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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

In New York this week, egg prices are 12 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, while Mediums are unchanged. Earlier in the week, regional asking prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for the heavier weight eggs and steady to lower for lighter weights. The undertone is lower for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. Demand is light to moderate, instances fairly good in the Northeastern and Southeastern regions. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is light to moderate as breakers continue to satisfy immediate needs from current floor stocks. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to mostly 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 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	118-127	120-123	95-104	97-100
NORTHEAST	121-135	126-130	97-110	102-104
SOUTH CENTRAL	131.5-140	133-136	109.5-118	111-114
SOUTHEAST	125-165	126-129	105.5-140	106-110

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

IA-MN-WI	4/22/14	4/15/14	4/23/13
LARGE	97-107	133-143	59-69
MEDIUM	77-81	104-108	56-60

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

4/18/14

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	166.00	140.00
SOUTHEAST	169.50	167.50	146.00
MIDWEST	164.50	162.50	136.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	175.50	175.50	150.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	169.45	168.27	143.59

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)

April 21, 2014		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>10.1</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>65.3</b>
	% Change	-8.4%	8.3%	-14.3%	-27.3%	-10.3%	-1.2%	-10.0%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>26.5</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>135.7</b>
	% Change	-20.5%	6.4%	1.6%	-28.1%	-26.1%	47.1%	-11.8%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>45.0</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>125.7</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>449.7</b>
	% Change	-23.0%	-4.8%	-5.3%	-15.6%	-24.4%	-26.1%	-13.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>16.6</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>139.8</b>
	% Change	14.7%	-13.4%	-13.1%	3.5%	-15.9%	9.7%	-6.3%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>
	% Change	-5.5%	-3.3%	31.6%	-10.3%	-35.9%	41.5%	6.1%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>1.6</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>63.0</b>
	% Change	-32.1%	-17.3%	9.0%	-4.3%	-28.0%	-1.0%	-5.5%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>6.6</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>123.4</b>
	% Change	-42.1%	-27.6%	23.0%	-13.3%	-25.9%	-27.2%	-2.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>109.2</b>	<b>175.5</b>	<b>317.8</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>151.1</b>	<b>89.2</b>	<b>990.5</b>
	% Change	-18.5%	-5.6%	0.9%	-13.2%	-21.9%	-15.0%	-10.2%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	990.5	-10.2%
Breaking Stock	242.9	1.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,233.4</b>	<b>-8.1%</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	<b>7.6</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>46.8</b>
	% Change	-12.6%	1.4%	-8.8%	-44.8%	9.6%	40.0%	-4.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>32.7</b>
	% Change	0.0%	-69.7%	1.3%	-24.2%	-25.3%	14.3%	-13.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>7.6</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>79.5</b>
	% Change	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>-31.4%</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>74.5%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>41.5%</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 19-Apr-2014 (Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,468,807	30,411	16,031	8,592	2,632	4,373
PW	1,397,434	29,516	16,646	8,456	2,559	4,226
LY	1,435,003	32,440	16,041	8,197	3,049	4,383
% PW	5%	3%	-4%	2%	3%	3%
% LY	2%	-6%	0%	5%	-14%	0%
2014	22,154,472	480,476	255,124	128,849	44,302	68,843
2013	21,888,904	509,012	227,681	116,279	43,638	70,687
% YTD	1%	-6%	12%	11%	2%	-3%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				40.45	42.11	42.55
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				37.47	39.08	39.50

**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	876,871	59.7%	17,968	59.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	839,531	60.1%	19,269	65.3%
LAST YEAR	869,459	60.6%	20,407	62.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	APR 12, 2014	APR 19, 2013	APR 12, 2014	APR 19, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,597	28,820	21,290	21,780
AR.....	20,736	20,874	20,844	18,866
DE.....	4,548	4,701	4,870	4,886
FL.....	1,222	1,225	1,358	1,274
GA.....	34,016	33,762	27,039	26,588
KY.....	7,845	7,994	6,029	6,093
LA.....	3,832	3,802	3,359	3,376
MD.....	7,776	7,764	5,627	6,196
MS.....	17,689	17,559	14,273	14,822
MO.....	8,175	8,303	5,231	6,529
NC.....	20,630	20,513	16,391	16,406
OK.....	6,661	6,649	2,878	3,701
PA.....	4,341	4,380	3,595	3,595
SC.....	5,129	5,141	4,165	4,186
TX.....	14,717	14,994	11,886	11,222
VA.....	6,668	6,621	5,169	4,946
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,694	11,448	9,640	9,744
19 State Total.....	204,276	204,550	163,644	164,210
Percent of Prev. Year	101	102	99	99
Other States	8,209	8,204	5,848	6,186
United States	212,485	212,754	169,492	170,396
Percent of Prev. Year	101	102	99	99
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 31-May-14 is estimated at 150.9 million head. This compares to 151.8 million head the previous week and to 158.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 107.49 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Apr 17, 2014- Apr 23, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)								
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News								
Current Loads		137.25 Future Loads		43.25 Total Loads		180.50		
SE			NE			MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	96.00	--	94.00	98.00	83.00	--	11.00	
GL W J	--	--	112.50	114.50	99.93	--	9.50	
GL W XL	--	103.50	101.00	107.24	94.02	93.85	45.75	
GL W LG	--	98.00	92.50	98.71	93.29	103.29	71.00	
GL W MD	--	--	83.00	86.25	88.00	84.50	9.50	
GL W SM	80.00	77.75	66.50	67.33	70.00	--	6.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	120.00	--	1.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	120.00	--	2.00	
GL BR MD	85.00	--	84.00	90.00	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	104.89	94.00	--	2.25	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 39	--	--	81.00	85.00	77.50	84.25	6.00	
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	1.00	

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 19-Apr-2014 (Preliminary)						
-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders		Total turkeys	
-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt	--Thousand head--	Avg		
North East	489	-15	25.85	(A)	489	25.85
South Atlantic	439	-9	39.92	(A)	439	39.92
North Central	1,804	-15	28.70	(A)	1,805	28.70
South Central	687	-10	18.31	(A)	687	18.31
West	227	-15	30.83	(A)	227	30.83
U.S. total	3,646 (B)	-13	29.43	1	3,647	29.43
To-date						
2014*	62,995 (B)			86	63,081	
To-date						
2013*	67,299 (B)			221	67,520	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date\* 314,000; for last year to date\* 408,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 19-Apr-2014 (Preliminary)					
	Young		Breeders		Total
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,607	2,009	30	1	3,647
Avg Wt	17.31	39.18	25.14	29.55	29.43
Last week	1,797	2,398	13	17	4,225
Same wk yr ago	1,773	2,580	12	7	4,372
Avg Wt	16.81	40.73	28.71	23.73	30.97
To-date/2014*	26,297	36,384	314	86	63,081
To-date/2013*	26,922	39,969	408	221	67,520
% Change YTD	-2%	-9%	-23%	-61%	-7%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,254	62,970	581	23	85,828
Last week	24,482	79,748	283	355	104,868
Same wk yr ago	23,843	84,067	265	128	108,303
To-date/2014*	359,299	1,214,033	7,104	1,876	1,582,312
To-date/2013*	368,725	1,304,143	8,312	4,766	1,685,946
% Change YTD	-3%	-7%	-15%	-61%	-6%

Dressing % 80.0% 80.0% 77.0% 77.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 19-Apr-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	146,685	1,378	1,495	2,873	350
Avg Wt	5.87	3.15	8.03	5.69	6.93
Last week	154,712	1,620	1,408	3,028	552
Same wk yr ago	153,623	1,720	1,423	3,143	450
Avg Wt	5.79	3.06	7.90	5.25	6.88
To-date/2014*	2,410,922	24,035	23,295	47,330	7,055
To-date/2013*	2,428,206	25,545	22,052	47,597	6,387
% Change YTD	-1%	-6%	6%	-1%	10%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	654,391	2,387	8,223	10,610	1,722
Last week	694,904	2,780	7,909	10,689	2,473
Same wk yr ago	676,003	2,842	7,644	10,486	2,198
To-date/2014*	10,679,305	41,609	130,343	171,952	33,310
To-date/2013*	10,734,006	43,577	116,337	159,914	30,808
% Change YTD	-1%	-5%	12%	8%	8%

	76.0%	55.0%	68.5%	71.0%
Dressing %				

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 148.5 million head, or 4.5 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
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
4/12	156.6	154.1	102%	5.91
4/19	148.5	153.0	97%	5.87
Year to date	2440.3	2442.6	100%	
4/26		152.0		
5/3		153.8		

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

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

Week Ending 26-Apr-2014

Class	Current Week 4/26/2014 (1)	Previous Week 4/19/2014
Broiler/fryer	154,884 (2)	150,686
Light hens	1,274	1,537
Heavy hens	1,655	1,504
Total	157,813	153,727

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Apr-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 155.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.2 million head or -2.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-May-14 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/21/14	2,618	142,292	51,479
AM 04/01/14	2,627	144,835	51,617
CHG	-9	-2543	-138
PCT CHG	0%	-2%	0%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 101.00-109.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 101.00-109.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

18-Apr-2014

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.5-23.3	14.18

(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**

18-Apr-2014

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	111.82	↑ 2.94	11,995
<b>Last Week:</b>	108.88		11,323
<b>Last Year:</b>	107.21	↑ 4.61	10,597

**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:	101.50 - 116.00	110.00 - 114.00	112.56	1,435
<b>CHICAGO</b>				
Whole Body:	98.00 - 122.25	104.00 - 109.00	108.45	2,140
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>				
Whole Body:	108.00 - 127.00	112.00 - 118.00	114.87	1,807

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.

