157,644	1,240	1,670	2,910	431
Avg Wt	5.81	3.04	8.03	5.90	6.51
Last week	157,779	1,548	1,683	3,231	481
Same wk yr ago	154,911	1,034	1,793	2,827	409
Avg Wt	5.75	3.03	7.87	6.10	6.40
To-date/2013*	4,748,116	47,562	44,646	92,208	13,076
To-date/2012*	4,715,918	48,162	48,615	96,777	12,897
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-8%	-5%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	696,093	2,054	9,186	11,240	2,020
Last week	690,693	2,497	9,280	11,777	2,362
Same wk yr ago	672,507	1,692	9,666	11,358	1,898
To-date/2013*	20,946,061	81,495	239,964	321,459	62,900
To-date/2012*	20,304,772	81,049	257,389	338,438	62,275
% Change YTD	3%	1%	-7%	-5%	1%
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Dressing %	76.0%	54.5%	68.5%		72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.6 million head, or 1.4 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
06/29	163.5	155.8	105%	5.80
07/06	139.9	154.8	90%	5.72
07/13	160.0	154.8	103%	5.83
07/20	157.8	156.7	101%	5.74
07/27	159.7	156.7	102%	5.76
08/03	159.6	158.2	101%	5.81
Year to date	4804.5	4748.7	101%	
08/10		158.1		
08/17		158.2		

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

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

Week Ending 10-Aug-2013

Class	Current Week 08/10/13 (1)	Previous Week 08/03/13
Broiler/fryer	158,487 (2)	156,975
Light hens	1,408	1,330
Heavy hens	1,789	1,765
Total	161,684	160,070

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Aug-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.8 million head or 3.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Aug-13 the estimated available is 157.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 08/05/13	2,880	215,317	44,335
AM 07/01/13	3,271	202,052	45,698
CHG	-391	13265	-1363
PCT CHG	-12%	7%	-3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of June 30, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on August 1, 2013 are:

Frozen Eggs	27	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	597	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	655	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 97.00-101.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 97.00-106.00 cents fob for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

02-Aug-2013

**Live Spent Heavy**

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range 10.0-21.5 Wtd Avg 13.89  
Prices in cents per pound.

(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**

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Week ending 03-Aug-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	207.2	1	10
East North Central	727.9	0	3
West North Central	303.1	0	2
South Atlantic	126.2	-1	0
South Central	48.7	-2	-6
West	35.2	-14	12
Total	1448.3	0	3

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**

02-Aug-2013

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	93.36	↓ 3.94	11,064
<b>Last Week:</b>	97.30		11,121
<b>Last Year:</b>	79.82	↑ 13.54	13,435

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Jul	99.04	53,394
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**Whole Body:**

**New York** Price Range 89.00 - 100.50 Majority 93.00 - 98.00 Wtd Avg 95.11 1,460

**Chicago** 69.00 - 107.00 75.00 - 90.00 84.82 2,205

**Los Angeles** 75.00 - 116.00 89.00 - 97.00 92.32 1,365

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.

