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National Egg Review

This week, all New York prices are steady. Early in the week, regional prices were lower for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending unchanged. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, instances fairly good in the Southeastern region. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are slightly lower. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity remains slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are full-time to over-time. 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	88-97	90-93	73-82	75-78
Northeast	89-103	94-98	76-89	81-83
South Central	97.5-106	99-102	78.5-87	80-83
Southeast	94-105.5	95-98	77.5-85	78-82

Prices paid to Producers - loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	01/17/12	01/10/12	01/18/11
Large	70-80	80-90	68-78
Medium	55-59	56-60	56-60

Weekly Combined Regional

01/13/12
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	109.00	108.00	85.00
Southeast	114.50	112.50	87.00
Midwest	108.50	106.50	82.50
South Central	117.50	117.50	90.50
Combined Regional	112.62	111.45	86.44

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)

January 17, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.4	10.9	25.2	10.6	15.3	3.7	75.2
	% Change	-6.0%	-4.2%	15.5%	17.3%	47.4%	-4.2%	13.0%
Extra Large	This Week	34.9	23.0	50.5	13.3	36.3	4.2	162.0
	% Change	-6.8%	-11.3%	-13.6%	-13.2%	11.6%	-4.6%	-6.8%
Large	This Week	58.8	109.8	148.9	69.7	77.3	48.3	512.7
	% Change	0.5%	-8.2%	-11.8%	-22.8%	14.2%	-6.6%	-7.9%
Medium	This Week	14.4	19.3	40.1	22.8	20.0	12.0	128.5
	% Change	-1.1%	-7.3%	-18.0%	-3.8%	16.8%	-4.8%	-6.6%
Small	This Week	1.2	3.9	7.9	1.9	1.5	2.3	18.6
	% Change	-5.7%	6.9%	-8.1%	-21.8%	-10.8%	-51.9%	-16.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.8	11.6	30.0	19.1	5.5	1.1	69.0
	% Change	19.0%	-3.6%	-0.6%	22.5%	-6.7%	-54.9%	2.2%
Ungraded	This Week	9.3	7.7	80.7	14.4	11.0	8.9	132.1
	% Change	-33.5%	-24.9%	10.8%	-3.5%	-2.1%	-0.6%	-0.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	129.6	186.2	383.3	151.8	166.8	80.4	1,098.1
	% Change	-5.5%	-8.6%	-6.4%	-11.4%	13.9%	-9.3%	-5.1%

Totals		Cases		Percent Change	
Shell Egg		1,098.1		-5.1%	
Breaking Stock		290.0		1.9%	
Total Shell Egg		1,388.1		-3.7%	

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	12.0	4.6	3.7	2.7	4.8	3.2	30.9
	% Change	27.1%	-22.8%	-0.5%	-12.7%	-4.6%	2.9%	2.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.1	5.2	0.0	2.1	25.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%	-27.5%	0.0%	43.6%	-0.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	12.0	4.6	21.8	7.9	4.8	5.3	56.3
	% Change	27.1%	-22.8%	5.2%	-23.0%	-4.6%	16.2%	0.8%

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

Large:	35.5%
Ungraded:	36.0%
Total:	35.7%

^{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 14-Jan-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,374,673	32,825	13,599	7,226	3,024	4,803
PW	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424
LY	1,356,557	32,593	13,408	6,713	3,217	4,682
% PW	4%	2%	7%	11%	5%	9%
% LY	1%	1%	1%	8%	-6%	3%
2012*	2,690,783	65,146	26,328	13,743	5,893	9,227
2011*	2,760,489	66,891	27,095	13,094	6,672	9,578
% YTD	-3%	-3%	-3%	5%	-12%	-4%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.52	42.54	42.31
(Inedible Excluded)	39.03	39.18	38.86

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	754,562	54.9%	19,605	59.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	753,059	57.2%	19,806	61.3%
LAST YEAR	712,731	52.5%	18,857	57.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jan 07	Jan 14	Jan 07	Jan 14
	Thousand			
Alabama	27,127	26,905	20,132	19,899
Arkansas	20,082	20,085	19,296	18,017
Delaware	3,265	3,257	3,952	4,220
Florida	1,351	1,351	1,160	1,166
Georgia	31,430	31,350	26,997	27,329
Kentucky	7,635	7,571	6,098	6,021
Louisiana	3,364	3,379	2,987	2,992
Maryland	7,364	7,098	5,474	5,213
Mississippi	17,573	17,475	15,542	15,610
Missouri	7,853	7,623	5,554	6,087
North Carolina	19,772	20,010	15,439	15,812
Oklahoma	6,585	6,787	4,042	4,693
Pennsylvania	3,662	3,785	3,196	3,290
South Carolina	5,250	5,348	4,828	4,435
Texas	14,089	13,652	11,941	11,772
Virginia	5,694	5,939	5,698	4,693
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,619	10,814	9,569	10,872
19 State total	192,715	192,429	161,905	162,121
Previous year total	205,419	205,099	168,417	168,220
Percent of previous year	94	94	96	96

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Feb-12 is estimated at 149.2 million head. This compares to 149.6 million head the previous week and to 158.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.39 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)

National trading for 01/12/12 - 01/18/12

CURRENT LDS	123.50	FUTURE LDS	32.75	TOTAL LDS		156.25
	SE	NE	MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	68.75	72.40	68.83	71.29	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	71.52	--
GL W XL	67.00	83.41	73.63	75.75	66.31	74.67
GL W LG	--	82.13	71.50	68.79	63.07	66.92
GL W MD	--	63.50	61.73	64.00	59.86	68.50
GL W SM	--	58.00	63.00	66.00	48.29	--
GL BR J	153.00	--	--	155.00	113.50	--
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	86.50	--
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	--
GL BR MD	--	--	--	76.40	68.00	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	48.37
						9.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE	LW	LY
Atlanta	19.6	19.1	3	-11	
Boston	3.1	2.3	35	-3	
Chicago	62.8	58.9	7	14	
Los Angeles	57.1	63.6	-10	2	
New Orleans	6.6	5.9	12	5	
New York	37.3	38.3	-3	-6	
St. Louis	91.0	68.7	32	-9	
San Francisco	14.0	13.5	4	-29	
Total	291.5	270.3	8	-3	
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.3				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
Head	1,662	2,428	25	10	4,125
Avg Wt	16.83	42.19	27.29	36.66	31.87
Last week	1,544	2,121	11	7	3,683
Same wk yr ago	1,728	2,337	18	2	4,085
Avg Wt	17.00	41.14	25.72	52.18	29.81
To-date/2012*	3,206	4,549	36	17	7,808
To-date/2011*	3,451	4,797	26	9	8,283
% Change YTD	-7%	-5%	38%	89%	-6%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,383	81,957	522	280	105,142
Last week	21,084	71,842	222	143	93,291
Same wk yr ago	23,501	76,915	359	81	100,856
To-date/2012*	43,467	153,799	744	423	198,433
To-date/2011*	46,231	157,072	532	235	204,070
% Change YTD	-6%	-2%	40%	80%	-3%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.5%	76.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 14-Jan-12	(Preliminary)			Total		Turkeys
	-----Young turkeys-----			Breeders		Avg
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	541	5	27.40	(A)	543	27.40
South Atlantic	602	-4	39.27	(A)	604	39.27
North Central	2,048	16	34.92	(A)	2,050	34.92
South Central	736	22	20.12	(A)	738	20.12
West	188	17	33.57	(A)	190	33.57
U.S. total	4,115 (B)	12	31.87	10	4,125	31.87
To-date						
2012*	7,791 (B)			17	7,808	
To-date						
2011*	8,274 (B)			9	8,283	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date* 36,000; for last year to date* 26,000.

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

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary)

W/E 14-Jan-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	Thousands				
Head	153,922	1,818	1,558	3,376	409
Avg Wt	5.65	3.20	7.34	5.11	6.47
Last week	135,215	1,375	1,365	2,740	404
Same wk yr ago	149,611	1,610	1,369	2,979	409
Avg Wt	5.74	3.13	7.85	5.32	6.91
To-date/2012*	289,137	3,193	2,923	6,116	813
To-date/2011*	317,390	2,996	2,707	5,703	848
% Change YTD	-9%	7%	8%	7%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	652,244	3,025	7,719	10,744	1,905
Last week	579,058	2,252	7,141	9,393	1,882
Same wk yr ago	639,782	2,671	7,147	9,818	2,035

To-date/2012*	1,231,302	5,277	14,860	20,137	3,787
To-date/2011*	1,361,005	4,948	14,212	19,160	4,216
% Change YTD	-10%	7%	5%	5%	-10%

Dressing % 75.0% 52.0% 67.5% 72.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.8 million head, or 5.5 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
Dec 10	153.8	142.9	108%	5.79
17	150.8	141.9	106%	5.65
24	138.2	141.3	98%	5.62
31	127.7	143.6	89%	5.72
Jan 7	136.9	146.6	93%	5.71
14	155.8	150.3	104%	5.65
Year to date	292.7	296.9	99%	
Jan 21		152.9		
28		153.3		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Estimated Slaughter of U.S. Broiler/Fryers and Fowl

Week Ending 21-Jan-12

Class	Current Week 01/21/12 (1)	Previous Week 01/14/12
Broiler/fryer	147,931 (2)	154,989
Light hens	1,749	1,742
Heavy hens	1,620	1,492
Total	151,300	158,223

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Jan-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 165.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.2 million head or 4.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 28-Jan-12 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – Selected Centers

(Incl. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands of lbs.)

	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry
AM 01/16/12	3,195	75,354	47,598
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG	20	18934	-3582
PCT CHG	1%	34%	-7%

Whole Young Turkeys

Frozen basted equivalent processor offering prices on a national basis for hens 96.00-103.00 cents shipping point and 16-24 lb. toms 96.00-103.00 cents shipping point for current deliveries.

National Fowl Markets

13-Jan-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	8.0-16.0	13.14

(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 to be 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.

Commercial Egg Movement (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 14-Jan-2012	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.0	-2	-5
East North Central	724.1	1	15
West North Central	289.9	-1	12
South Atlantic	148.1	-5	3
South Central	48.1	-3	-13
West	56.4	-1	2
Total	1464.6	-1	8

Matched plants reporting

71 71

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

Final Broiler/Fryer Report

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 16-Jan-2012

	Grade A Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
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Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Los Angeles	99.00	97.73	22	:	87.54	67
New York	78.00-81.00	79.95	21	:	80.17	39

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/ Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds	:	Composite Wtd Avg	Lds
Chicago	70.00-74.00			:	72.62	42

1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

Composite Weighted Average RTC Broiler/Fryer

Loads	01/16/12	Change Last Wk	01/09/12	01/17/11
335	80.84	-.49	81.33	77.00

