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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, egg prices are steady for all sizes. Earlier in the week, regional asking prices declined for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are steady for Jumbo, steady to slightly higher for Extra Large and Large, steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate in the Southwestern region, moderate to fairly good in the Southeastern region, and moderate in the remainder of regions. Food service demand is moderate, instances fairly good in the South Central region. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to at times light. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. The undertone is steady. Demand is fairly good to good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to slightly reduced. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings are 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	120-129	122-125	103-112	105-108
NORTHEAST	127-141	132-136	107-120	111-114
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.5-141	134-137	113.5-122	115-118
SOUTHEAST	132-157	133-136	112.5-132	113-117

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

IA-MN-WI	3/11/14	3/04/14	3/12/13
LARGE	102-112	112-122	88-98
MEDIUM	85-89	85-89	72-76

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

3/07/14

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	146.50	146.00	113.50
SOUTHEAST	153.50	151.50	118.00
MIDWEST	138.50	136.50	107.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	151.50	149.50	121.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	147.63	145.98	115.41

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)

March 10, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	11.7	10.0	20.9	8.4	17.2	3.7	71.9
	% Change	2.7%	-2.1%	13.9%	-15.2%	-5.0%	0.0%	0.3%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	21.7	19.8	41.7	17.8	46.0	6.4	153.3
	% Change	-24.5%	-6.7%	-7.1%	0.6%	4.2%	-11.2%	-6.4%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	43.2	123.9	118.7	99.6	79.0	58.3	522.6
	% Change	1.7%	9.5%	-4.4%	-4.6%	0.8%	1.3%	0.5%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	16.0	17.1	36.5	30.7	31.3	9.0	140.6
	% Change	-22.4%	1.2%	-10.0%	13.7%	-13.9%	16.1%	-5.8%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	2.2	2.5	9.2	5.1	1.3	1.9	22.2
	% Change	-44.4%	-32.6%	16.1%	-7.1%	78.4%	4.3%	-6.1%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.2	10.0	24.5	17.7	5.8	2.1	62.3
	% Change	-12.7%	-8.0%	-1.0%	-15.6%	7.3%	8.1%	-6.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	12.8	12.6	60.1	16.9	17.1	8.3	127.8
	% Change	18.2%	31.0%	2.8%	-9.3%	57.4%	14.8%	10.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	109.8	195.9	311.5	196.1	197.7	89.7	1,100.8
	% Change	-8.9%	5.5%	-2.3%	-3.9%	1.9%	2.8%	-0.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,100.8	-0.9%
Breaking Stock	237.7	4.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,338.5</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

### 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	8.8	24.3	5.8	2.4	4.3	0.6	46.2
	% Change	-7.0%	3.0%	-11.7%	10.2%	1.7%	-4.6%	-1.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	2.7	26.0	5.4	0.3	2.0	36.4
	% Change	0.0%	118.7%	2.8%	28.9%	73.7%	35.1%	12.4%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	8.8	27.0	31.8	7.7	4.6	2.6	82.5
	% Change	-7.0%	8.7%	-0.2%	22.5%	4.8%	23.0%	4.5%

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

Large:	18.4%
Ungraded:	64.9%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38.9%</b>

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 08-Mar-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,385,984	29,647	15,967	8,162	3,058	4,266
PW	1,373,527	29,109	16,232	8,432	2,794	4,184
LY	1,356,109	32,224	13,606	7,388	2,565	4,396
% PW	1%	2%	-2%	-3%	9%	2%
% LY	2%	-8%	17%	10%	19%	-3%
2014	13,643,818	297,322	157,151	79,006	29,083	42,561
2013	13,525,512	315,668	140,128	70,943	28,697	44,224
% YTD	1%	-6%	12%	11%	1%	-4%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				41.88	42.20	42.48
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				38.80	39.15	39.24

**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	863,933	62.3%	19,792	66.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	860,523	62.7%	19,693	67.7%
LAST YEAR	789,088	58.2%	20,237	62.8%

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	MAR 01, 2014	MAR 08, 2013	MAR 01, 2014	MAR 08, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,060	28,482	21,417	21,528
AR.....	20,466	20,960	18,774	19,532
DE.....	4,407	4,577	4,713	4,580
FL.....	1,221	1,224	1,379	1,218
GA.....	33,619	33,781	26,912	26,503
KY.....	7,778	7,449	5,803	5,787
LA.....	3,848	3,833	3,401	3,397
MD.....	7,740	7,692	5,349	5,994
MS.....	17,958	17,611	14,787	14,638
MO.....	8,559	8,533	4,721	5,958
NC.....	20,416	19,985	15,305	15,897
OK.....	7,214	6,998	5,001	3,803
PA.....	4,073	3,888	3,163	2,538
SC.....	5,235	5,102	4,416	4,401
TX.....	14,714	14,358	11,982	11,846
VA.....	6,541	6,681	4,862	5,460
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,951	10,094	9,418	9,478
19 State Total.....	201,800	201,248	161,403	162,558
Percent of Prev. Year	101	101	99	99
Other States	7,827	7,933	6,218	5,846
United States	209,627	209,181	167,621	168,404

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 19-Apr-14 is estimated at 149.1 million head. This compares to 149.2 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 106.69 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Mar 06, 2014- Mar 12, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)  
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	Current Loads		130.50 Future Loads		51.25 Total Loads		181.75
	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	--	109.33	111.33	100.50	--	22.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	129.00	131.00	117.36	--	12.00
GL W XL	117.60	121.00	117.60	120.12	113.00	121.75	42.75
GL W LG	--	124.00	113.00	114.54	109.14	108.00	63.00
GL W MD	--	100.00	92.58	94.40	90.47	--	23.50
GL W SM	--	--	75.00	78.00	--	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	222.00	--	--	184.75	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	97.00	.50
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	86.00	89.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	90.50	--	91.83	95.50	92.00	95.50	5.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	70.00	75.50	1.00

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 08-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
		Prev wk	Live wt			
North East	581	-7	25.78	(A)	581	25.78
South Atlantic	549	-15	42.50	(A)	549	42.50
North Central	1,962	0	32.97	(A)	1,962	32.97
South Central	544	-25	19.34	(A)	544	19.34
West	273	24	23.56	(A)	273	23.56
U.S. total	3,909 (B)	-6	32.15	0	3,909	32.15
To-date						
2014*	38,371 (B)			36	38,407	
To-date						
2013*	42,040 (B)			170	42,210	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 36,000; for the current year to date\* 229,000; for last year to date\* 242,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 08-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,544	2,329	36	0	3,909
Avg Wt	16.88	42.32	29.60	0.00	32.15
Last week	1,811	2,349	18	5	4,183
Same wk yr ago	1,740	2,546	25	2	4,313
Avg Wt	17.42	40.93	25.05	61.06	31.36
To-date/2014*	15,799	22,343	229	36	38,407
To-date/2013*	16,832	24,966	242	170	42,210
% Change YTD	-6%	-11%	-5%	-79%	-9%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,850	78,851	826	0	100,527
Last week	25,093	78,626	365	104	104,188
Same wk yr ago	24,249	83,366	482	94	108,191
To-date/2014*	215,119	748,175	5,363	833	969,490
To-date/2013*	230,070	817,560	5,041	3,680	1,056,351
% Change YTD	-6%	-8%	6%	-77%	-8%
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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 08-Mar-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	149,809	1,268	1,344	2,612	377
Avg Wt	5.65	3.31	8.01	5.73	6.96
Last week	153,521	1,511	1,494	3,005	460
Same wk yr ago	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Avg Wt	5.83	3.28	8.01	5.54	6.93
To-date/2014*	1,496,790	15,019	14,348	29,367	4,442
To-date/2013*	1,512,027	15,097	13,628	28,725	3,851
% Change YTD	-1%	-1%	5%	2%	15%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	643,280	2,287	7,428	9,715	1,876
Last week	693,055	2,643	8,453	11,096	2,256
Same wk yr ago	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
To-date/2014*	6,657,867	25,832	79,608	105,440	21,114
To-date/2013*	6,697,440	25,936	70,920	96,856	18,598
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	12%	9%	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 154.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.6 million head, or 2.9 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
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
3/8	151.6	154.5	98%	5.65
Year to date	1515.0	1520.2	100%	
3/15		154.8		
3/22		153.4		

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

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

Week Ending 15-Mar-2014

Class	Current Week 3/15/2014 (1)	Previous Week 3/8/2014
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	159,210 (2)	156,199
Light hens	1,821	1,547
Heavy hens	1,620	1,507
Total	162,651	159,253

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Mar-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 155.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 2.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Mar-14 the estimated available is 154.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 03/10/14	2,649	137,821	51,984
AM 03/01/14	2,627	135,519	50,871
CHG	22	2302	1113
PCT CHG	1%	2%	2%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 97.00-108.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-106.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

07-Mar-2014

**Live Spent Heavy**

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range 11.0-23.0 Wtd Avg 14.09  
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 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**

07-Mar-2014

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	100.62	↑ 6.22	11,963
<b>Last Week:</b>	94.40		11,780
<b>Last Year:</b>	107.82	↓ 7.20	11,559

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Feb	92.45	46,764
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	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>NEW YORK</b>				
Whole Body:	96.00 - 123.00	99.00 - 103.00	101.71	1,470
<b>CHICAGO</b>				
Whole Body:	89.00 - 112.00	96.00 - 106.00	99.28	2,230
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>				
Whole Body:	82.00 - 114.00	98.00 - 105.00	101.98	1,673

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.

