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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York and regional prices continue unchanged for all egg sizes this week. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady to higher for the heavier weights and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to higher. Both retail and food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to slightly lower with checks and undergrades slightly higher. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Processing schedules are full-time to reduced. Market activity is slow to 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	113-122	115-118	101-110	103-106
NORTHEAST	114-128	119-123	103-116	108-110
SOUTH CENTRAL	126.5-135	128-131	103.5-112	105-108
SOUTHEAST	123-140	124-127	103.5-121	104-108

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

IA-MN-WI	10/23/14	10/16/14	10/24/13
LARGE	95-105	95-105	86-96
MEDIUM	83-87	83-87	73-77

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

10/17/14

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	121.50	121.00	109.00
SOUTHEAST	127.50	125.50	106.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	104.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	131.50	129.50	106.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.07	123.42	106.46

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)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	7.7	9.3	17.2	8.1	6.5	3.6	52.5
	% Change	4.0%	-5.8%	3.0%	4.4%	21.9%	-15.6%	2.1%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	20.9	26.1	41.2	17.9	31.8	9.4	147.3
	% Change	9.6%	11.8%	-2.4%	-12.7%	-4.3%	49.8%	1.9%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	46.0	142.0	103.8	97.1	75.2	71.0	534.9
	% Change	2.9%	16.1%	-7.9%	18.0%	11.9%	14.2%	8.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	14.4	20.8	40.2	24.4	20.6	13.0	133.5
	% Change	14.5%	20.0%	0.0%	-11.2%	-22.6%	11.6%	-1.8%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	5.3	2.2	6.0	5.9	0.0	1.9	21.3
	% Change	-21.6%	-20.2%	-36.6%	14.8%	200.0%	-20.2%	-19.5%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	3.0	10.4	27.2	15.2	4.2	0.9	60.9
	% Change	-0.3%	1.0%	16.0%	-6.8%	25.7%	26.8%	6.6%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	16.6	15.4	68.5	22.0	15.5	10.6	148.5
	% Change	11.5%	45.0%	-13.5%	-2.2%	5.4%	-17.8%	-4.0%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	113.9	226.2	304.1	190.6	153.8	110.3	1,098.8
	% Change	5.1%	15.1%	-6.1%	4.8%	2.3%	10.0%	3.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,098.8	3.5%
Breaking Stock	265.3	-2.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,364.1</b>	<b>2.2%</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	8.1	28.9	10.6	3.6	2.9	0.8	54.9
	% Change	3.7%	-6.2%	13.6%	3.7%	-27.9%	8.6%	-2.3%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	1.0	24.6	8.2	5.4	4.3	43.4
	% Change	0.0%	-51.8%	-9.9%	25.4%	45.3%	-13.1%	-2.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	8.1	29.8	35.3	11.8	8.3	5.1	98.3
	% Change	3.7%	-9.0%	-3.9%	17.9%	7.1%	-10.4%	-2.3%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>67.7%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>38.2%</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 18-Oct-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,530,929	36,108	16,532	7,459	2,238	4,686
PW	1,472,000	34,338	15,765	7,245	2,769	4,306
LY	1,442,358	33,393	15,644	7,820	2,600	4,410
% PW	4%	5%	5%	3%	-19%	9%
% LY	6%	8%	6%	-5%	-14%	6%
2014	61,559,500	1,368,529	693,645	343,059	125,348	186,046
2013	59,643,539	1,381,981	624,598	317,172	122,020	185,774
% YTD	3%	-1%	11%	8%	3%	0%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.32	41.88	42.48
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.26	38.96	39.42

**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	852,870	55.7%	22,014	61.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	861,609	58.5%	21,739	63.3%
LAST YEAR	881,815	61.1%	21,036	63.0%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	OCT 11, 2014	OCT 18, 2014	OCT 11, 2014	OCT 18, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,410	27,448	21,714	22,166
AR.....	21,754	20,451	18,862	18,762
DE.....	4,747	4,659	4,421	5,085
FL.....	1,222	916	1,185	1,258
GA.....	33,500	33,251	25,911	26,721
KY.....	7,533	7,608	6,123	6,361
LA.....	3,605	3,456	3,197	3,209
MD.....	7,327	7,126	5,432	6,066
MS.....	16,767	17,459	14,196	14,520
MO.....	8,301	8,072	5,650	5,671
NC.....	19,607	18,979	15,716	15,963
OK.....	6,660	5,709	4,123	5,386
PA.....	4,284	4,327	3,572	3,176
SC.....	4,940	5,074	5,318	4,545
TX.....	13,976	14,163	11,546	11,349
VA.....	6,355	6,578	5,802	5,696
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,017	9,754	9,989	9,763
19 State Total.....	199,005	195,030	162,757	165,697
Percent of Prev. Year	104	104	103	102
Other States	7,659	7,452	5,790	5,587
United States	206,664	202,482	168,547	171,284
Percent of Prev. Year	104	104	103	102

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 29-Nov-14 is estimated at 151.2 million head. This compares to 150.3 million head the previous week and to 155.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.7 million head and the national weighted average price was 90.17 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Oct 16, 2014- Oct 22, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)							
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News							
Current Loads		147.50 Future Loads		40.50 Total Loads		188.00	
SE		NE		MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	93.33	102.00	95.25	96.80	--	--	10.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	105.50	110.33	105.64	--	10.25
GL W XL	107.00	115.50	104.75	112.32	107.48	109.00	48.25
GL W LG	--	--	104.50	103.95	100.27	--	51.25
GL W MD	--	98.00	90.50	93.50	86.02	84.00	15.25
GL W SM	59.00	60.00	63.50	67.50	59.75	60.00	10.00
GL BR XL	--	--	109.00	111.00	118.00	--	1.50
GL BR LG	--	--	106.50	108.00	116.33	--	2.50
GL BR MD	--	91.00	89.00	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	92.00	97.35	23.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	82.33	85.33	3.00

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 18-Oct-2014 (Preliminary)						
-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg	
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--		Live wt	
North East	707	34	26.34	(A)	707	26.34
South Atlantic	600	8	40.40	(A)	600	40.40
North Central	2,228	-10	31.24	(A)	2,253	31.24
South Central	816	27	20.08	(A)	824	20.08
West	336	81	23.62	(A)	336	23.62
U.S. total	4,687 (B)	7	30.12	33	4,720	30.12
To-date						
2014*	175,878 (B)			361	176,239	
To-date						
2013*	179,857 (B)			289	180,146	

(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\* 915,000; for last year to date\* 907,000.

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

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 18-Oct-2014 (Preliminary)					
	Young		Breeders		Total
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
-----Thousands-----					
Head	2,149	2,523	15	33	4,720
Avg Wt	17.96	40.52	29.30	27.03	30.12
Last week	1,664	2,698	32	0	4,394
Same wk yr ago	1,576	2,647	46	0	4,269
Avg Wt	17.70	39.04	28.91	0.00	31.06
To-date/2014*	74,805	100,158	915	361	176,239
To-date/2013*	74,215	104,735	907	289	180,146
% Change YTD	1%	-4%	1%	25%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	31,070	82,297	341	691	114,399
Last week	24,058	90,720	626	0	115,404
Same wk yr ago	22,316	82,671	1,024	0	106,011
To-date/2014*	1,030,611	3,279,841	19,935	7,663	4,338,050
To-date/2013*	1,019,728	3,364,918	18,918	6,287	4,409,851
% Change YTD	1%	-3%	5%	22%	-2%

Dressing % 80.5% 80.5% 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 18-Oct-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	156,399	1,174	1,841	3,015	411
Avg Wt	6.00	3.09	8.14	6.17	6.87
Last week	159,597	1,515	1,731	3,246	411
Same wk yr ago	158,021	1,460	1,568	3,028	585
Avg Wt	6.04	3.19	8.27	5.82	6.77
To-date/2014*	6,454,863	61,759	65,184	126,943	17,770
To-date/2013*	6,480,660	63,231	62,347	125,578	18,141
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	5%	1%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	713,179	2,013	10,265	12,278	2,005
Last week	736,253	2,657	9,711	12,368	1,999
Same wk yr ago	725,380	2,515	8,883	11,398	2,832
To-date/2014*	28,680,332	107,308	363,686	470,994	85,478
To-date/2013*	28,581,739	109,086	338,342	447,428	87,258
% Change YTD	0%	-2%	7%	5%	-2%

	76.0%	55.5%	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 158.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.3 million head, or 0.1 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
9/13	161.40	157.3	103%	5.90
9/20	159.20	157.0	101%	5.98
9/27	159.50	158.4	101%	6.00
10/4	159.40	159.3	100%	6.05
10/11	161.50	159.2	101%	6.07
10/18	158.30	158.2	100%	6.00
Year to date	6535.00	6518.4	100%	
10/25		158.2		
11/1		157.9		

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

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

Week Ending 25-Oct-2014

Class	Current Week 10/25/2014 (1)	Previous Week 10/18/2014
Broiler/fryer	157,447 (2)	158,155
Light hens	1,208	1,282
Heavy hens	1,728	1,828
Total	160,383	161,265

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Oct-14 is 157.3 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.8 million head or 0.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Nov-14 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 10/20/14	2,823	132,715	45,215
AM 10/01/14	2,821	150,852	42,016
CHG	2	-18137	3199
PCT CHG	0%	-12%	8%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 116.00-121.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 115.00-121.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

17-Oct-2014

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0-22.0	14.19

(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 continued 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**

17-Oct-2014

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	107.63	↓ 0.55	11,953
<b>Last Week:</b>	108.18		12,212
<b>Last Year:</b>	91.11	↑	9,646

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

Month	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>Sep</b>	107.05	47,652

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
<b>NEW YORK</b>				
Whole Body:	99.00 - 117.00	107.00 - 113.00	109.16	1,450
<b>CHICAGO</b>				
Whole Body:	89.00 - 116.00	93.00 - 105.00	101.69	2,510
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>				
Whole Body:	91.00 - 121.00	102.00 - 112.00	110.48	1,395

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.

