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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Shell egg prices, in New York, are steady for Extra Large and Large, 6 cents lower for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional asking prices were steady to slightly higher for Extra Large, slightly higher for Large, and steady for the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for Medium and Small, unchanged for the larger sizes. The undertone is steady to lower. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service is mixed, usually light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate, instances heavy in the Midwestern region. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are trending steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to reduced. 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	159-168	161-164	142-151	144-147
NORTHEAST	159-173	164-168	140-153	145-147
SOUTH CENTRAL	172.5-181	174-177	155.5-164	157-160
SOUTHEAST	165-182	166-169	147.5-165	148-152

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

IA-MN-WI	4/08/14	4/01/14	4/09/13
LARGE	141-151	141-151	75-85
MEDIUM	122-126	124-128	56-60

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

4/04/14

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	167.00	165.00	146.00
SOUTHEAST	168.50	166.50	150.00
MIDWEST	163.50	161.50	145.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	175.50	174.50	158.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	168.97	167.26	150.44

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)

April 07, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	12.1	10.8	20.0	10.8	20.0	3.3	76.9
	% Change	0.5%	6.6%	-9.9%	23.9%	-6.1%	-19.6%	-1.9%
Extra Large	This Week	36.6	22.5	36.2	16.3	54.0	8.4	173.9
	% Change	34.6%	33.4%	-9.3%	-9.9%	-3.1%	-3.2%	4.5%
Large	This Week	70.0	127.0	179.4	112.6	91.1	74.6	654.7
	% Change	15.1%	1.2%	6.9%	-15.9%	-9.5%	-5.1%	-1.9%
Medium	This Week	12.3	20.0	37.4	29.3	40.3	12.3	151.6
	% Change	15.1%	22.6%	2.8%	38.6%	-2.6%	24.6%	11.7%
Small	This Week	2.3	2.6	2.4	4.0	0.9	1.9	14.0
	% Change	13.7%	-40.0%	-61.8%	27.6%	-31.4%	-12.7%	-26.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	12.1	24.1	15.0	7.6	1.8	63.4
	% Change	-7.4%	-3.9%	-2.1%	-6.3%	18.8%	25.5%	-1.0%
Ungraded	This Week	12.6	7.2	59.7	18.9	21.8	14.1	134.2
	% Change	-0.2%	-34.3%	4.3%	2.5%	-14.5%	9.0%	-2.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	148.6	202.1	359.1	206.9	235.8	116.4	1,268.8
	% Change	15.8%	2.8%	1.4%	-5.7%	-6.6%	-1.2%	0.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,268.8	0.0%
Breaking Stock	220.1	-6.5%
Total Shell Egg	1,488.9	-1.0%

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	9.3	28.6	6.5	2.2	5.8	0.5	52.9
	% Change	-12.4%	1.9%	-17.7%	-5.2%	-4.0%	-3.8%	-4.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.9	22.0	7.3	3.2	0.9	36.2
	% Change	0.0%	14.9%	2.2%	92.8%	9.6%	-44.8%	12.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.3	31.5	28.6	9.5	9.0	1.4	89.1
	% Change	-12.4%	2.9%	-3.2%	55.3%	0.4%	-34.3%	1.5%

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

Large:	21.4%
Ungraded:	71.8%
Total:	41.9%

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 05-Apr-2014 (Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,454,003	32,727	16,628	7,941	2,312	4,510
PW	1,390,996	30,278	16,095	8,216	2,684	4,317
LY	1,425,340	32,184	15,263	7,855	2,631	4,286
% PW	5%	8%	3%	-3%	-14%	4%
% LY	2%	2%	9%	1%	-12%	5%
2014	19,288,231	420,549	222,447	111,800	39,112	60,244
2013	18,995,215	443,241	195,992	100,209	37,540	61,623
% YTD	2%	-5%	13%	12%	4%	-2%
			CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			42.51	42.35	41.81	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			39.41	39.24	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	874,090	60.1%	21,569	65.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	836,691	60.2%	19,612	64.8%
LAST YEAR	885,741	62.1%	21,064	65.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	MAR 29, 2014	APR 05, 2013	MAR 29, 2014	APR 05, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,564	28,714	21,786	21,290
AR.....	20,696	20,567	18,981	18,730
DE.....	4,623	4,446	4,926	4,677
FL.....	1,219	1,176	1,329	1,333
GA.....	33,918	34,192	26,209	26,753
KY.....	7,652	7,631	5,934	6,484
LA.....	3,772	3,772	3,693	3,361
MD.....	7,730	7,753	5,306	6,252
MS.....	17,311	17,773	15,130	14,995
MO.....	8,180	7,737	6,305	5,749
NC.....	20,606	20,529	16,032	16,040
OK.....	6,873	7,033	4,520	4,888
PA.....	3,938	3,833	3,153	3,236
SC.....	4,973	4,958	4,441	4,927
TX.....	14,065	14,960	11,143	11,625
VA.....	6,601	6,672	5,950	5,546
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,187	10,358	9,846	9,258
19 State Total.....	199,908	202,104	164,684	165,144
Percent of Prev. Year	100	101	100	100
Other States	7,994	7,968	5,896	5,450
United States	207,902	210,072	170,580	170,594
Percent of Prev. Year	100	101	100	100
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 17-May-14 is estimated at 151.8 million head. This compares to 151.3 million head the previous week and to 155.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 107.73 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Apr 03, 2014- May 09, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)								
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
							Current Loads	Future Loads
							70.00	42.75
							112.75	
							SE	MW
							NE	
GNR W 1	136.00	144.40	136.83	139.00	--	--	--	11.00
GL W J	--	--	152.00	154.00	121.00	--	--	6.00
GL W XL	--	165.00	144.25	146.50	126.95	130.50	--	20.00
GL W LG	--	157.67	140.00	141.22	146.27	115.00	--	50.50
GL W MD	--	--	121.25	124.00	106.00	157.00	--	15.50
GL W SM	86.00	89.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	121.50	--	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	124.00	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	132.00	134.00	124.00	--	--	2.25
GL BR MD	--	--	96.00	104.75	--	--	--	1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	122.67	127.00	119.00	131.50	--	9.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	101.00	126.67	--	3.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 05-Apr-2014 (Preliminary)						
	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	522	-12	27.15	(A)	522	27.15
South Atlantic	621	34	38.40	(A)	621	38.40
North Central	2,258	4	32.23	(A)	2,258	32.23
South Central	578	-20	19.05	(A)	578	19.05
West	280	60	22.90	(A)	280	22.90
U.S. total	4,259 (B)	3	31.69	0	4,259	31.69
To-date						
2014*	55,141 (B)			68	55,209	
To-date						
2013*	58,603 (B)			210	58,813	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date* 271,000; for last year to date* 360,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 05-Apr-2014 (Preliminary)					
	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,720	2,523	16	0	4,259
Avg Wt	17.20	41.60	26.56	0.00	31.69
Last week	1,709	2,422	4	0	4,135
Same wk yr ago	1,659	2,520	41	0	4,220
Avg Wt	18.68	39.43	26.42	0.00	31.14
To-date/2014*	22,893	31,977	271	68	55,209
To-date/2013*	23,388	34,855	360	210	58,813
% Change YTD	-2%	-8%	-25%	-68%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,667	83,965	329	0	107,961
Last week	23,297	80,236	81	0	103,614
Same wk yr ago	24,792	79,491	834	0	105,117
To-date/2014*	312,563	1,071,315	6,240	1,498	1,391,616
To-date/2013*	320,989	1,136,332	7,333	4,544	1,469,198
% Change YTD	-3%	-6%	-15%	-67%	-5%

Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.5%	77.5%	

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 05-Apr-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	155,489	1,725	1,592	3,317	451
Avg Wt	5.83	3.17	8.63	5.79	6.89
Last week	150,843	1,272	1,460	2,732	351
Same wk yr ago	153,236	1,812	1,440	3,252	441
Avg Wt	5.83	3.31	8.09	5.43	6.96
To-date/2014*	2,109,525	21,037	20,392	41,429	6,153
To-date/2013*	2,120,371	21,858	19,198	41,056	5,547
% Change YTD	-1%	-4%	6%	1%	11%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	688,941	2,980	9,480	12,460	2,222
Last week	641,988	2,385	8,281	10,666	1,621
Same wk yr ago	678,958	3,239	7,922	11,161	2,179
To-date/2014*	9,330,010	36,442	114,211	150,653	29,115
To-date/2013*	9,377,064	37,538	100,831	138,369	26,805
% Change YTD	-1%	-3%	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 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 4.1 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
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
4/5	157.4	153.3	103%	5.83
Year to date	2135.2	2135.5	100%	
4/12		154.1		
4/19		153.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 12-Apr-2014

Class	Current Week 4/12/2014 (1)	Previous Week 4/5/2014
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	156,422 (2)	159,339
Light hens	1,732	1,710
Heavy hens	1,535	1,628
Total	159,689	162,677

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Apr-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 155.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.7 million head or -0.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 19-Apr-14 the estimated available is 153.6 million head.

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

	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. Other Poultry
AM 04/07/14	2,612	144,919	51,959
AM 03/01/14	2,627	135,519	50,871
CHG	-15	9400	1088
PCT CHG	-1%	7%	2%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2014 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2014 are:

Frozen Eggs	5	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	367	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	687	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

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

04-Apr-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0-23.0	14.14

(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

04-Apr-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	108.51	↑ 0.06	11,672
Last Week:	108.45		11,741
Last Year:	106.51	↑ 2.00	10,332

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Mar	106.26	47,467
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	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
NEW YORK				
Whole Body:	100.25 - 115.00	107.00 - 111.00	108.09	1,406
CHICAGO				
Whole Body:	96.00 - 118.00	102.00 - 107.00	105.14	2,675
LOS ANGELES				
Whole Body:	104.00 - 127.00	107.00 - 116.00	113.75	1,512

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.

