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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, egg prices are sharply lower for Extra Large and Large with Medium steady. Regional prices remain unchanged for both the heavier and lighter sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for Extra Large and Large, while Jumbo and Medium are steady. The undertone is lower for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. Retail demand ranges light to good. Food service demand is usually light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is sharply lower. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to at times moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate for current trade requirements. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. 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	148-157	150-153	107-116	109-112
NORTHEAST	149-163	154-158	110-123	115-117
SOUTH CENTRAL	161.5-170	163-166	115.5-124	117-120
SOUTHEAST	160-177	161-164	113.5-131	114-118

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

IA-MN-WI	12/24/13	12/17/13	12/26/12
LARGE	125-135	130-140	93-103
MEDIUM	89-93	89-93	72-76

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/20/13

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	157.00	156.00	116.00
SOUTHEAST	164.50	162.50	116.00
MIDWEST	153.50	151.50	110.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	164.50	164.50	118.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	160.06	158.88	115.37

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)

December 23, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	6.3	10.8	13.4	7.9	6.9	2.5	47.7
	% Change	-27.9%	-5.9%	-23.1%	20.0%	2.1%	-14.5%	-11.4%
Extra Large	This Week	16.7	19.6	25.7	16.3	33.8	3.5	115.6
	% Change	-38.8%	-22.4%	-8.5%	8.6%	5.9%	4.1%	-11.7%
Large	This Week	34.2	110.7	124.7	70.8	63.4	34.2	438.0
	% Change	-19.8%	-15.9%	-18.3%	-24.0%	-16.4%	-23.0%	-18.9%
Medium	This Week	8.9	15.4	41.8	24.8	23.6	10.5	125.0
	% Change	-15.2%	2.1%	-1.6%	6.4%	-15.6%	-11.7%	-4.7%
Small	This Week	2.2	2.9	4.7	2.9	0.9	2.1	15.6
	% Change	-25.1%	50.0%	4.5%	41.7%	-24.4%	-43.6%	-3.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	12.9	25.8	18.0	4.7	3.2	66.7
	% Change	15.9%	-6.8%	1.9%	-7.4%	-23.8%	-29.4%	-6.1%
Ungraded	This Week	8.8	9.8	58.3	14.0	7.9	4.5	103.2
	% Change	3.1%	-6.9%	-11.4%	-2.9%	-13.9%	-16.0%	-9.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	79.3	182.0	294.4	154.6	141.1	60.5	911.8
	% Change	-22.7%	-13.2%	-12.4%	-11.1%	-11.2%	-20.6%	-13.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	911.8	-13.8%
Breaking Stock	230.0	1.5%
Total Shell Egg	1,141.8	-11.1%

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	8.3	23.1	6.4	1.9	2.0	1.1	42.9
	% Change	-4.2%	-9.2%	-4.5%	31.9%	1.5%	48.6%	-4.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	1.7	23.5	3.5	1.2	0.9	30.7
	% Change	0.0%	15.3%	0.1%	-29.2%	408.7%	41.7%	0.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.3	24.8	29.9	5.4	3.2	2.0	73.6
	% Change	-4.2%	-7.8%	-0.9%	-15.3%	43.7%	45.5%	-2.8%

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

Large:	18.5%
Ungraded:	69.5%
Total:	39.8%

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 21-Dec-2013	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,363,048	32,593	13,698	6,895	2,269	4,281
PW	1,364,333	33,434	13,449	6,678	2,014	4,189
LY	1,387,570	34,152	13,840	6,781	2,954	4,583
% PW	0%	-3%	2%	3%	13%	2%
% LY	-2%	-5%	-1%	2%	-23%	-7%
2013	72,030,129	1,671,169	755,458	381,891	142,567	224,470
2012	69,833,251	1,652,978	705,566	357,986	147,752	232,830
% YTD	3%	1%	7%	7%	-4%	-4%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				42.16	42.33	42.78
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				39.02	39.26	39.47

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	821,794	60.3%	22,145	67.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	815,733	59.8%	22,214	66.4%
LAST YEAR	820,699	59.1%	21,501	63.0%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	DEC 21, 2013	DEC 14, 2013	DEC 21, 2013	DEC 14, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,399	28,068	20,766	20,793
AR.....	21,013	20,522	20,257	20,273
DE.....	4,418	4,426	6,054	5,761
FL.....	1,222	1,220	1,680	1,369
GA.....	34,000	34,253	26,231	26,668
KY.....	7,766	7,808	5,860	6,179
LA.....	3,849	3,743	3,159	3,381
MD.....	7,666	7,640	4,915	5,530
MS.....	18,022	17,695	14,139	14,574
MO.....	8,419	8,188	6,268	6,197
NC.....	20,415	20,552	15,688	16,073
OK.....	7,008	7,025	3,878	3,904
PA.....	3,995	3,906	3,163	3,119
SC.....	5,023	5,020	4,790	4,309
TX.....	14,453	14,220	11,622	12,243
VA.....	6,334	6,415	5,420	5,055
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,428	10,065	9,638	10,054
19 State Total.....	201,430	200,766	163,528	165,482
Percent of Prev. Year	103	102	100	99
Other States	7,822	7,712	6,020	5,589
United States	209,252	208,478	169,548	171,071
Source: USDA, NASS				

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-Feb-14 is estimated at 151.5 million head. This compares to 147.4 million head the previous week and to 153.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 98.08 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Dec 19, 2013- Dec 25, 2013 (Cents/Dozen)							
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News							
Current Loads	89.00	Future Loads	35.75	Total Loads	124.75		
	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	121.00	134.80	129.50	128.25	84.00	--	35.00
GNR BR 1	--	185.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	138.00	141.00	124.50	--	5.75
GL W XL	--	136.36	137.75	140.46	113.59	111.60	30.50
GL W LG	--	131.29	127.67	121.72	98.08	95.90	52.50
GL W MD	--	119.29	95.75	99.43	84.64	90.00	17.50
GL W SM	--	--	79.00	82.00	72.00	74.33	2.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	134.25	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	183.00	185.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	68.00	70.00	6.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 21-Dec-2013 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
	Prev wk					
North East	589	3	25.46	(A)	589	25.46
South Atlantic	592	22	38.91	(A)	592	38.91
North Central	1,857	-12	32.19	(A)	1,886	32.19
South Central	821	-4	18.73	(A)	831	18.73
West	215	-45	34.45	(A)	215	34.45
U.S. total	4,074 (B)	-8	30.20	38	4,113	30.20
To-date						
2013*	221,309 (B)			338	221,647	
To-date						
2012*	227,636 (B)			408	228,044	

(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* 1,132,000; for last year to date* 1,422,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 21-Dec-2013 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,544	2,491	39	38	4,112
Avg Wt	16.16	38.97	26.66	29.71	30.20
Last week	1,784	2,602	25	0	4,411
Same wk yr ago	1,386	2,405	13	27	3,831
Avg Wt	15.67	40.97	25.69	25.52	31.65
To-date/2013*	92,511	127,666	1,132	338	221,647
To-date/2012*	93,768	132,446	1,422	408	228,044
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	-20%	-17%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	19,961	77,659	801	869	99,290
Last week	23,021	82,619	512	0	106,152
Same wk yr ago	17,375	78,826	254	524	96,979
To-date/2013*	1,265,075	4,086,346	23,600	7,389	5,382,410
To-date/2012*	1,267,452	4,218,481	28,197	9,893	5,524,323
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	-16%	-25%	-3%
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 POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 21-Dec-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	156,151	1,728	1,360	3,088	465
Avg Wt	5.84	3.22	6.95	4.86	6.95
Last week	158,690	1,649	1,568	3,217	470
Same wk yr ago	155,551	1,910	1,272	3,182	399
Avg Wt	5.64	3.11	7.86	5.01	5.65
To-date/2013*	7,848,337	74,377	75,169	149,546	22,473
To-date/2012*	7,759,122	75,252	80,150	155,402	21,173
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-6%	-4%	6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	693,061	3,005	6,475	9,480	2,311
Last week	698,299	2,760	8,603	11,363	2,339
Same wk yr ago	662,367	3,208	6,549	9,757	1,612
To-date/2013*	34,649,829	128,378	407,452	535,830	108,171
To-date/2012*	33,670,918	128,000	418,483	546,483	101,547
% Change YTD	3%	0%	-3%	-2%	7%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.0% 68.5% 71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.0 million head, or 14.1 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
11/16	155.3	155.0	100%	5.87
11/23	154.9	151.2	102%	5.72
11/30	124.5	149.6	83%	5.79
12/07	151.2	147.6	102%	5.86
12/14	160.6	151.7	106%	5.79
12/21	158.0	143.9	110%	5.84
Year to date	7942.2	7846.9	101%	
12/28		147.0		
01/04		144.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 28-Dec-2013

Class	Current Week 12/28/2013 (1)	Previous Week 12/21/2013
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	117,914 (2)	162,800
Light hens	1,024	1,843
Heavy hens	945	1,636
Total	119,883	166,279

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-13 is 157.3 million head compared to 157.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 118.2 million head or -39.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jan-14 the estimated available is 145.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 12/23/13	2,650	69,185	54,082
AM 12/01/13	2,674	70,963	51,420
CHG	-24	-1778	2662
PCT CHG	-1%	-3%	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-108.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-103.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

20-Dec-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 10.0-22.0 14.00

(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 remained 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.

NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER

20-Dec-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	93.94	↓ 0.95	11,940
Last Week:	94.89		11,041
Last Year:	98.17	↓ 4.23	11,659

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Nov	93.72	46,011
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	85.00 - 100.00	92.00 - 99.00	95.95	1,393

Chicago	76.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 94.00	90.90	2,335
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Los Angeles	78.00 - 111.00	90.00 - 97.00	94.35	2,185
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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.

