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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are sharply lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for all sizes. The undertone is sharply lower. Demand is mostly reported as light to moderate Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to active in the Southwestern region and slow to instances moderate elsewhere. All breaking stock prices are lower with a sharply lower undertone. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light demand. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are mixed. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are trending steady. Demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced in observance of the Christmas holiday. 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	180-189	182-185	121-130	123-126
NORTHEAST	170-188	175-179	126-139	131-133
SOUTH CENTRAL	195.5-204	197-200	125.5-134	127-130
SOUTHEAST	176-212	189-192	122-143	126-130

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/19/14

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	198.50	197.00	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	212.98	212.54	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	12/24/14	12/17/14	12/24/13
LARGE	181-190	182-192	125-135
MEDIUM	180-189	113-117	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	8.1	11.7	19.7	8.4	9.8	2.7	60.5
	% Change	-20.5%	6.2%	-2.1%	2.9%	9.0%	-28.2%	-3.0%
Extra Large	This Week	38.0	26.4	42.7	32.3	38.3	4.7	182.5
	% Change	6.9%	-13.1%	-0.7%	16.5%	-9.4%	4.4%	-0.5%
Large	This Week	52.9	121.1	135.9	130.8	97.0	58.9	596.5
	% Change	-18.7%	-13.8%	7.5%	7.2%	1.7%	-10.0%	-3.0%
Medium	This Week	15.8	11.3	45.4	20.3	23.4	10.4	126.5
	% Change	3.6%	-20.1%	2.3%	-11.1%	-5.3%	-6.0%	-4.3%
Small	This Week	3.1	2.4	7.9	1.6	1.3	4.3	20.7
	% Change	2.0%	135.9%	30.0%	-44.9%	3.1%	8.9%	12.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.1	11.1	21.8	19.4	4.2	1.7	60.3
	% Change	22.4%	-9.5%	-19.9%	-30.7%	-10.3%	48.2%	-19.6%
Ungraded	This Week	5.8	12.2	77.8	16.3	15.1	9.7	136.9
	% Change	3.6%	-8.3%	17.3%	-0.7%	-26.8%	-2.5%	3.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	125.9	196.2	351.2	229.1	189.2	92.3	1,183.8
	% Change	-7.8%	-11.9%	5.3%	0.4%	-4.5%	-7.5%	-2.8%
Totals		Cases		Percent Change				
Shell Egg		1,183.8		-2.8%				
Breaking Stock		243.2		0.8%				
Total Shell Egg		1,427.0		-2.2%				

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	25.8	8.8	2.0	3.8	0.3	48.4
	% Change	0.4%	16.2%	-5.1%	-32.8%	2.4%	17.2%	5.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.4	24.8	8.4	4.7	4.9	45.2
	% Change	0.0%	11.2%	-4.0%	26.3%	58.4%	14.4%	7.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	28.2	33.6	10.5	8.5	5.2	93.6
	% Change	0.4%	15.8%	-4.3%	8.1%	27.2%	14.6%	6.4%

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

Large:	22.0%
Ungraded:	67.0%
Total:	43.7%

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 20-Dec-2014	(Lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,462,257	33,294	15,904	7,841	2,504	4,516
PW	1,372,297	31,703	14,737	6,940	1,879	4,408
LY	1,363,048	32,593	13,698	6,895	2,269	4,281
% PW	7%	5%	8%	13%	33%	2%
% LY	7%	2%	16%	14%	10%	5%
2014	74,640,526	1,678,903	828,036	407,783	145,034	226,746
2013	72,030,129	1,671,169	755,458	381,891	142,567	224,470
% YTD	4%	0%	10%	7%	2%	1%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				42.10	42.11	42.16
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				39.01	38.90	39.02

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	819,181	56.0%	20,092	60.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	813,897	59.3%	20,531	64.8%
LAST YEAR	821,794	60.3%	22,145	67.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	DEC 13, 2014	DEC 20, 2014	DEC 13, 2014	DEC 20, 2014
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	28,714	28,214	22,748	21,776
AR.....	21,961	21,201	20,086	19,375
DE.....	4,780	4,778	5,305	5,357
FL.....	1,223	1,225	1,487	1,426
GA.....	33,915	34,884	25,889	27,336
KY.....	7,962	7,961	6,639	6,146
LA.....	3,834	3,622	3,339	3,337
MD.....	7,929	7,907	6,289	5,865
MS.....	17,952	17,921	14,962	15,052
MO.....	8,356	8,321	5,629	6,402
NC.....	21,011	21,105	17,142	17,081
OK.....	6,682	6,273	4,521	4,146
PA.....	4,477	4,495	3,859	3,890
SC.....	5,177	5,928	5,080	4,736
TX.....	14,420	14,887	11,989	12,278
VA.....	6,507	6,606	5,111	5,358
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,773	11,224	10,619	11,589
19 State Total.....	205,673	206,552	170,694	171,150
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	103	103
Other States	8,173	8,182	6,070	6,009
United States	213,846	214,734	176,764	177,159
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 31-Jan-15 is estimated at 157.4 million head. This compares to 156.9 million head the previous week and to 156.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.0 million head and the national weighted average price was 93.94 cents per pound.

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

National Trading for Dec 18, 2014- Dec 24, 2014 (Cents/Dozen)
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	211.00	--	3.00
GNR W 1	139.00	161.67	--	142.00	105.00	117.29	23.00
GNR BR 1	--	157.00	--	--	--	--	.50
GL W J	--	--	142.50	145.00	117.64	--	9.00
GL W XL	127.75	131.80	134.91	142.73	122.28	123.50	56.75
GL W LG	--	151.50	126.67	141.00	134.00	--	45.50
GL W MD	--	98.78	91.25	99.25	83.81	86.56	23.00
GL W SM	--	81.50	83.50	85.60	79.80	--	9.00
GL BR LG	--	168.00	165.75	168.00	--	--	3.00

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 20-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total turkeys	
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg	Avg		--Thousand head--	Avg
		Prev wk	Live wt			
North East	647	-4	27.16	(A)	647	27.16
South Atlantic	468	-11	42.70	(A)	468	42.70
North Central	2,162	-1	31.98	(A)	2,170	31.98
South Central	639	-27	16.93	(A)	642	16.93
West	234	-30	24.51	(A)	234	24.51
U.S. total	4,150 (B)	-10	31.18	11	4,161	31.18
To-date 2014*	218,042 (B)			452	218,494	
To-date 2013*	221,309 (B)			338	221,647	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 21,000; for the current year to date* 1,121,000; for last year to date* 1,132,000.

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

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 20-Dec-2014 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
-----Thousands-----					
Head	1,603	2,526	21	11	4,161
Avg Wt	15.56	41.12	28.91	29.43	31.18
Last week	1,986	2,557	45	1	4,589
Same wk yr ago	1,544	2,491	39	38	4,112
Avg Wt	16.16	38.97	26.66	29.71	30.20
To-date/2014*	92,886	124,035	1,121	452	218,494
To-date/2013*	92,511	127,666	1,132	338	221,647
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	-1%	34%	-1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,079	83,615	471	251	104,416
Last week	26,811	84,414	982	47	112,254
Same wk yr ago	19,961	77,659	801	869	99,290
To-date/2014*	1,278,651	4,036,317	24,391	9,710	5,349,069
To-date/2013*	1,265,075	4,086,346	23,600	7,389	5,382,410
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	3%	31%	-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 20-Dec-2014

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
----- Thousands -----					
Head	154,620	1,790	1,767	3,557	415
Avg Wt	6.03	3.17	8.03	5.58	6.96
Last week	156,650	1,598	1,524	3,122	433
Same wk yr ago	156,151	1,728	1,360	3,088	465
Avg Wt	5.84	3.22	6.95	4.86	6.95
To-date/2014*	7,840,801	72,350	79,536	151,886	21,810
To-date/2013*	7,848,335	74,377	75,169	149,546	22,473
% Change YTD	0%	-3%	6%	2%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	708,593	3,149	9,719	12,868	2,051
Last week	729,801	2,794	8,216	11,010	2,201
Same wk yr ago	693,061	3,005	6,475	9,480	2,311
To-date/2014*	35,066,639	126,360	442,525	568,885	105,428
To-date/2013*	34,649,829	128,378	407,452	535,830	108,171
% Change YTD	1%	-2%	9%	6%	-3%

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 150.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.5 million head, or 6.4 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
11/15	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
12/20	156.5	150.1	104%	6.03
Year to date	7937.8	7919.2	100%	
12/27		153.5		
1/3		156.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 27-Dec-2014

Class	Current Week 12/27/2014 (1)	Previous Week 12/20/2014
Broiler/fryer	125,879 (2)	164,444
Light hens	958	1,862
Heavy hens	1,200	1,798
Total	128,037	168,104

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Dec-14 is 151.8 million head compared to 158.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 126.1 million head or -25.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Jan-15 the estimated available is 154.8 million head.

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 12/22/14	2,748	48,516	55,557
AM 12/01/14	2,792	47,990	43,707
CHG	-44	526	11850
PCT CHG	-2%	1%	27%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS Frozen Grade A basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 100.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 100.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

19-Dec-2014

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 11.0- 22.5 Wtd Avg 14.33
Prices in cents per pound.

(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

19-Dec-2014

National Composite Weighted Average

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	95.70	↓ 1.48	12,347
Last Week:	97.18		11,794
Last Year:	93.94	↑ 1.76	11,940

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: 88.00 - 107.75 96.00 - 103.00 99.42 1,459

CHICAGO

Whole Body: 75.00 - 115.00 80.00 - 93.00 91.43 2,505

LOS ANGELES

Whole Body: 79.00 - 118.00 84.00 - 94.00 93.60 1,754

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.

