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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are lower for both the larger and smaller sized eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending lower on all sizes. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is moderate to good, while food service demand is reported as moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy in the Midwest region with the balance of regions mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is weak. Demand is light for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Demand and offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are varied due to the Christmas holiday. Market activity is moderate.

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

	12/26/12	12/18/12	12/27/11
IA-MN-WI			
Large	93-103	100-110	126-136
Medium	72-76	80-84	80-84

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
Northeast	116-130	121-125	97-110	102-104
Southeast	126-147	128-131	102.5-122	103-107
Midwest	115-124	117-120	94-103	96-99
South Central	126.5-135	128.131	100.5-109	102-105

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

12/21/12

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	127.00	126.00	105.00
SOUTHEAST	134.50	132.50	107.00
MIDWEST	123.50	121.50	101.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	132.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	129.48	128.29	105.33

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	9.4	8.4	18.5	6.4	7.2	2.8	52.8
	% Change	-31.5%	-17.0%	-15.8%	-7.7%	-25.9%	-15.1%	-19.9%
Extra Large	This Week	21.0	16.6	37.1	17.0	27.1	5.3	124.0
	% Change	-49.3%	-18.1%	-17.7%	-18.4%	-24.1%	14.3%	-26.1%
Large	This Week	51.6	97.5	116.0	82.2	80.5	43.1	471.0
	% Change	-29.6%	-24.3%	-13.4%	-3.9%	-10.3%	-29.4%	-17.7%
Medium	This Week	13.6	16.0	46.8	27.4	25.5	11.9	141.2
	% Change	17.2%	-11.7%	4.6%	-5.8%	-27.8%	17.0%	-5.3%
Small	This Week	1.6	3.4	6.6	1.0	0.8	1.4	14.7
	% Change	-36.2%	-9.6%	22.8%	-8.3%	-42.2%	-26.9%	-7.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	12.5	31.3	16.6	5.1	2.6	70.2
	% Change	4.7%	3.6%	-1.1%	1.8%	16.6%	17.7%	2.3%
Ungraded	This Week	8.2	7.0	60.2	20.8	21.4	8.1	125.7
	% Change	-45.9%	-52.9%	-10.8%	-3.3%	-18.9%	18.6%	-17.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	107.7	161.3	316.5	171.4	167.6	75.1	999.7
	% Change	-32.7%	-22.4%	-9.6%	-5.5%	-17.3%	-16.5%	-16.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	999.7	-16.1%
Breaking Stock	265.8	-1.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,265.5	-13.4%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.5	16.9	7.1	4.1	3.4	1.9	41.8
	% Change	-9.9%	-17.7%	40.2%	-19.6%	7.2%	-1.1%	-7.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.6	13.2	6.2	2.8	49.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	-1.7%	-32.4%	19.6%	-6.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.5	16.9	34.6	17.3	9.6	4.7	91.6
	% Change	-9.9%	-17.7%	4.1%	-6.6%	-22.2%	10.4%	-6.8%

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

Large:	29.8%
Ungraded:	68.8%
Total:	51.0%

^{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, and WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; **Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-Dec-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,387,570	34,152	13,840	6,781	2,954	4,583
PW	1,369,958	33,516	12,922	6,698	2,621	4,513
LY	1,197,098	29,228	11,560	5,934	2,723	4,040
% PW	1%	2%	7%	1%	13%	2%
% LY	16%	17%	20%	14%	8%	13%
2012*	69,833,251	1,652,978	705,566	357,986	147,752	232,830
2011*	68,497,542	1,631,126	685,483	348,541	144,996	229,617
% YTD	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current Week		Previous Week		Last Year
(Inedible Included)		42.78		42.08		42.40
(Inedible Excluded)		39.47		38.79		39.03

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	820,699	59.1%	21,501	63.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	811,770	59.3%	21,578	64.4%
LAST YEAR	701,832	58.6%	18,238	62.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Dec 15	Dec 22 Thousand	Dec 15	Dec 22
Alabama	27,607	27,736	21,449	21,366
Arkansas	21,845	21,128	20,377	19,661
Delaware	3,415	3,414	4,086	3,744
Florida	1,350	1,353	1,311	1,304
Georgia	32,433	32,432	26,221	27,338
Kentucky	7,694	7,679	6,315	5,624
Louisiana	3,288	3,304	2,912	2,958
Maryland	7,185	7,153	6,198	5,513
Mississippi	16,927	16,575	14,770	14,652
Missouri	7,881	7,897	5,720	5,633
North Carolina	19,992	19,979	16,416	16,861
Oklahoma	6,581	6,968	4,718	5,273
Pennsylvania	3,812	3,729	2,900	3,283
South Carolina	4,675	5,462	4,344	4,763
Texas	14,237	14,033	11,809	12,416
Virginia	6,476	6,490	4,456	4,973
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,694	10,575	9,602	11,489
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19 State total	195,092	195,907	163,604	166,851
Previous year total	194,602	195,380	162,116	162,753
Percent of previous year	100	100	101	103

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 03-Feb-13 is estimated at 152.1 million head. This compares to 150.3 million head the previous week and to 153.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.99 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 12/20/12 - 12/26/12

CLASS	Current Lds 81.25		Future Lds 42.25		Total Lds 123.50	
	SE	DST	NE	DST	MW	LOADS
GNR W 1	91.50	103.33	93.00	95.00	--	32.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	100.50	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	103.00	105.50	80.31	9.25
GL W XL	--	107.60	100.25	99.79	76.12	37.00
GL W LG	--	109.06	--	86.86	73.57	34.50
GL W MD	--	--	66.33	81.50	64.34	13.50
GL W SM	--	68.00	67.00	70.00	56.00	2.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	84.00	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	73.00	--	--	66.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.50	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-Dec-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands		Cases, in thousands		LW	LY
Atlanta	27.7		23.0		20	29
Boston	3.0		2.8		7	20
Chicago	63.5		59.2		7	5
Los Angeles	71.3		59.0		21	16
New Orleans	10.4		7.0		49	49
New York	42.1		40.4		4	-5
St. Louis	106.6		120.1		-11	22
San Francisco	24.0		18.7		28	26
Total	348.6		329.8		6	15
4 Week Moving Avg.	317.8					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-Dec-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Breeders	Breeders	Breeders	
Head	1,386	2,405	13	27			3,831
Avg Wt	15.67	40.97	25.69	25.52			31.65
Last week	2,046	2,629	19	29			4,723
Same wk yr ago	1,314	2,205	20	15			3,554
Avg Wt	15.93	40.50	25.81	28.22			31.28
To-date/2012*	93,768	132,446	1,422	408			228,044
To-date/2011*	94,703	131,321	1,116	445			227,585
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	27%	-8%			0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage							
Current week	17,375	78,826	254	524			96,979
Last week	27,253	86,189	382	609			114,433
Same wk yr ago	16,750	71,445	395	324			88,914
To-date/2012*	1,267,452	4,218,481	28,197	9,893			5,524,323
To-date/2011*	1,287,016	4,073,089	24,522	10,474			5,395,101
% Change YTD	-2%	4%	15%	-6%			2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%			

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 22-Dec-12		(Preliminary)				
-----Young turkeys-----				Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	677	-1	24.72	(A)	677	24.72
South Atlantic	557	-19	40.81	(A)	557	40.81
North Central	1,861	-13	34.23	(A)	1,881	34.23
South Central	447	-42	19.08	(A)	454	19.08
West	249	-37	23.44	(A)	249	23.44
U.S. total	3,791 (B)		-19	31.65	27	3,818
To-date						
2012*	226,214 (B)			408	226,622	
To-date						
2011*	227,140 (B)			445	227,585	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 1,422,000; for last year to date* 1,116,000.

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) W/E 22-Aug-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	155,551	1,910	1,272	3,182	399
Avg Wt	5.64	3.11	7.86	5.01	5.65
Last week	152,381	1,770	1,644	3,414	465
Same wk yr ago	136,566	981	1,611	2,592	398
Avg Wt	5.62	3.27	7.61	5.97	6.86
To-date/2012*	7,759,122	75,252	80,150	155,402	21,173
To-date/2011*	7,959,527	67,950	78,216	146,166	21,903
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	2%	6%	-3%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	662,367	3,208	6,549	9,757	1,612
Last week	670,728	2,944	8,550	11,494	2,008
Same wk yr ago	575,626	1,700	8,091	9,791	1,966
To-date/2012*	33,670,918	128,000	418,483	546,483	101,547
To-date/2011*	34,044,567	116,305	404,358	520,663	106,613
% Change YTD	-1%	10%	3%	5%	-5%
Dressing %	75.5%	54.0%	65.5%		71.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 12.2 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER - AVAILABLE COMPARISON

Million Head				
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
11/17	152.9	149.6	102%	5.83
11/24	125.4	145.4	86%	5.86
12/01	155.3	144.8	107%	5.94
12/08	155.1	146.8	106%	5.94
12/15	154.2	145.2	106%	5.83
12/22	157.4	145.2	108%	5.64
Year to date	7,853.6	7,790.7	101%	
12/29		143.1		
1/05		139.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 29-Dec-12

	CURRENT WEEK 12/29/12 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/22/12
Class	----- Thousand head -----	
Broiler/fryer	115,119 (2)	158,288
Light hens	1,049	2,110
Heavy hens	880	1,538
Total	117,048	161,936

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-12 is 143.1 million head compared to 127.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 115.3 million head or -27.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 05-Jan-13 the estimated available is 141.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers		(Including government stocks)	(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry lbs
	Lbs	Lbs	
AM 12/25/12	3,005	86,173	78,888
AM 12/01/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
CHG	3	9,446	9,052
PCT CHG	0%	12%	13%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 93.00-102.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 96.00-102.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

21-Dec-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	10.0 - 21.5	13.85

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens general for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

Live Spent Light

The majority price for removal costs remains 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 22-Dec-12

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	209.6	-2	-1
East North Centra	726.3	2	0
West North Centra	349.4	3	16
South Atlantic	135.9	-3	-18
South Central	52.9	-1	5
West	34.8	-3	-19
Total	1,508.9	1	1

Matched Plants reporting previous week 69 Last Year 69

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 trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 24-Dec-2012

Grade A		Composite	
Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds :	Wtd Avg Lds
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:			
Los Angeles	107.00	110.07	15 : 105.00 42
New York	97.00-100.00	98.80	20 : 99.02 40

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
Maj	Wtd Avg	Lds :	Wtd Avg Lds
Chicago	90.00-97.00		: 95.69 50

1/ Includes branded product.

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

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Loads	12/24/12	Change Last Wk	12/17/12	12/26/11
283	99.57	3.90	95.67	80.85

