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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

In New York this week, egg prices are steady for Extra Large and Large, while Medium are lower. Earlier in the week regional prices were sharply lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for Jumbo and lower for the balance of sizes. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is mixed, varying by region. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate in the Southwestern region with the balance of regions reporting mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings are light to moderate. 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	101-110	103-106	96-105	98-101
NORTHEAST	107-121	112-116	99-112	104-106
SOUTH CENTRAL	112.5-121	114-117	104.5-113	106-109
SOUTHEAST	111-133	113-116	104-122	105-109

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

IA-MN-WI	1/07/14	12/31/13	1/08/13
LARGE	80-90	90-100	83-93
MEDIUM	76-80	82-86	64-68

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

1/03/14

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	135.00	134.00	116.00
SOUTHEAST	140.50	138.50	116.00
MIDWEST	129.50	127.50	110.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	146.50	138.50	118.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	138.30	134.76	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)<sup>1/</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

January 06, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>5.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>50.4</b>
	% Change	-9.7%	7.4%	-14.1%	-10.6%	29.5%	28.5%	-0.6%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>24.6</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>139.1</b>
	% Change	28.5%	20.4%	23.3%	26.4%	6.1%	-4.5%	19.6%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>42.3</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>435.2</b>
	% Change	7.5%	-4.2%	-2.6%	20.8%	-15.8%	2.5%	0.8%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>14.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>146.2</b>
	% Change	5.0%	-3.6%	-5.5%	4.5%	9.1%	13.5%	1.7%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>14.5</b>
	% Change	7.5%	74.1%	6.0%	-21.7%	-26.3%	132.9%	9.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>3.2</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>74.4</b>
	% Change	20.9%	1.6%	-4.2%	-1.4%	19.4%	-5.9%	-0.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>16.1</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>186.2</b>
	% Change	18.1%	-19.7%	38.2%	-7.5%	0.8%	-33.4%	20.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>109.2</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>392.2</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>1,046.0</b>
	% Change	12.2%	-1.1%	9.5%	11.1%	-1.3%	0.6%	6.2%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>				
<b>Shell Egg</b>		1,046.0		6.2%				
<b>Breaking Stock</b>		289.2		5.6%				
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>		1,335.2		6.1%				

### 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
<b>Large</b>	This Week	5.4	20.1	6.7	2.4	6.7	1.0	42.3
	% Change	-28.9%	-3.6%	21.1%	-16.3%	393.4%	20.0%	8.5%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.9	25.5	4.4	0.2	1.5	32.4
	% Change	0.0%	-27.0%	3.4%	16.1%	-16.7%	9.0%	3.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>5.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>74.7</b>
	% Change	<b>-28.9%</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>331.9%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>66.9%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40.4%</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> 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 04-Jan-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,325,725	30,167	14,214	6,986	2,751	4,262
PW	1,253,935	28,691	13,724	6,601	2,461	3,919
LY	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
% PW	6%	5%	4%	6%	12%	9%
% LY	2%	4%	1%	-5%	-8%	-2%
2013	1,325,725	30,167	14,214	6,986	2,751	4,262
2012	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
% YTD	2%	4%	1%	-5%	-8%	-2%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				41.96	42.21	42.22
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				38.75	39.09	38.87

**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	858,787	64.8%	21,454	71.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	835,855	66.7%	20,495	71.4%
LAST YEAR	828,662	63.8%	19,242	66.2%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	DEC 28, 2014	JAN 04, 2013	DEC 28, 2014	JAN 04, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,857	28,038	22,289	21,311
AR.....	21,055	21,029	20,328	19,288
DE.....	4,392	4,411	5,137	5,469
FL.....	1,220	1,224	1,278	1,349
GA.....	33,856	33,946	25,435	27,212
KY.....	7,908	7,927	6,408	6,450
LA.....	3,788	3,834	3,317	3,324
MD.....	7,160	7,001	6,179	5,735
MS.....	17,504	17,677	14,678	14,850
MO.....	8,261	8,452	5,895	5,163
NC.....	20,305	20,214	15,769	15,362
OK.....	6,931	6,896	3,593	5,498
PA.....	3,830	3,842	3,033	3,077
SC.....	5,255	5,249	4,538	5,041
TX.....	13,983	14,593	11,771	11,911
VA.....	6,571	6,168	4,895	4,814
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,484	8,926	9,291	9,010
19 State Total.....	200,360	199,427	163,834	164,864
Percent of Prev. Year	103	102	103	101
Other States	7,866	7,788	6,043	6,407
United States	208,226	207,215	169,877	171,271
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 15-Feb-14 is estimated at 151.3 million head. This compares to 152.0 million head the previous week and to 153.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 100.27 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Jan 02, 2014- Jan 08, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)  
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	Current Loads		120.25 Future Loads		51.25 Total Loads		171.50
	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 1	85.00	--	86.20	88.33	--	--	27.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	70.00	70.00	7.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	115.00	--	4.00
GL W XL	93.50	90.00	96.50	98.91	88.51	--	44.00
GL W LG	85.00	78.00	89.00	88.42	77.42	91.00	38.25
GL W MD	78.75	81.16	83.80	85.29	71.94	75.00	17.75
GL W SM	70.00	73.00	67.20	70.00	72.00	80.25	7.50
GL BR XL	--	--	183.00	186.00	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	187.00	--	--	178.00	184.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	48.50	55.00	10.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	54.00	--	--	--	1.00

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 04-Jan-2014 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders --Thousand head--	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg	Avg Live wt		Avg		
	Prev wk	Live wt		Thousand head--	Live wt	
North East	456	1	26.95	(A)	456	26.95
South Atlantic	373	176	43.50	(A)	373	43.50
North Central	1,414	17	34.68	(A)	1,414	34.68
South Central	343	63	19.63	(A)	343	19.63
West	124	-23	38.02	(A)	124	38.02
U.S. total	2,710 (B)	25	33.45	0	2,710	33.45
To-date						
2014*	2,728 (B)			0	2,728	
To-date						
2013*	3,393 (B)			10	3,403	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 14,000; for the current year to date\* 14,000; for last year to date\* 29,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 04-Jan-2014 (Preliminary)

Head	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	901	1,813	14	0	2,728
Avg Wt	15.99	42.14	30.92	0.00	33.45
Last week	815	1,345	5	0	2,165
Same wk yr ago	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
Avg Wt	18.25	41.57	23.16	30.27	32.56
To-date/2014*	901	1,813	14	0	2,728
To-date/2013*	1,288	2,076	29	10	3,403
% Change YTD	-30%	-13%	-52%	-100%	-20%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	11,526	61,120	335	0	72,981
Last week	10,282	45,084	115	0	55,481
Same wk yr ago	18,805	69,039	517	233	88,594
To-date/2014*	11,526	61,120	335	0	72,981
To-date/2013*	18,805	69,039	517	233	88,594
% Change YTD	-39%	-11%	-35%	-100%	-18%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.5%	77.5%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 04-Jan-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	128,712	1,374	1,297	2,671	486
Avg Wt	5.79	3.22	8.26	5.67	6.08
Last week	120,580	896	706	1,602	280
Same wk yr ago	130,573	1,368	1,130	2,498	349
Avg Wt	5.84	3.07	6.74	4.73	7.82
To-date/2014*	128,712	1,374	1,297	2,671	486
To-date/2013*	130,573	1,368	1,130	2,498	349
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	15%	7%	39%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	566,384	2,411	7,392	9,803	2,113
Last week	544,346	1,442	3,632	5,074	1,345
Same wk yr ago	579,535	2,226	5,103	7,329	1,938
To-date/2014*	566,384	2,411	7,392	9,803	2,113
To-date/2013*	579,535	2,226	5,103	7,329	1,938
% Change YTD	-2%	8%	45%	34%	9%

Dressing % 76.0% 54.5% 69.0% 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 144.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 130.3 million head, or 14.4 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
11/30	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
01/04	130.3	144.7	90%	5.79
Year to date	130.3	144.7	90%	
01/11		150.5		
01/18		146.9		

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

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

Week Ending 11-Jan-2014

Class	Current Week 1/11/2014 (1)	Previous Week 1/4/2014
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	153,880 (2)	125,164
Light hens	2,137	1,276
Heavy hens	1,633	1,348
Total	157,650	127,788

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Jan-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 132.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.2 million head or -3.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-Jan-14 the estimated available is 148.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 01/06/14	2,622	79,312	53,459
AM 12/01/13	2,674	70,963	51,420
CHG	-52	8349	2039
PCT CHG	-2%	12%	4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2014 are:

Frozen Eggs	30	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	235	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	751	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 97.00-100.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

03-Jan-2014

**Live Spent Heavy**

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range 10.0-22.0 Wtd Avg 13.99  
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**

03-Jan-2014

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	95.83	↑ 1.25	11,727
<b>Last Week:</b>	94.58		11,013
<b>Last Year:</b>	104.98	↓ 9.15	11,248

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

<b>Dec</b>	94.60	45,464
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**Whole Body:**

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
<b>New York</b>	89.00 - 102.00	95.00 - 100.00	97.59	1,508

<b>Chicago</b>	79.00 - 109.25	85.00 - 95.00	91.91	2,870
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<b>Los Angeles</b>	89.00 - 111.00	95.00 - 100.00	97.85	1,022
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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.

