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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

In New York this week, prices are sharply higher for all sizes of eggs. Regional asking prices were steady to higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are steady for Jumbo and sharply higher for the balance of sizes. The undertone is higher. Demand is usually reported as moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is firm. Offerings are very light on good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to instances shortened. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate for the moderate offerings. Processing schedules are full-time. 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	122-131	124-127	105-114	107-110
NORTHEAST	127-141	132-136	107-120	112-114
SOUTH CENTRAL	133.5-142	135-138	113.5-122	115-118
SOUTHEAST	132-149	133-136	112.5-130	113-117

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

IA-MN-WI	3/18/14	3/11/14	3/19/13
LARGE	107-117	102-112	102-112
MEDIUM	88-92	85-89	78-82

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

3/14/14

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	134.50	134.00	112.50
SOUTHEAST	136.50	134.50	115.00
MIDWEST	125.50	123.50	106.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	137.50	135.50	116.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	133.65	132.00	112.78

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 17, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	12.5	9.9	19.3	9.3	17.8	4.3	72.9
	% Change	6.3%	-1.3%	-7.9%	9.9%	3.8%	15.4%	1.4%
Extra Large	This Week	24.9	23.9	40.3	18.3	46.4	6.5	160.3
	% Change	14.9%	20.9%	-3.3%	2.9%	0.9%	0.8%	4.5%
Large	This Week	54.9	139.2	144.4	107.4	77.2	63.2	586.2
	% Change	27.3%	12.3%	21.7%	7.8%	-2.4%	8.4%	12.2%
Medium	This Week	14.0	15.7	38.5	24.0	30.1	6.7	128.9
	% Change	-12.6%	-8.1%	5.4%	-22.0%	-4.0%	-25.6%	-8.3%
Small	This Week	1.3	2.4	6.9	3.1	1.5	0.6	15.7
	% Change	-41.6%	-4.4%	-24.9%	-39.1%	9.8%	-70.3%	-29.3%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.2	10.5	25.1	15.9	5.8	2.8	63.3
	% Change	45.9%	5.0%	2.4%	-9.8%	0.0%	30.4%	1.6%
Ungraded	This Week	11.1	9.4	67.5	13.6	23.3	7.6	132.5
	% Change	-13.3%	-25.4%	12.3%	-19.7%	36.3%	-8.3%	3.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	121.9	211.0	341.9	191.5	202.0	91.6	1,159.8
	% Change	11.0%	7.7%	9.8%	-2.4%	2.2%	2.0%	5.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,159.8	5.4%
Breaking Stock	238.5	0.3%
Total Shell Egg	1,398.3	4.5%

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	9.7	29.6	7.4	3.7	5.4	0.6	56.5
	% Change	10.1%	21.9%	28.1%	56.7%	26.5%	3.2%	22.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	1.9	23.8	5.0	0.4	2.0	33.1
	% Change	0.0%	-30.1%	-8.4%	-6.0%	6.1%	1.0%	-9.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.7	31.5	31.3	8.8	5.8	2.7	89.6
	% Change	10.1%	16.7%	-1.7%	13.3%	25.0%	1.5%	8.6%

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

Large:	16.8%
Ungraded:	68.8%
Total:	36.0%

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 15-Mar-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,405,991	29,670	16,899	8,756	2,882	4,363
PW	1,385,984	29,647	15,967	8,162	3,058	4,266
LY	1,341,202	32,258	13,224	7,236	1,982	4,308
% PW	1%	0%	6%	7%	-6%	2%
% LY	5%	-8%	28%	21%	45%	1%
2014	15,049,809	326,992	174,050	87,762	31,965	46,924
2013	14,866,714	347,926	153,351	78,179	30,678	48,532
% YTD	1%	-6%	13%	12%	4%	-3%
			CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			42.45	41.88	42.52	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			39.35	38.80	39.31	

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	839,668	59.7%	19,102	64.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	863,933	62.3%	19,792	66.8%
LAST YEAR	787,534	58.7%	19,996	62.0%

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	MAR 08, 2014	MAR 15, 2013	MAR 08, 2014	MAR 15, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,482	28,534	21,528	21,718
AR.....	20,960	20,334	19,532	19,326
DE.....	4,607	4,669	4,539	4,139
FL.....	1,224	1,224	1,218	1,366
GA.....	33,696	34,237	26,443	26,092
KY.....	7,449	7,765	5,787	6,109
LA.....	3,833	3,772	3,397	3,407
MD.....	7,692	7,735	6,006	6,689
MS.....	17,611	17,660	14,638	14,763
MO.....	8,533	8,541	5,958	5,097
NC.....	19,985	20,330	15,897	16,372
OK.....	6,998	6,851	3,803	4,483
PA.....	3,908	3,831	2,614	3,054
SC.....	5,102	4,786	4,351	4,716
TX.....	14,358	14,555	11,846	11,713
VA.....	6,681	6,829	5,460	5,008
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,933	9,584	9,543	8,760
19 State Total.....	201,052	201,237	162,560	162,812
Percent of Prev. Year	101	101	99	99
Other States	7,933	7,828	5,847	5,919
United States	208,985	209,065	168,407	168,731

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 26-Apr-14 is estimated at 149.8 million head. This compares to 149.1 million head the previous week and to 153.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 106.51 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Mar 13, 2014- Mar 19, 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	112.00	--	112.17	114.40	85.00	--	20.00
GNR BR 1	--	198.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	125.00	127.50	120.92	--	9.75
GL W XL	--	148.40	124.61	126.99	127.45	--	47.25
GL W LG	120.25	131.14	118.34	119.04	124.37	--	66.25
GL W MD	--	--	99.30	100.93	106.46	118.25	25.75
GL W SM	79.00	84.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	168.00	170.00	198.50	--	5.00
GL BR MD	--	--	94.00	100.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	114.67	--	96.50	123.00	12.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	69.00	72.00	--	--	1.25

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 15-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	482	-17	23.61	(A)	482	23.61
South Atlantic	589	7	42.97	(A)	589	42.97
North Central	2,043	4	32.63	(A)	2,067	32.63
South Central	862	58	18.23	(A)	870	18.23
West	236	-14	31.71	(A)	236	31.71
U.S. total	4,212 (B)	8	31.13	32	4,244	31.13
To-date						
2014*	42,583 (B)			68	42,651	
To-date						
2013*	46,176 (B)			184	46,360	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date* 244,000; for last year to date* 247,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 15-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,872	2,325	15	32	4,244
Avg Wt	17.29	42.34	28.23	26.83	31.13
Last week	1,544	2,329	36	0	3,909
Same wk yr ago	1,614	2,517	5	14	4,150
Avg Wt	17.31	40.72	28.05	27.72	31.56
To-date/2014*	17,671	24,668	244	68	42,651
To-date/2013*	18,446	27,483	247	184	46,360
% Change YTD	-4%	-10%	-1%	-63%	-8%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,894	78,752	328	665	105,639
Last week	20,850	78,851	826	0	100,527
Same wk yr ago	22,351	81,994	108	299	104,752
To-date/2014*	241,013	826,927	5,691	1,498	1,075,129
To-date/2013*	252,421	899,554	5,149	3,979	1,161,103
% Change YTD	-5%	-8%	11%	-62%	-7%

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 15-Mar-2014

	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	Ducks
	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	
	----- Thousands -----				
Head	154,472	1,669	1,579	3,248	498
Avg Wt	5.71	3.19	8.12	5.59	6.23
Last week	149,809	1,268	1,344	2,612	377
Same wk yr ago	151,262	1,438	1,333	2,771	414
Avg Wt	5.86	3.25	7.80	5.44	6.46
To-date/2014*	1,651,262	16,688	15,927	32,615	4,940
To-date/2013*	1,663,289	16,535	14,961	31,496	4,265
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	6%	4%	16%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	670,347	2,902	8,847	11,749	2,218
Last week	643,280	2,287	7,428	9,715	1,876
Same wk yr ago	673,660	2,477	6,966	9,443	1,899
To-date/2014*	7,328,214	28,734	88,455	117,189	23,332
To-date/2013*	7,371,100	28,413	77,886	106,299	20,497
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	14%	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 154.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.3 million head, or 1.5 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
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
3/15	156.3	154.8	101%	5.71
Year to date	1671.3	1675.0	100%	
3/22		153.4		
3/29		153.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 22-Mar-2014

Class	Current Week 3/22/2014 (1)	Previous Week 3/15/2014
	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	157,391 (2)	159,210
Light hens	1,533	1,821
Heavy hens	1,557	1,620
Total	160,481	162,651

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Mar-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 153.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.7 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-Mar-14 the estimated available is 153.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 03/17/14	2,635	143,517	51,963
AM 03/01/14	2,627	135,519	50,871
CHG	8	7998	1092
PCT CHG	0%	6%	2%

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

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

14-Mar-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 13.0-23.0 Wtd Avg 14.10
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

14-Mar-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	106.67	↑ 6.04	12,440
Last Week:	100.62		11,963
Last Year:	107.78	↓ 1.11	12,117

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:	99.00 - 125.00	106.00 - 112.00	109.79	1,931
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CHICAGO

Whole Body:	94.00 - 120.00	102.00 - 111.00	105.28	2,630
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LOS ANGELES

Whole Body:	99.00 - 120.00	104.00 - 109.00	108.48	1,512
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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.

