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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York and regional prices are higher for both the larger and smaller sized eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for Jumbo and sharply higher for the balance of sizes. The undertone ranges steady to firm, mostly higher. Retail and distributive demands are moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are reported as light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, continue higher. The undertone is firm. Offerings are light on moderate to good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. 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	104-113	106-109	87-96	89-92
NORTHEAST	109-123	114-118	94-107	99-101
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.5-124	117-120	93.5-102	95-98
SOUTHEAST	106.5-125	115-118	84.5-103	92-96

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

IA-MN-WI	03/12/13	03/05/13	03/13/12
LARGE	88-98	77-87	67-77
MEDIUM	72-76	59-63	46-50

### WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

03/08/13

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	105.50	103.00	87.00
SOUTHEAST	107.50	105.50	83.00
MIDWEST	98.50	96.50	78.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.50	106.50	82.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	105.72	103.00	82.68

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)<sup>1/</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

March 11, 2013		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>11.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>59.6</b>
	% Change	9.9%	-13.0%	-6.8%	30.0%	-2.3%	-19.3%	-0.7%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>28.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>138.2</b>
	% Change	11.0%	0.8%	0.3%	15.0%	-6.3%	-12.0%	2.1%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>58.0</b>	<b>122.7</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>93.9</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>585.6</b>
	% Change	2.7%	9.6%	5.7%	8.1%	4.6%	-19.7%	3.1%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>17.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>145.5</b>
	% Change	56.7%	-21.5%	17.5%	19.7%	4.0%	0.8%	11.9%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>18.5</b>
	% Change	5.0%	8.1%	-37.5%	-76.5%	-38.9%	-11.7%	-28.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>57.2</b>
	% Change	-21.2%	-5.7%	-3.1%	7.1%	12.9%	38.6%	0.3%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>8.7</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>91.9</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>188.0</b>
	% Change	19.9%	1.5%	-2.7%	-8.3%	3.5%	57.8%	3.2%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>131.0</b>	<b>193.4</b>	<b>357.1</b>	<b>188.8</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>1,192.7</b>
	% Change	10.8%	3.3%	1.7%	7.0%	1.9%	-6.6%	2.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,192.7	2.9%
Breaking Stock	252.3	-3.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,445.0</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

### Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2/</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed at Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>8.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>54.7</b>
	% Change	-2.2%	9.0%	31.1%	-11.2%	67.6%	2.1%	11.7%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>52.9</b>
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.6%	18.3%	107.3%	11.8%	9.4%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>8.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>107.6</b>
	% Change	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

<b>Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:</b>	<b>Large:</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
	<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>78.3%</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.6%</b>

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 09-Mar-2013		(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,356,109	32,224	13,606	7,388	2,565	4,396
PW	1,358,311	31,525	14,092	7,355	2,591	4,499
LY	1,312,008	30,998	13,932	6,841	2,442	4,506
% PW	0%	2%	-3%	0%	-1%	-2%
% LY	3%	4%	-2%	8%	5%	-2%
2013	13,525,512	315,668	140,128	70,943	28,697	44,224
2012	13,086,449	309,842	133,978	68,880	28,744	44,994
% YTD	3%	2%	5%	3%	0%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.48	42.31	42.89
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.24	39.00	39.46

**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	789,088	58.2%	20,237	62.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	789,970	58.2%	19,754	62.7%
LAST YEAR	741,719	56.5%	19,278	62.2%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Selected Consuming Centers	W/E 09-Mar-2013		% Change	
	CW	LW	LW	LY
	(Cases in thousands)			
Atlanta	21.8	20.1	8	29
Boston	2.7	2.4	13	-18
Chicago	59.1	62.7	-6	2
Los Angeles	70.7	60.1	18	11
New Orleans	7.1	6.0	18	18
New York	35.4	36.6	-3	-5
St. Louis	85.4	99.6	-14	-6
San Francisco	21.3	19.3	10	60
Total	303.5	307.9	-1	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	306.5			

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set -		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed -	
	19 Selected States and United States: 2013			
	Week ending			
	Mar 2, 2013	Mar 9, 2013	Mar 2, 2013	Mar 9, 2013
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,967	27,487	20,731	20,510
AR.....	21,816	21,772	20,311	20,875
DE.....	3,415	3,417	3,818	4,062
FL.....	1,221	1,221	1,089	1,488
GA.....	33,852	33,042	26,310	27,175
KY.....	7,551	7,599	5,747	6,219
LA.....	3,364	3,379	2,967	2,968
MD.....	7,254	7,453	6,713	6,494
MS.....	17,516	16,957	14,814	14,731
MO.....	8,110	8,268	5,172	5,144
NC.....	20,165	20,085	15,780	16,412
OK.....	6,918	6,886	4,996	4,797
PA.....	3,781	4,004	3,028	3,146
SC.....	5,417	5,333	4,436	4,442
TX.....	15,172	15,223	12,435	12,202
VA.....	6,396	6,661	5,024	4,451
CA, TN, & WV.....	10,498	10,692	9,247	10,005
19 State Total.....	200,413	199,479	162,618	165,121
Percent of Prev. Year	101	100	100	101
Other States	7,923	7,989	5,925	5,866
United States	208,336	207,468	168,543	170,987

Source: USDA, NASS

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

NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 07, 2013- MAR 13, 2013 (CENTS/DOZEN)  
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 99.50		FUTURE LOADS 69.00		TOTAL LOADS 168.50	
	SE	NE	MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W XL	--	102.00	--	--	--	--
GNR W 1	93.00	95.81	95.50	96.86	--	91.50
GNR W 2	--	94.71	--	99.00	--	--
GNR W 3	--	93.00	--	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	109.67	112.00	97.64	--
GL W XL	--	118.33	109.83	114.16	100.90	105.50
GL W LG	--	110.89	97.00	102.80	89.66	--
GL W MD	--	89.20	85.90	93.45	82.84	87.00
GL W SM	51.00	51.00	51.75	54.75	47.50	--
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	109.00	--
GL BR LG	--	106.50	--	--	101.40	94.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	71.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	80.00	81.38

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 09-Mar-2013 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys		Old Breeders		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders		Avg	
	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--		Live wt	
North East	453	-13	26.59	(A)	453	26.59
South Atlantic	642	-12	39.33	(A)	642	39.33
North Central	2,084	-2	33.98	(A)	2,086	33.98
South Central	816	-1	19.96	(A)	817	19.96
West	290	-5	26.78	(A)	290	26.78
U.S. total	4,285	(B)	-5	31.36	2	4,287
To-date						
2013*	41,798	(B)			170	41,968
To-date						
2012*	41,812	(B)			82	41,894

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date\* 242,000; for last year to date\* 227,000.

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

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 09-Mar-2013 (Preliminary)

Head	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,740	2,546	25	2	4,313
Avg Wt	17.42	40.93	25.05	61.06	31.36
Last week	1,840	2,656	13	0	4,509
Same wk yr ago	1,734	2,559	39	9	4,341
Avg Wt	17.16	40.91	27.64	31.21	31.28
To-date/2013*	16,832	24,966	242	170	42,210
To-date/2012*	17,048	24,537	227	82	41,894
% Change YTD	-1%	2%	7%	107%	1%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,249	83,366	482	94	108,191
Last week	25,348	87,096	271	0	112,715
Same wk yr ago	23,801	83,757	825	215	108,598
To-date/2013*	230,070	817,560	5,041	3,680	1,056,351
To-date/2012*	232,121	815,487	4,657	2,041	1,054,306
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	8%	80%	0%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	77.0%	77.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Apr-13 is estimated at 150.9 million head. This compares to 149.9 million head the previous week and to 152.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.9 million head and the national weighted average price was 85.41 cents per pound.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 09-Mar-2013

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	153,392	1,434	1,309	2,743	361
Avg Wt	5.83	3.28	8.01	5.54	6.93
Last week	154,389	1,366	1,304	2,670	419
Same wk yr ago	150,226	1,687	1,395	3,082	440
Avg Wt	5.79	3.39	7.89	5.43	6.83
To-date/2013*	1,512,027	15,097	13,628	28,725	3,851
To-date/2012*	1,492,190	15,225	15,217	30,442	4,285
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-10%	-6%	-10%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	679,649	2,493	7,025	9,518	1,776
Last week	673,507	2,643	6,902	9,545	2,029
Same wk yr ago	652,356	2,974	7,429	10,403	2,164

To-date/2013*	6,697,440	25,936	70,920	96,856	18,598
To-date/2012*	6,405,563	25,472	78,880	104,352	20,598
% Change YTD	5%	2%	-10%	-7%	-10%

Dressing %	76.0%	53.0%	67.0%		71.0%
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(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 1.2 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
02/02	157.7	153.7	103%	5.81
02/09	156.9	153.6	102%	5.88
02/16	153.4	157.2	98%	5.79
02/23	153.4	149.8	102%	5.90
03/02	156.3	153.7	102%	5.74
03/09	155.3	154.1	101%	5.83
Year to date	1530.5	1500.6	102%	
03/16		152.5		
03/23		153.2		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 16-Mar-2013

Class	Current Week 03/16/13 (1)	Previous Week 03/09/13
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	154,574 (2)	156,219
Light hens	1,603	1,548
Heavy hens	1,320	1,333
Total	157,497	159,100

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Mar-13 is 155.4 million head compared to 154.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.9 million head or -0.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Mar-13 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 03/11/13	2,933	144,224	57,958
AM 03/01/13	2,931	136,369	57,996
CHG	2	7855	-38
PCT CHG	0%	6%	0%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS** Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 94.00-99.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 94.00-99.00 cents fob for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

08-Mar-2013

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	10.0-22.0	13.90

(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 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**

Week ending 09-Mar-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	215.6	3	5
East North Central	743.7	0	5
West North Central	304.5	1	4
South Atlantic	127.4	4	-16
South Central	52.9	-2	6
West	35.1	-1	-17
Total	1479.2	1	2

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)

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

**NATIONAL WHOLE BROILER/FRYER**

08-Mar-2013

**National Composite Weighted Average**

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
<b>This Week:</b>	107.82	↑ 3.30	11,559
<b>Last Week:</b>	104.52		10,928
<b>Last Year:</b>	94.44	↑ 13.38	13,120

**Monthly Composite Weighted Average**

<b>Feb</b>	101.80	45,653
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**Whole Body:**

	Price Range	Majority	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs
<b>New York</b>	95.50 - 115.00	107.00 - 112.00	109.93	1,473
<b>Chicago</b>	95.00 - 114.25	100.00 - 107.00	103.72	1,940
<b>Los Angeles</b>	104.00 - 128.00	109.00 - 112.00	110.36	1,750

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.

