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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

In New York this week, Extra Large and Large are 1 cent higher, Mediums are unchanged. Earlier in the week, regional asking prices were slightly higher for Jumbo and sharply higher for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady to slightly higher for Extra Large, slightly higher for Large, and steady for the balance of sizes. The undertone is steady with some caution noted in the Southwestern region. Demand ranges light to fairly good. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate, instances heavy in the Northeastern and Southwestern regions. Market activity is moderate. Earlier in the period breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, increased in price. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are usually full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are trending steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to instances 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	158-167	160-163	142-151	144-147
NORTHEAST	158-172	163-167	140-153	145-147
SOUTH CENTRAL	171.5-180	173-176	155.5-164	157-160
SOUTHEAST	150.5-172	165-168	134.5-155	148-152

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

IA-MN-WI	4/01/14	3/25/14	4/02/13
LARGE	141-151	125-135	106-116
MEDIUM	124-128	109-113	68-72

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

3/28/14

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	147.50	146.00	128.00
SOUTHEAST	148.50	146.50	130.00
MIDWEST	142.50	140.50	124.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	153.50	151.50	133.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	148.26	146.39	129.21

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 31, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	12.0	10.1	22.2	8.8	21.3	4.1	78.4
	% Change	-10.9%	3.5%	7.9%	-11.6%	20.1%	0.7%	3.9%
Extra Large	This Week	27.2	16.8	39.9	18.1	55.7	8.7	166.4
	% Change	-4.7%	-14.0%	14.7%	12.9%	-0.8%	32.5%	3.0%
Large	This Week	60.8	125.5	167.8	133.9	100.7	78.5	667.1
	% Change	13.2%	-0.2%	14.1%	14.6%	12.8%	17.8%	11.3%
Medium	This Week	10.7	16.3	36.4	21.1	41.4	9.9	135.8
	% Change	-13.6%	-4.3%	-13.9%	-0.7%	25.4%	16.4%	1.0%
Small	This Week	2.0	4.3	6.2	3.1	1.4	2.1	19.1
	% Change	25.9%	49.0%	-17.3%	74.3%	11.4%	123.2%	20.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	12.6	24.6	16.0	6.4	1.5	64.0
	% Change	-8.6%	16.3%	-1.1%	5.2%	22.3%	-14.7%	4.8%
Ungraded	This Week	12.6	10.9	57.2	18.4	25.5	12.9	137.6
	% Change	10.1%	7.3%	-18.5%	37.4%	7.0%	70.3%	0.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	128.3	196.6	354.2	219.3	252.3	117.8	1,268.5
	% Change	3.1%	0.3%	2.0%	12.9%	11.4%	22.6%	7.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,268.5	7.1%
Breaking Stock	235.4	-3.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,503.9</b>	<b>5.4%</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
Large	This Week	10.6	28.1	7.9	2.3	6.0	0.5	55.5
	% Change	4.5%	6.8%	22.3%	56.4%	0.2%	0.0%	8.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.5	21.6	3.8	2.9	1.5	32.3
	% Change	0.0%	35.5%	-9.3%	-28.5%	167.0%	-8.3%	-4.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	10.6	30.6	29.5	6.1	8.9	2.1	87.8
	% Change	4.5%	8.6%	-2.5%	-9.8%	25.7%	-6.3%	3.7%

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

Large:	18.1%
Ungraded:	75.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>39.0%</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 29-Mar-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,390,996	30,278	16,095	8,216	2,684	4,317
PW	1,393,423	30,552	15,675	7,881	2,151	4,493
LY	1,338,488	30,922	13,840	7,173	2,275	4,366
% PW	0%	-1%	3%	4%	25%	-4%
% LY	4%	-2%	16%	15%	18%	-1%
2014	17,834,228	387,822	205,819	103,859	36,800	55,734
2013	17,569,875	411,057	180,729	92,354	34,909	57,337
% YTD	2%	-6%	14%	12%	5%	-3%
			<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			42.35	42.05	42.06	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			39.24	38.83	38.80	

**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	836,691	60.2%	19,612	64.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	850,585	61.0%	20,766	68.0%
LAST YEAR	816,834	61.0%	19,596	63.4%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	MAR 22, 2014	MAR 29, 2013	MAR 22, 2014	MAR 29, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,289	28,564	20,547	21,784
AR.....	20,508	20,696	18,327	18,981
DE.....	4,269	4,623	4,664	5,046
FL.....	1,222	1,219	1,283	1,329
GA.....	33,887	33,918	26,538	26,209
KY.....	7,866	7,652	6,418	5,934
LA.....	3,772	3,772	3,410	3,693
MD.....	7,694	7,684	6,024	5,278
MS.....	16,794	17,285	15,288	15,106
MO.....	8,456	8,180	5,933	6,305
NC.....	20,599	20,606	15,840	16,004
OK.....	7,095	6,873	5,092	4,520
PA.....	3,766	3,889	3,335	3,058
SC.....	4,842	4,973	4,913	4,441
TX.....	14,454	14,016	11,740	11,144
VA.....	6,655	6,601	5,202	5,950
CA, TN, & WV.....	8,976	9,743	9,639	9,717
19 State Total.....	199,144	200,294	164,193	164,499
Percent of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100
Other States	7,682	7,920	5,897	5,897
United States	206,826	208,214	170,090	170,396
Percent of Prev. Year	100	100	100	100

Source: USDA, NASS

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

National Trading for Mar 27, 2014- Apr 02, 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	139.00	143.67	138.80	141.00	131.20	--	29.00
GL W J	--	--	153.00	155.00	122.78	--	13.25
GL W XL	147.00	--	149.83	154.25	144.71	171.00	21.25
GL W LG	--	164.00	145.00	155.40	157.43	155.00	45.50
GL W MD	--	139.67	125.00	126.50	130.86	140.00	16.25
GL W SM	--	--	88.17	91.17	84.00	--	8.00
GL BR XL	--	--	136.50	136.00	144.00	--	2.25
GL BR LG	--	--	133.50	128.00	135.50	--	2.75
NRBS - 50	--	--	116.64	124.57	--	--	1.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	123.67	128.00	117.83	--	10.00

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 29-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	593	8	25.96	(A)	593	25.96
South Atlantic	465	-15	44.00	(A)	465	44.00
North Central	2,179	5	31.80	(A)	2,179	31.80
South Central	724	-8	20.29	(A)	724	20.29
West	175	-19	27.53	(A)	175	27.53
U.S. total	4,136 (B)	-1	31.32	0	4,136	31.32
To-date 2014*	50,882 (B)			68	50,950	
To-date 2013*	54,383 (B)			210	54,593	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 4,000; for the current year to date\* 255,000; for last year to date\* 319,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 29-Mar-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,709	2,422	4	0	4,135
Avg Wt	17.04	41.41	26.15	0.00	31.32
Last week	1,793	2,364	7	0	4,164
Same wk yr ago	1,619	2,322	43	9	3,993
Avg Wt	16.82	40.74	24.00	27.64	30.83
To-date/2014*	21,173	29,454	255	68	50,950
To-date/2013*	21,729	32,335	319	210	54,593
% Change YTD	-3%	-9%	-20%	-68%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,297	80,236	81	0	103,614
Last week	24,586	80,187	139	0	104,912
Same wk yr ago	21,785	75,679	795	192	98,451
To-date/2014*	288,896	987,350	5,911	1,498	1,283,655
To-date/2013*	296,197	1,056,841	6,499	4,544	1,364,081
% Change YTD	-2%	-7%	-9%	-67%	-6%
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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 FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-May-14 is estimated at 151.3 million head. This compares to 150.5 million head the previous week and to 154.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 107.21 cents per pound.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 29-Mar-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	150,843	1,272	1,460	2,732	351
Avg Wt	5.60	3.44	8.22	5.99	6.46
Last week	151,931	1,352	1,413	2,765	411
Same wk yr ago	149,707	1,833	1,480	3,313	419
Avg Wt	5.64	3.08	7.87	5.22	6.84
To-date/2014*	1,954,036	19,312	18,800	38,112	5,702
To-date/2013*	1,967,135	20,046	17,758	37,804	5,106
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	6%	1%	12%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	641,988	2,385	8,281	10,666	1,621
Last week	670,867	2,343	7,995	10,338	1,940
Same wk yr ago	641,704	3,049	7,920	10,969	2,035
To-date/2014*	8,641,069	33,462	104,731	138,193	26,893
To-date/2013*	8,698,106	34,299	92,909	127,208	24,626
% Change YTD	-1%	-2%	13%	9%	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 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 152.7 million head, or 1.1 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
2/22	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
3/22	153.8	153.4	100%	5.81
3/29	152.7	153.8	99%	5.60
Year to date		1977.8	1982.2	100%
4/5		153.3		
4/12		154.1		

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

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

Week Ending 05-Apr-2014

Class	Current Week 4/5/2014 (1)	Previous Week 3/29/2014
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	159,339 (2)	153,651
Light hens	1,710	1,850
Heavy hens	1,628	1,604
Total	162,677	157,105

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Apr-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 151.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 2.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Apr-14 the estimated available is 153.7 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 03/31/14	2,689	144,499	50,247
AM 03/01/14	2,627	135,519	50,871
CHG	62	8980	-624
PCT CHG	2%	7%	-1%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 100.00-108.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 100.00-108.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

28-Mar-2014

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0-23.0	14.12

(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-Mar-2014

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	108.45	↓ 1.06	11,741
<b>Last Week:</b>	109.50		11,322
<b>Last Year:</b>	106.69	↑ 1.76	10,280

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Mar	106.26	47,467
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	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>NEW YORK</b>				
Whole Body:	100.00 - 119.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.20	1,439
<b>CHICAGO</b>				
Whole Body:	96.00 - 118.00	102.00 - 108.00	106.36	2,565
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>				
Whole Body:	99.00 - 127.00	111.00 - 118.00	113.76	1,581

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.

