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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are lower for both the heavier and the lighter eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for all egg sizes. The undertone is steady to lower. Retail demand is light to moderate, at times fairly good in the Southeastern region. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. All breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time to reduced at off-line facilities. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules remain full-time to extended. 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	133-142	135-138	104-113	106-109
NORTHEAST	139-153	144-148	108-121	112-115
SOUTH CENTRAL	146.5-155	148-151	118.5-127	120-123
SOUTHEAST	148-172	150-153	115.5-138	116-120

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

IA-MN-WI	3/04/14	2/25/14	3/05/13
LARGE	112-122	128-138	77-87
MEDIUM	85-89	96-100	59-63

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

2/28/14

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	158.00	154.00	126.00
SOUTHEAST	164.50	162.50	126.00
MIDWEST	153.50	151.50	117.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	165.50	164.50	125.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	160.59	158.41	123.78

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)

March 03, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	11.4	10.2	18.4	9.9	18.1	3.7	71.7
	% Change	23.0%	3.4%	3.5%	29.6%	15.3%	-18.0%	10.7%
Extra Large	This Week	28.8	21.2	44.8	17.7	44.2	7.3	163.8
	% Change	25.2%	19.2%	10.8%	13.9%	28.3%	47.7%	20.4%
Large	This Week	42.4	113.2	124.1	104.4	78.4	57.6	520.0
	% Change	15.9%	10.3%	17.9%	59.1%	28.2%	47.0%	26.7%
Medium	This Week	20.7	16.9	40.6	27.0	36.4	7.7	149.2
	% Change	6.7%	17.6%	8.7%	14.1%	33.0%	2.0%	15.1%
Small	This Week	3.9	3.7	7.9	5.5	0.7	1.8	23.6
	% Change	-45.8%	35.5%	-16.5%	18.7%	362.5%	-25.5%	-11.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.5	10.9	24.8	20.9	5.4	2.0	66.5
	% Change	8.6%	19.4%	-7.4%	15.3%	-16.0%	-26.7%	1.6%
Ungraded	This Week	10.8	9.6	58.4	18.6	10.9	7.2	115.6
	% Change	30.9%	26.4%	-0.1%	12.5%	7.7%	-21.1%	4.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	120.6	185.7	318.9	204.1	194.0	87.3	1,110.5
	% Change	13.6%	13.2%	7.9%	34.4%	24.9%	23.9%	17.7%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,110.5	17.7%
Breaking Stock	227.9	6.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,338.4	15.6%

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	9.5	23.6	6.6	2.2	4.2	0.7	46.7
	% Change	-3.0%	9.6%	23.2%	-42.9%	-33.4%	-36.3%	-2.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	1.2	25.3	4.2	0.2	1.5	32.3
	% Change	0.0%	-12.8%	-10.1%	-22.3%	-42.4%	2.8%	-11.8%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.5	24.8	31.9	6.3	4.4	2.1	79.0
	% Change	-3.0%	8.3%	-4.8%	-30.8%	-33.9%	-13.4%	-6.4%

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

Large:	18.3%
Ungraded:	65.7%
Total:	37.7%

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 01-Mar-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,373,527	29,109	16,232	8,432	2,794	4,184
PW	1,348,094	28,968	15,863	8,286	2,721	4,322
LY	1,358,311	31,525	14,092	7,355	2,591	4,499
% PW	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	-3%
% LY	1%	-8%	15%	15%	8%	-7%
2014	12,257,834	267,676	141,183	70,844	26,024	38,295
2013	12,169,403	283,444	126,522	63,556	26,132	39,828
% YTD	1%	-6%	12%	11%	0%	-4%
			CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			42.20	42.61	42.31	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			39.15	39.40	39.00	

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	860,523	62.7%	19,693	67.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	810,568	60.1%	18,171	62.7%
LAST YEAR	789,970	58.2%	19,754	62.7%

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	FEB 22, 2014	MAR 01, 2013	FEB 22, 2014	MAR 01, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,378	28,060	21,175	21,420
AR.....	20,341	20,466	18,464	18,774
DE.....	4,462	4,472	5,360	4,793
FL.....	1,159	1,221	1,542	1,379
GA.....	33,442	33,705	25,206	26,811
KY.....	7,566	7,778	5,633	6,028
LA.....	3,878	3,878	3,442	3,406
MD.....	7,711	7,740	5,295	5,416
MS.....	17,567	17,958	14,709	14,787
MO.....	8,517	8,559	6,060	4,721
NC.....	20,668	20,474	15,699	15,394
OK.....	6,452	7,214	4,879	5,001
PA.....	3,746	3,835	3,354	3,067
SC.....	5,047	5,235	4,917	4,416
TX.....	14,828	14,685	11,776	11,997
VA.....	6,415	6,541	4,671	4,862
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,149	9,951	10,235	9,418
19 State Total.....	200,326	201,772	162,417	161,690
Percent of Prev. Year	100	101	100	99
Other States	7,871	7,730	6,095	6,221
United States	208,197	209,502	168,512	167,911

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 13-Apr-14 is estimated at 149.2 million head. This compares to 150.1 million head the previous week and to 152.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 106.68 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Feb 26, 2014- Mar 04, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	116.00	122.29	117.67	119.33	--	--	29.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	113.00	--	14.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	91.00	85.00	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	131.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	119.17	--	6.00
GL W XL	116.83	126.51	125.83	127.55	111.84	116.72	46.50
GL W LG	111.00	136.76	126.00	123.67	117.53	--	63.75
GL W MD	--	95.00	91.00	93.75	85.11	--	10.25
GL W SM	78.00	--	75.00	78.00	--	--	6.00
GL BR LG	--	--	199.75	201.50	--	--	5.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	119.00	139.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	89.00	94.00	87.00	91.00	6.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	70.00	75.50	1.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 01-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Live wt		--Thousand head--	Live wt
North East	625	-2	25.57	(A)	625	25.57
South Atlantic	647	11	39.33	(A)	647	39.33
North Central	1,960	0	32.82	(A)	1,964	32.82
South Central	726	3	18.66	(A)	727	18.66
West	220	13	26.76	(A)	220	26.76
U.S. total	4,178 (B)	2	31.14	5	4,183	31.14
To-date 2014*	34,462 (B)			36	34,498	
To-date 2013*	37,729 (B)			168	37,897	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000; for the current year to date* 193,000; for last year to date* 217,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 01-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,811	2,349	18	5	4,183
Avg Wt	17.32	41.84	26.14	26.82	31.14
Last week	1,668	2,393	28	0	4,089
Same wk yr ago	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Avg Wt	17.22	40.99	27.10	0.00	31.25
To-date/2014*	14,255	20,014	193	36	34,498
To-date/2013*	15,092	22,420	217	168	37,897
% Change YTD	-6%	-11%	-11%	-79%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,093	78,626	365	104	104,188
Last week	23,819	79,811	556	0	104,186
Same wk yr ago	25,348	87,096	271	0	112,715
To-date/2014*	194,269	669,324	4,537	833	868,963
To-date/2013*	205,821	734,194	4,559	3,586	948,160
% Change YTD	-6%	-9%	0%	-77%	-8%
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 01-Mar-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	153,521	1,511	1,494	3,005	460
Avg Wt	5.94	3.21	8.20	5.69	6.86
Last week	159,979	1,382	1,433	2,815	448
Same wk yr ago	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Avg Wt	5.74	3.65	7.90	5.73	6.82
To-date/2014*	1,346,981	13,751	13,004	26,755	4,065
To-date/2013*	1,358,635	13,663	12,319	25,982	3,490
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	6%	3%	16%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	693,055	2,643	8,453	11,096	2,256
Last week	706,403	2,410	7,969	10,379	2,229
Same wk yr ago	673,507	2,643	6,902	9,545	2,029

To-date/2014*	6,014,587	23,545	72,180	95,725	19,238
To-date/2013*	6,017,791	23,443	63,895	87,338	16,822
% Change YTD	0%	0%	13%	10%	14%

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 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.4 million head, or 0.5 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
1/25	149.5	148.4	101%	5.86
2/1	140.9	155.5	91%	5.80
2/8	162.0	154.4	105%	5.87
2/15	145.4	156.2	93%	6.03
2/22	161.9	154.2	105%	5.81
3/1	155.4	154.9	100%	5.94
Year to date	1363.4	1365.7	100%	
3/8		154.5		
3/15		154.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 08-Mar-2014

Class	Current Week 3/8/2014 (1)	Previous Week 3/1/2014
Broiler/fryer	156,199 (2)	155,579
Light hens	1,547	1,588
Heavy hens	1,507	1,584
Total	159,253	158,751

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Mar-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.5 million head or -0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Mar-14 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 03/03/14	2,595	137,917	53,044
AM 02/01/14	2,602	103,794	52,676
CHG	-7	34123	368
PCT CHG	0%	33%	1%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2014 are:

Frozen Eggs	35	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	366	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	697	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 98.00-108.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 98.00-104.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

28-Feb-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0-23.0	14.10

(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 continues 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

28-Feb-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	94.40	↑ 2.78	11,780
Last Week:	91.62		12,671
Last Year:	104.52	↓ 10.12	10,928

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Feb	92.45	46,764
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	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
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NEW YORK

Whole Body:	89.00 - 99.00	94.00 - 98.00	95.64	1,473
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CHICAGO

Whole Body:	82.50 - 106.25	85.00 - 95.00	91.68	2,195
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LOS ANGELES

Whole Body:	84.00 - 114.00	91.00 - 95.00	94.57	1,754
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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.

