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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week in New York, prices are lower for Extra Large and Large and weak for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional prices lower for the larger sizes and weak for Medium. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for the larger sizes. The undertone is lower. Demand is mostly light to moderate Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is lower. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are 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 normal. 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	206-215	208-211	133-142	135-138
NORTHEAST	190-214	195-199	135-148	140-142
SOUTH CENTRAL	221.5-230	223-226	137.5-146	139-142
SOUTHEAST	214-231	215-218	137.5-155	138-142

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/12/14

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	214.00	212.00	141.00
SOUTHEAST	218.50	216.50	140.00
MIDWEST	211.50	209.50	136.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	221.50	224.50	140.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	216.62	216.07	139.51

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

IA-MN-WI	12/18/14	12/11/14	12/19/13
LARGE	172-182	188-198	130-140
MEDIUM	113-117	115-119	89-93

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	10.2	11.0	20.1	8.2	9.0	3.8	62.3
	% Change	-6.6%	13.8%	-13.0%	-8.6%	26.6%	9.6%	-1.5%
Extra Large	This Week	35.6	30.4	43.0	27.8	42.3	4.5	183.5
	% Change	-4.8%	-0.7%	6.5%	57.3%	20.2%	-14.9%	10.3%
Large	This Week	65.1	140.5	126.4	122.0	95.4	65.4	614.9
	% Change	9.2%	10.1%	-2.9%	24.5%	6.4%	5.5%	8.4%
Medium	This Week	15.2	14.1	44.4	22.8	24.7	11.0	132.2
	% Change	-34.9%	-3.3%	8.6%	-28.6%	0.2%	6.7%	-9.3%
Small	This Week	3.1	1.0	6.1	2.9	1.3	3.9	18.3
	% Change	24.4%	27.2%	33.1%	65.2%	4.9%	7.4%	26.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.7	12.3	27.2	28.0	4.7	1.1	75.0
	% Change	-48.8%	-5.2%	2.6%	16.5%	7.1%	-17.0%	3.3%
Ungraded	This Week	5.6	13.3	66.3	16.4	20.7	9.9	132.3
	% Change	-46.8%	4.6%	-7.7%	-43.9%	51.9%	4.5%	-10.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	136.5	222.7	333.5	228.1	198.0	99.7	1,218.4
	% Change	-7.6%	6.6%	-1.2%	7.8%	12.6%	4.3%	3.5%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
Shell Egg		1,218.4		3.5%				
Breaking Stock		241.3		-2.2%				
Total Shell Egg		1,459.7		2.5%				

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	7.6	22.2	9.3	3.0	3.7	0.3	46.1
	% Change	-16.0%	7.9%	-4.2%	5.7%	-15.8%	-3.3%	-1.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.2	25.9	6.7	3.0	4.2	41.9
	% Change	0.0%	23.6%	0.8%	-33.1%	17.5%	58.2%	-1.6%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	24.4	35.1	9.7	6.7	4.5	88.0
	% Change	-16.0%	9.1%	-0.6%	-24.5%	-3.7%	52.0%	-1.6%

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

Large:	21.8%
Ungraded:	72.4%
Total:	45.9%

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 13-Dec-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,372,297	31,703	14,737	6,940	1,879	4,408
PW	1,470,334	33,579	15,097	7,520	2,152	4,536
LY	1,364,333	33,434	13,449	6,678	2,014	4,189
% PW	-7%	-6%	-2%	-8%	-13%	-3%
% LY	1%	-5%	10%	4%	-7%	5%
2014	73,178,269	1,645,608	812,132	399,942	142,530	222,230
2013	70,667,081	1,638,576	741,760	374,996	140,299	220,189
% YTD	4%	0%	9%	7%	2%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.11	41.30	42.33
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.90	38.22	39.26

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	813,897	59.3%	20,531	64.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	833,846	56.7%	21,127	62.9%
LAST YEAR	815,733	59.8%	22,214	66.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	DEC 06, 2014	DEC 13, 2014	DEC 06, 2014	DEC 13, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,560	28,714	21,917	22,623
AR.....	22,102	21,961	20,756	20,086
DE.....	4,778	4,747	5,714	5,363
FL.....	1,223	1,223	1,311	1,487
GA.....	34,283	33,915	27,178	26,065
KY.....	7,892	7,915	5,940	6,639
LA.....	3,710	3,834	3,366	3,339
MD.....	7,900	7,929	6,174	6,218
MS.....	17,395	17,952	14,797	14,962
MO.....	8,329	8,356	5,308	5,629
NC.....	20,840	21,011	15,639	17,145
OK.....	6,347	6,682	4,216	4,521
PA.....	4,601	4,469	3,999	3,892
SC.....	5,242	5,177	5,558	5,080
TX.....	14,095	14,593	11,889	11,955
VA.....	6,120	6,507	4,806	5,094
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,850	10,773	11,639	10,619
19 State Total.....	204,267	205,758	170,207	170,717
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103
Other States	8,251	8,187	6,322	6,086
United States	212,518	213,945	176,529	176,803
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	103	103

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 24-Jan-15 is estimated at 156.9 million head. This compares to 153.0 million head the previous week and to 154.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the national weighted average price was 94.89 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Dec 11, 2014- Dec 17, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)							
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
Current Loads		94.50		Future Loads		54.25 Total Loads 148.75	
	SE		NE		MW		
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	211.00	--	4.00
GNR W 1	161.00	192.43	--	159.67	196.25	--	21.00
GNR BR 1	--	157.00	161.00	163.00	--	--	2.50
GL W J	--	--	172.00	174.00	147.03	--	8.00
GL W XL	--	--	172.43	177.76	198.25	--	51.00
GL W LG	--	209.47	153.20	164.06	159.36	149.25	59.50
GL W MD	--	121.00	116.88	120.83	110.99	--	26.25
GL W SM	--	81.67	83.00	85.00	78.50	--	4.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	145.00	--	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	165.00	167.00	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	.25
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	82.00	75.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	82.00	74.17	70.00	3.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 13-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)					
-----Young turkeys-----			Old		Total turkeys
-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders	--Thousand head--	Avg
North East	675	3	27.00	(A)	675
South Atlantic	524	40	38.74	(A)	524
North Central	2,178	-2	31.71	(A)	2,179
South Central	877	14	19.06	(A)	877
West	334	-15	23.67	(A)	334
U.S. total	4,588 (B)	4	30.40	1	4,589
To-date					
2014*	213,892 (B)			441	214,333
To-date					
2013*	217,235 (B)			300	217,535

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 45,000; for the current year to date* 1,100,000; for last year to date* 1,093,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 13-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)					
	Young		Breeders		Total
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	Turkeys
Head	1,986	2,557	45	1	4,589
Avg Wt	16.77	41.01	28.15	60.53	30.40
Last week	1,690	2,687	35	27	4,439
Same wk yr ago	1,784	2,602	25	0	4,411
Avg Wt	16.13	39.69	26.58	0.00	30.09
To-date/2014*	91,283	121,509	1,100	441	214,333
To-date/2013*	90,967	125,175	1,093	300	217,535
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	1%	47%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	26,811	84,414	982	47	112,254
Last week	23,087	88,814	745	622	113,268
Same wk yr ago	23,021	82,619	512	0	106,152
To-date/2014*	1,258,572	3,952,702	23,920	9,459	5,244,653
To-date/2013*	1,245,114	4,008,687	22,799	6,520	5,283,120
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	5%	45%	-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 13-Dec-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	156,650	1,598	1,524	3,122	433
Avg Wt	6.13	3.15	7.87	5.45	7.16
Last week	161,664	1,429	1,758	3,187	646
Same wk yr ago	158,690	1,649	1,568	3,217	470
Avg Wt	5.79	3.10	8.01	5.49	6.96
To-date/2014*	7,686,183	70,560	77,769	148,329	21,395
To-date/2013*	7,692,185	72,649	73,809	146,458	22,008
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	5%	1%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	729,801	2,794	8,216	11,010	2,201
Last week	749,474	2,593	9,670	12,263	3,151
Same wk yr ago	698,299	2,760	8,603	11,363	2,339
To-date/2014*	34,358,046	123,211	432,806	556,017	103,377
To-date/2013*	33,956,768	125,373	400,977	526,350	105,860
% 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 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.6 million head, or 2.7 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
11/8	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
12/13	158.6	155.9	102%	6.13
Year to date	7781.3	7769.1	100%	
12/20		150.1		
12/27		153.5		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 20-Dec-2014

Class	Current Week 12/20/2014 (1)	Previous Week 12/13/2014
Broiler/fryer	164,444 (2)	161,273
Light hens	1,862	1,643
Heavy hens	1,798	1,639
Total	168,104	164,555

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Dec-14 is 153.0 million head compared to 160.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 11.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Dec-14 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 12/15/14	2,774	48,752	50,586
AM 12/01/14	2,792	47,990	43,707
CHG	-18	762	6879
PCT CHG	-1%	2%	16%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 93.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

12-Dec-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	11.0- 22.5	14.29

(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

12-Dec-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	97.18	↓ 4.14	11,794
Last Week:	101.32		11,501
Last Year:	94.89	↑ 2.29	11,241

Monthly Composite Weighted Average

Nov	103.68	47,740
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	This Week			
	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.

NEW YORK

Whole Body:	83.00 - 107.75	97.00 - 104.00	99.34	1,354
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CHICAGO

Whole Body:	70.00 - 115.00	77.00 - 93.00	90.95	2,425
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LOS ANGELES

Whole Body:	78.00 - 118.00	89.00 - 100.00	96.82	1,641
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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.

