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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, all New York egg prices are lower. Earlier in the week regional prices declined for Extra Large and Large, while Jumbo and Medium remained steady. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is lower. Retail and food service demand is mixed, ranging light to fairly good. 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. Offerings are moderate to heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are reduced in observance of the New Year 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	124-133	126-129	107-116	109-112
NORTHEAST	127-141	132-136	110-123	115-117
SOUTH CENTRAL	135.5-144	137-140	115.5-124	117-120
SOUTHEAST	128-162	137-140	113.5-131	114-118

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

IA-MN-WI	12/31/13	12/24/13	1/02/13
LARGE	90-100	125-135	87-97
MEDIUM	82-86	89-93	66-70

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/27/13

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 30, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	5.6	9.8	17.6	8.0	7.3	2.5	50.6
	% Change	-12.3%	-9.0%	31.5%	1.7%	5.7%	-1.6%	6.2%
Extra Large	This Week	19.2	17.5	34.7	16.0	26.1	2.9	116.3
	% Change	14.5%	-10.7%	34.7%	-1.7%	-22.8%	-17.5%	0.6%
Large	This Week	39.4	107.7	126.1	75.8	51.1	31.5	431.7
	% Change	15.2%	-2.7%	1.1%	7.0%	-19.3%	-7.8%	-1.4%
Medium	This Week	13.5	13.1	52.9	27.1	24.9	12.4	143.8
	% Change	51.4%	-15.4%	26.4%	9.2%	5.5%	18.8%	15.0%
Small	This Week	3.5	1.1	3.7	3.1	1.2	0.7	13.3
	% Change	58.3%	-60.7%	-21.2%	8.3%	26.9%	-66.3%	-15.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	13.6	30.0	21.6	3.5	3.4	74.7
	% Change	22.4%	5.5%	16.1%	19.9%	-25.3%	7.0%	11.9%
Ungraded	This Week	13.6	12.0	93.4	14.1	11.6	10.1	154.8
	% Change	55.9%	22.5%	60.2%	0.6%	46.9%	124.2%	50.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	97.3	174.8	358.2	165.6	125.6	63.5	985.1
	% Change	22.8%	-4.0%	21.7%	7.1%	-11.0%	5.1%	8.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	985.1	8.0%
Breaking Stock	273.8	19.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,258.9	10.3%

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	7.6	20.8	5.6	2.8	1.4	0.9	39.0
	% Change	-9.0%	-10.0%	-13.7%	48.4%	-32.7%	-22.7%	-9.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	1.2	24.6	3.8	0.2	1.3	31.2
	% Change	0.0%	-29.5%	4.9%	9.5%	-79.5%	57.6%	1.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	22.0	30.2	6.6	1.6	2.2	70.2
	% Change	-9.0%	-11.3%	0.9%	23.3%	-49.8%	12.3%	-4.6%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	22.1%
	Ungraded:	71.4%
	Total:	44.1%

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 28-Dec-2013	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,253,935	28,691	13,724	6,601	2,461	3,919
PW	1,363,048	32,593	13,698	6,895	2,269	4,281
LY	1,443,475	33,225	14,857	7,801	2,880	4,107
% PW	-8%	-12%	0%	-4%	8%	-8%
% LY	-13%	-14%	-8%	-15%	-15%	-5%
2013	73,284,064	1,699,860	769,182	388,491	145,028	228,389
2012	71,276,726	1,686,203	720,422	365,786	150,632	236,937
% YTD	3%	1%	7%	6%	-4%	-4%
			CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			42.21	42.16	41.56	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			39.09	39.02	38.71	

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	835,855	66.7%	20,495	71.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	821,794	60.3%	22,145	67.9%
LAST YEAR	835,710	57.9%	19,630	59.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	DEC 21, 2013 (1,000 eggs)	DEC 28, 2013	DEC 21, 2013 (1,000 chicks)	DEC 28, 2013
AL.....	28,068	27,867	21,487	22,673
AR.....	20,522	21,055	20,273	20,328
DE.....	4,430	4,424	5,621	5,675
FL.....	1,220	1,220	1,369	1,278
GA.....	34,253	33,856	26,312	25,435
KY.....	7,808	7,908	6,434	6,408
LA.....	3,743	3,788	3,381	3,317
MD.....	7,640	7,160	5,635	5,752
MS.....	17,695	17,277	14,574	14,678
MO.....	8,188	8,261	6,197	5,895
NC.....	20,458	20,305	15,924	15,769
OK.....	7,025	6,931	3,904	3,593
PA.....	3,882	3,837	3,151	3,010
SC.....	5,291	5,255	4,309	4,538
TX.....	14,220	13,993	12,243	11,778
VA.....	6,415	6,571	5,055	4,895
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,961	10,484	10,109	9,295
19 State Total.....	200,819	200,192	165,978	164,317
Percent of Prev. Year	102	103	99	103
Other States	7,712	7,799	5,590	5,414
United States	208,531	207,991	171,568	169,731
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 09-Feb-14 is estimated at 152.0 million head. This compares to 151.5 million head the previous week and to 155.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 99.43 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Dec 26, 2013- Jan 01, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)							
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
Current Loads		106.50		Future Loads		41.00 Total Loads 147.50	
	SE		NE		MW		
GNR W 1	105.00	103.00	96.25	100.20	--	--	12.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	96.60	--	6.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	--	59.00	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	180.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	112.25	114.50	116.75	--	8.00
GL W XL	--	107.33	108.67	104.32	92.73	96.00	35.75
GL W LG	--	111.73	100.00	93.40	80.11	86.25	33.50
GL W MD	--	106.62	84.67	87.33	83.03	87.30	16.50
GL W SM	81.00	--	68.45	71.18	--	--	3.75
GL BR LG	--	--	177.50	179.00	--	--	3.00
GL BR MD	--	--	105.00	107.00	75.00	--	1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.50	56.41	17.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	4.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	55.38	56.00	44.00	--	7.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 28-Dec-2013 (Preliminary)						
-----Young turkeys-----			Old		Total turkeys	
-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders	Avg		
	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt		
North East	452	-23	25.14	(A)	452	25.14
South Atlantic	135	-77	40.45	(A)	135	40.45
North Central	1,206	-35	36.85	(A)	1,206	36.85
South Central	211	-74	17.24	(A)	211	17.24
West	161	-25	26.88	(A)	161	26.88
U.S. total	2,165 (B)	-47	32.04	0	2,165	32.04
To-date						
2013*	223,474 (B)			338	223,812	
To-date						
2012*	230,017 (B)			408	230,425	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 5,000; for the current year to date* 1,137,000; for last year to date* 1,429,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 28-Dec-2013 (Preliminary)					
	Young		Breeders		Total
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	Turkeys
Head	815	1,345	5	0	2,165
Avg Wt	15.77	41.90	29.81	0.00	32.04
Last week	1,544	2,491	39	38	4,112
Same wk yr ago	930	1,444	7	0	2,381
Avg Wt	16.15	42.62	25.93	0.00	32.23
To-date/2013*	93,326	129,011	1,137	338	223,812
To-date/2012*	94,698	133,890	1,429	408	230,425
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	-20%	-17%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	10,282	45,084	115	0	55,481
Last week	19,961	77,659	801	869	99,290
Same wk yr ago	12,016	49,235	138	0	61,389
To-date/2013*	1,275,357	4,131,430	23,715	7,389	5,437,891
To-date/2012*	1,279,468	4,267,716	28,335	9,893	5,585,712
% 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 28-Dec-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	120,580	896	706	1,602	280
Avg Wt	5.94	2.98	7.51	4.98	6.72
Last week	156,151	1,728	1,360	3,088	465
Same wk yr ago	115,385	940	780	1,720	239
Avg Wt	5.64	3.04	8.31	5.43	6.16
To-date/2013*	7,968,917	75,273	75,875	151,148	22,753
To-date/2012*	7,874,507	76,192	80,930	157,122	21,412
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-6%	-4%	6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	544,346	1,442	3,632	5,074	1,345
Last week	693,061	3,005	6,475	9,480	2,311
Same wk yr ago	491,332	1,543	4,246	5,789	1,053
To-date/2013*	35,194,175	129,820	411,084	540,904	109,516
To-date/2012*	34,162,250	129,543	422,729	552,272	102,600
% 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 147.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 122.0 million head, or 25.0 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
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
12/28	122.0	147.0	83%	5.94
Year to date	8064.2	7993.9	101%	
01/04		144.7		
01/11		150.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 04-Jan-2014

Class	Current Week 1/4/2014 (1)	Previous Week 12/28/2013
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	125,164 (2)	117,914
Light hens	1,276	1,024
Heavy hens	1,348	945
Total	127,788	119,883

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 116.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 125.4 million head or -31.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jan-14 the estimated available is 147.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 12/30/13	2,562	70,874	53,662
AM 12/01/13	2,674	70,963	51,420
CHG	-112	-89	2242
PCT CHG	-4%	0%	4%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-104.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-101.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

27-Dec-2013

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 10.0-22.0 Wtd Avg 13.96
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 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

27-Dec-2013

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	94.58	↑ 0.64	11,013
Last Week:	93.94		11,940
Last Year:	102.06	↓ 7.48	10,712

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Dec	94.60	45,464
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Whole Body:

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
New York	86.00 - 101.00	92.00 - 99.00	96.54	1,421

Chicago	72.00 - 107.25	83.00 - 95.00	90.70	2,350
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Los Angeles	86.00 - 108.00	90.00 - 96.00	95.11	1,621
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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.

