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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices are lower for Extra Large and Large, steady for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional prices increased for the heavier weight eggs and remained unchanged for the lighter weights. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower for Jumbo, steady to lower for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is mostly steady with some weakness noted in the Northeastern region. Demand is mixed, ranging light to good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are generally moderate, instances heavy in the Northeastern region. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to slightly higher with checks and undergrades slightly higher. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Demand is mostly light for the light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are trending steady for the moderate to good demand. Offerings are light for current trade requirements. Processing schedules are full-time to extended. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	206-215	208-211	133-142	135-138
NORTHEAST	205-219	210-214	135-148	140-142
SOUTH CENTRAL	218.5-227	220-223	137.5-146	139-142
SOUTHEAST	212.5-231	215-218	137.5-155	138-142

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

IA-MN-WI	12/11/14	11/04/14	12/12/13
LARGE	188-198	187-197	130-140
MEDIUM	115-119	115-119	89-93

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/05/14

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	212.50	211.00	141.00
SOUTHEAST	215.50	213.50	140.00
MIDWEST	208.50	206.50	136.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	219.50	221.50	140.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	214.25	213.55	139.51

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)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.9	9.7	23.1	8.9	7.1	3.4	63.2
	% Change	28.1%	-8.9%	14.6%	27.7%	-2.3%	28.0%	12.3%
Extra Large	This Week	37.4	30.6	40.4	17.7	35.2	5.3	166.4
	% Change	84.1%	19.0%	17.2%	26.8%	17.7%	6.6%	28.8%
Large	This Week	59.6	127.6	130.2	98.0	89.7	62.0	567.1
	% Change	40.9%	21.9%	17.0%	18.0%	32.8%	9.1%	21.8%
Medium	This Week	23.4	14.6	40.8	31.9	24.7	10.3	145.7
	% Change	-1.7%	1.8%	5.8%	2.0%	-8.6%	26.8%	1.8%
Small	This Week	2.5	0.8	4.6	1.8	1.2	3.7	14.5
	% Change	103.3%	-1.2%	-36.9%	-28.5%	7.0%	22.8%	-8.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.4	12.9	26.5	24.0	4.3	1.4	72.6
	% Change	33.3%	-16.6%	-0.6%	-5.5%	31.9%	-1.5%	-3.0%
Ungraded	This Week	10.6	12.7	71.9	29.3	13.6	9.5	147.5
	% Change	-24.4%	1.4%	0.4%	32.6%	-9.9%	-26.8%	-0.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	147.7	208.9	337.5	211.5	175.9	95.6	1,177.1
	% Change	31.1%	13.4%	8.9%	14.2%	16.2%	6.2%	13.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,177.1	13.9%
Breaking Stock	246.7	-3.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,423.8	10.4%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	9.1	20.6	9.7	2.8	4.4	0.3	46.9
	% Change	71.9%	-1.8%	-14.7%	-12.4%	-10.3%	0.0%	1.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	1.7	25.7	10.0	2.5	2.7	42.6
	% Change	0.0%	123.1%	-8.8%	41.4%	-46.4%	0.0%	-1.8%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.1	22.3	35.3	12.8	7.0	3.0	89.5
	% Change	71.9%	2.7%	-10.5%	24.5%	-27.9%	0.0%	0.1%

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

Large:	23.6%
Ungraded:	69.0%
Total:	45.2%

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 06-Dec-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,470,334	33,579	15,097	7,520	2,152	4,536
PW	1,287,608	30,429	13,428	6,694	2,026	4,010
LY	1,397,675	31,521	14,773	7,339	2,207	4,352
% PW	14%	10%	12%	12%	6%	13%
% LY	5%	7%	2%	2%	-2%	4%
2014	71,805,972	1,613,906	797,395	393,002	140,650	217,822
2013	69,302,748	1,605,142	728,312	368,318	138,285	215,999
% YTD	4%	1%	9%	7%	2%	1%
			CW	PW	LY	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)			41.30	42.37	41.49	
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)			38.22	39.26	38.37	

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	833,846	56.7%	21,127	62.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	839,832	65.2%	20,922	68.8%
LAST YEAR	833,289	59.6%	21,156	67.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	NOV 29, 2014	DEC 06, 2014	NOV 29, 2014	DEC 06, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,528	28,560	20,887	21,917
AR.....	21,509	22,102	18,541	20,756
DE.....	4,688	4,778	3,806	5,714
FL.....	1,224	1,223	1,452	1,308
GA.....	34,712	34,074	25,824	27,181
KY.....	7,670	7,892	6,426	5,940
LA.....	3,726	3,710	3,133	3,366
MD.....	7,876	7,900	6,818	6,064
MS.....	18,009	17,395	13,974	14,797
MO.....	8,299	8,329	5,501	5,309
NC.....	21,253	20,781	16,248	15,661
OK.....	6,834	6,347	4,482	4,136
PA.....	4,349	4,408	3,655	3,776
SC.....	5,551	5,242	4,746	5,404
TX.....	15,430	14,095	11,110	11,889
VA.....	6,758	6,120	5,650	4,876
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,558	11,031	10,519	11,447
19 State Total.....	208,974	203,987	162,772	169,541
Percent of Prev. Year	103	102	103	102
Other States	8,092	8,169	5,573	5,979
United States	217,066	212,156	168,345	175,520
Percent of Prev. Year	103	102	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 17-Jan-15 is estimated at 153.0 million head. This compares to 148.2 million head the previous week and to 155.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.2 million head and the national weighted average price was 95.02 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Dec 04, 2014- Dec 10, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 1	182.33	194.00	179.00	183.71	178.27	183.50	172.00	95.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	162.25	--	--	3.00
GNR BR 1	--	157.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	180.00	182.50	149.71	--	--	9.00
GL W XL	--	180.00	187.00	193.57	191.86	--	--	30.50
GL W LG	190.00	190.81	166.91	171.93	192.40	197.00	172.00	66.00
GL W MD	--	127.00	110.54	114.87	118.13	120.00	--	25.00
GL W SM	--	--	64.00	66.00	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	163.00	165.50	188.00	--	--	2.75
GL BR MD	--	--	108.00	115.00	--	--	--	1.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 06-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg Prev wk	Avg Live wt		--Thousand head--	Avg Live wt
North East	656	64	28.14	(A)	656	28.14
South Atlantic	374	48	43.34	(A)	374	43.34
North Central	2,222	56	32.83	(A)	2,242	32.83
South Central	769	57	19.68	(A)	776	19.68
West	391	149	28.67	(A)	391	28.67
U.S. total	4,412 (B)	62	31.71	27	4,439	31.71
To-date						
2014*	209,304 (B)			440	209,744	
To-date						
2013*	212,824 (B)			300	213,124	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date* 1,055,000; for last year to date* 1,068,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 06-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,690	2,687	35	27	4,439
Avg Wt	16.97	41.06	27.48	29.74	31.71
Last week	977	1,741	9	9	2,736
Same wk yr ago	1,676	2,556	18	0	4,250
Avg Wt	16.13	40.70	28.63	0.00	30.96
To-date/2014*	89,297	118,952	1,055	440	209,744
To-date/2013*	89,183	122,573	1,068	300	213,124
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	-1%	47%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,087	88,814	745	622	113,268
Last week	12,741	52,781	195	201	65,918
Same wk yr ago	21,627	83,223	397	0	105,247
To-date/2014*	1,231,761	3,868,288	22,938	9,412	5,132,399
To-date/2013*	1,222,093	3,926,068	22,287	6,520	5,176,968
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	3%	44%	-1%

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 06-Dec-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	161,664	1,429	1,758	3,187	646
Avg Wt	6.10	3.27	8.03	5.90	6.87
Last week	123,956	702	874	1,576	305
Same wk yr ago	149,409	1,746	1,501	3,247	638
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	8.21	5.53	6.61
To-date/2014*	7,529,533	68,962	76,245	145,207	20,962
To-date/2013*	7,533,495	71,000	72,241	143,241	21,538
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	6%	1%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	749,474	2,593	9,670	12,263	3,151
Last week	564,297	1,266	4,891	6,157	1,499
Same wk yr ago	665,408	3,036	8,441	11,477	3,015
To-date/2014*	33,628,245	120,417	424,590	545,007	101,176
To-date/2013*	33,258,469	122,613	392,374	514,987	103,521
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	8%	6%	-2%

Dressing % 76.0% 55.5% 68.5% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.6 million head, or 10.1 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
11/1	159.5	157.9	101%	6.04
11/8	161.6	158.5	102%	6.08
11/15	159.3	157.1	101%	6.09
11/22	158.3	155.2	102%	5.99
11/29	125.5	154.4	81%	5.99
12/6	163.6	153.5	107%	6.10
Year to date	7622.7	7613.2	100%	
12/13		155.9		
12/20		150.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 13-Dec-2014

Class	Current Week 12/13/2014 (1)	Previous Week 12/6/2014
Broiler/fryer	161,273 (2)	164,075
Light hens	1,643	1,542
Heavy hens	1,639	1,855
Total	164,555	167,472

(1)Estimated

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Dec-14 is 154.7 million head compared to 151.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.6 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Dec-14 the estimated available is 153.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 12/08/14	2,781	48,572	50,088
AM 12/01/14	2,792	47,990	43,707
CHG	-11	582	6381
PCT CHG	0%	1%	15%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 99.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 99.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

05-Dec-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0-22.5	14.31

(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

05-Dec-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	101.32	↓ 1.72	11,501
Last Week:	103.04		11,892
Last Year:	95.02	↑ 6.30	11,470

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Nov	103.68	47,740
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This Week

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
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NEW YORK

Whole Body:	97.00 - 109.00	101.00 - 106.00	104.38	1,395
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CHICAGO

Whole Body:	77.00 - 115.00	81.00 - 99.00	95.38	2,425
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LOS ANGELES

Whole Body:	76.00 - 118.00	95.00 - 105.00	99.46	1,429
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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.

