

## EGGS

### Production

August table egg production totaled 608 million dozen, up 3 percent from August 2013. There were 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs produced, up 2 percent from last year. The broiler-type laying flock on September 1 was 53.0 million hens, up 2 percent from 2013. Egg-type hatching egg production was 73 million eggs, down 10 percent from a year ago. On September 1, the number of birds in the table egg flock was 301 million, up 1 percent compared to a year earlier. Shell eggs broken totaled 198 million dozen during August 2014, up 6 percent from August a year ago, but slightly below the 199 million broken in July.

### Price

Shell egg prices have been mirroring their 2013 levels since mid-August. Prices reached their late-summer high of 130 cents/dozen at the end of August, then held steady for about a week, before starting their September slump. Prices started to rebound in mid-September and were at 128 cents/dozen at the close of the month.

Breaking stock prices were stable most of the summer at 78 cents/dozen and bumped up slightly at the end of August to 86 cents/dozen. After a small drop in mid-month, breaking stock prices began their seasonal rise and were 97 cents/dozen at the end of September.

### International Trade

August shell egg exports totaled 16.7 million dozen, valued at \$16.7 million. This was 7 percent lower than July in volume and 15 percent lower in value. Compared to August 2013, exports were down 6 percent in volume and 7 percent in value. Year-to-date, shell egg exports were down 8 percent in volume but up 4 percent in value compared to the first 8 months of 2013.

Exports of egg products in August were down 2 percent compared to July and down 17 percent compared to August 2013. For the first 8 months of the year, egg products were down 10 percent compared to 2013. The top five markets for shell eggs and egg products in August were Mexico, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, and Jamaica.

## LAMB

### Production

Lamb and mutton production fell 15 percent from last year and 17 percent from last month, to 11.7 million pounds. Sheep slaughter dropped 13 percent yearly and 14 percent monthly, to 181,400 head. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 4 pounds from 2013. YTD lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent from 2013. Lamb and mutton inventories in August were up 83 percent over 2013 levels, and were 18 percent higher than in July.

### Price

Negotiated live slaughter lamb prices were up \$5 through September to \$160 per cwt, 31 percent higher than 2013 prices, and 12 percent above the 2010-2012 average. The lamb cutout increased \$7 to \$373 per cwt, 31 percent and 6 percent higher, respectively, than 2013 and the historical average. Leg of lamb, trotter off prices varied, but ended the month back at \$356 per cwt, up 16 percent from 2013, but down 4 percent from the average for 2010-2012. Boneless lamb shoulder prices rose nearly \$20 to \$546 per cwt, 23 percent above the 2013 price, and 26 percent above the historical average.

### International Trade

August lamb exports increased 68 percent to 196 MT, and in value were up 29 percent to \$1 million. This was a 45 percent monthly decrease in volume and a 44 percent drop in value from July. YTD lamb export volumes were 7 percent lower, but had 5 percent higher value than in 2013. Mexico and Canada were the largest markets for U.S. lamb. The U.S. imported 6.5 thousand MT of lamb in August, worth \$61 million, increasing volume and value by 19 and 31 percent, respectively, over 2013 levels, and increasing volume and value by 2 and 3 percent, respectively, from July. YTD lamb imports were up by 6 percent in volume and 16 percent in value. Australia and New Zealand were the largest importers.

**Production**

August broiler production totaled 3.2 billion pounds on a ready-to-cook (RTC) basis. Daily production in August was even with July and up 2 percent compared to August 2013, due entirely to increases in average weights. It appears that producers may finally be starting to increase production; while placements for the four weeks ending September 27 were up 1 percent year-over-year, eggs set in incubators for the same period were up 3 percent.

Overall chicken inventories were up a bit less than 1 percent compared to the end of July but were down 13 percent from August 2013. Whole broiler inventories were down 7 percent from July and 44 percent year-over-year. White meat holdings were up less than 1 percent above July and up 10 percent above last August. Dark meat holdings were up 2 percent month-over-month, but down 15 percent year-over-year. Leg quarter holdings were up 6 percent for the month but down 22 percent compared to 2013. Wings were unchanged for the month but down 40 percent compared to last year.

**Price**

The wholesale prices of most chicken items moved up in September. Whole broiler prices increased about 6 cents and ended the month at 109 cents/lb., their highest level since early July. Boneless/skinless (B/S) breast prices rose 7 cents and were 192 cents/lb. at the end of September. Leg quarter prices were weak early in the month, but rose to 40 cents/lb. at month's end. B/S thigh meat prices fell slightly in September, ending the month at 127 cents/lb., while wing prices rose more than 20 cents and were 176 cents/lb. at the end of September.

**International Trade**

The United States exported 278 thousand metric tons of chicken and chicken products in August valued at \$360 million. August exports were down 3 percent in volume but up 2 percent in value compared to July; compared to August 2013, exports were down 3 percent in both volume and in value. For the first eight months of 2014, exports were up 1 percent in volume but down 5 percent in value. The five largest importers of U.S. chicken products were Mexico, Canada, Russia, Taiwan, and Angola.

**Production**

August beef production continued to decline at 2 billion pounds, 10 percent below the 2013 level and 3 percent below July. Cattle slaughter fell 11 percent from last year and 4 percent from last month to 2.5 million head. Average live weight was up 19 pounds from 2013 to 1,329 pounds. Veal production plummeted 22 percent below last year's level and 9 percent below July to 7.1 million pounds. Calf slaughter fell even faster, down 32 percent from 2013, and 10 percent from July, to 43,600 head. The average calf live weight was up 37 pounds from last year, at 277 pounds. For the YTD, beef production is down 6 percent from 2013 and veal production is down 12 percent. August ending inventories of all beef in freezers were 20 percent lower than in 2013, and 6 percent lower than in July. Boneless beef supplies dropped 21 percent yearly, and were 7 percent below the July level. Beef cuts were 16 percent below 2013 stocks, but only 3 percent lower month over month. August veal supplies fell 7 percent below prior year and were down 9 percent from July.

**Price**

Live cattle prices (FOB, steers and heifers) varied but ended September up just \$1 at \$157 per cwt, 25 percent above the 2013 price and 39 percent above the 2010-2012 average. The beef cutout value lost \$7, ending at \$240 per cwt, 24 percent higher than last year and 35 percent over the historical average. 90 percent lean boneless beef lost \$1 to end at \$298 per cwt, 50 and 67 percent above 2013 and the 2010-2012 average, respectively. Beef trim, 50 percent lean continued its descent from summer highs, down \$24 to \$108 per cwt, 25 percent over 2013 and 58 percent above 2010-2012 average levels. Packer-owned veal carcasses had an average value of \$434 per cwt, while non-packer owned veal carcasses averaged \$412. Veal cutout values rose to \$545 per cwt, 13 percent above last year and 33 percent over the 2010-2012 average.

**International Trade**

Compared to 2013, August beef and veal exports fell 4 percent to 102 thousand MT, while the export value increased 16 percent to \$655 million. The volume of beef exports increased less than 1 percent from July, but increased in value by 5 percent. YTD beef exports were higher in both volume (3 percent) and value (13 percent) than in 2013. Japan, Hong Kong and Canada were our largest export markets. August imports of beef increased dramatically from last year—up 46 percent in volume to 86 thousand MT, and up 65 percent in value to \$492 million. On a monthly basis beef imports fell 6 percent in volume and 1 percent in value. YTD beef and veal imports were up 19 percent in volume and 27 percent in value over 2013. Australia, Canada and Mexico were the largest importers.

## Production

Pork production in August fell 10 percent from last year to 1.8 billion pounds, 3 percent below July's volume. About 8.3 million hogs were slaughtered, down 13 percent from last August and 2 percent from July. The average live weight increased 11 pounds from 2013 to 282 pounds. YTD pork production is 2 percent lower than year ago.

Total pork in cold storage was down slightly from the prior year but was 2 percent higher than in July. Bone-in picnic inventories were 33 percent lower than last year and 33 percent higher than last month. Total ham stocks fell 13 percent from 2013 levels but were 20 percent higher monthly. Pork trimmings rose 10 percent on a yearly basis but fell 5 percent month to month. Loin inventories were down 9 percent compared to 2013 and down 7 percent from July. Ribs in freezers were up 3 percent yearly, though they were 9 percent below July stocks. Supplies of pork butts closed August up 47 percent from 2013 and 16 percent over July. Pork belly supplies were 136 percent greater than the prior year but were down 29 percent monthly.

## Price

The negotiated carcass price for barrows and gilts gained about \$10, ending the month at \$105 per cwt, 14 percent higher than 2013 and 45 percent above the 2010-2012 average. The pork cutout value regained some momentum, rising \$15 to \$117 per cwt, 16 and 44 percent, respectively, above the 2013 and 2010-2012 average prices. Trimmed, bone-in hams, 23-27 pounds, also rose in value, up \$27 to \$128 per cwt, 45 percent above the 2013 value and 55 percent over the historical average. Picnic meat, cushion out, rose \$9 to \$123 per cwt, up 36 percent from 2013 and 38 percent over the 2010-2012 average. Pork trim, 72 percent lean, gained \$11 to close at \$103 per cwt, 32 percent above 2013 and 34 percent above the 2010-2012 average. Pork belly primals increased by \$4 to \$111 per cwt, 30 percent below 2013 and 8 percent below the 2010-2012 average.

## International Trade

August pork exports fell 7 percent on a year-over-year basis to 159 thousand MT, however, the value increased 5 percent to \$514 million. Pork export volume and value fell 4 percent and 2 percent, respectively, from July. For the YTD, pork export volume is up 5 percent, and in value is up 15 percent over 2013. The largest overseas markets for U.S. pork were Japan, Mexico and Canada. Imports of pork rose 10 percent to 36 thousand MT, valued at \$154 million, 19 percent higher than in 2013. August pork imports were up 5 percent in volume over 2013 while the value was down 3 percent. Pork imports YTD were up 8 percent yearly in volume and 22 percent in value. Canada, Poland and Denmark were the largest importers.

## Production

Total turkey production in August was 481 million pounds on a ready-to-cook (RTC) basis. Daily production was up 4 percent year-over-year, largely due to increases in the number of birds processed, up 3 percent. Poulters placed in August were up 2 percent from August 2013. The number of eggs in incubators at the beginning of September was up 6 percent, possibly indicating that producers are finally increasing production after months of high turkey meat prices and low feed costs.

Turkey cold storage holdings continue to be below year-prior averages. As of August 31, total holdings were 15 percent below 2013. The only category of turkey above August 2013 was holdings of whole hens, which were up 14 percent. Whole toms were down 29 percent, white meat was down 36 percent, and dark meat was down 42 percent.

## Price

Turkey prices continued to remain strong in September. The price of frozen whole hens averaged 113 cents/lb. in September, record-high for the month. Boneless/skinless (B/S) breast meat ended September at 403 cents/lb., down a nickel from the record high price set in August. B/S thigh meat closed the month at a record-high value, 177 cents/lb. Tom drumsticks also finished the month strong, rising 6 cents during the month and ending at 99 cents/lb., 3 cents below the record set last fall.

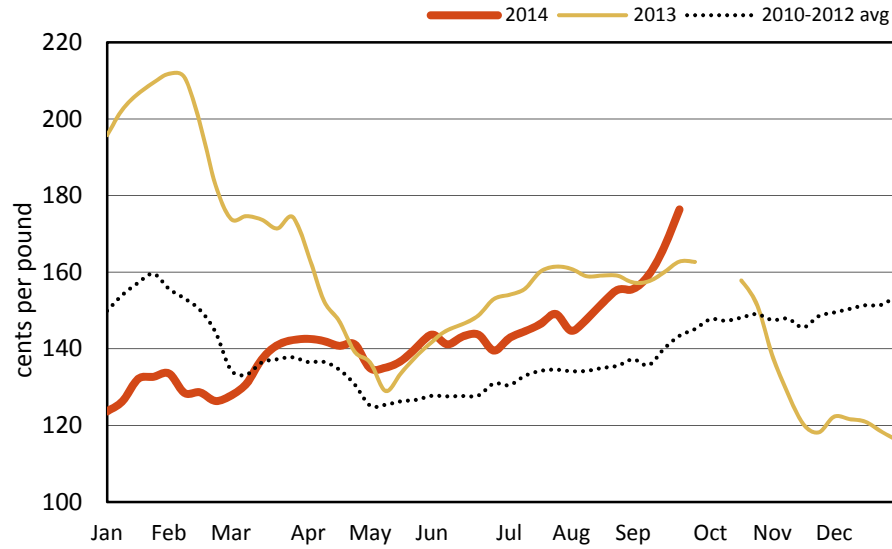
## International Trade

American exports of turkey products in August totaled 34.7 thousand metric tons valued at \$73 million. This was 1 percent lower in volume but 5 percent higher in value compared to July. Compared to August 2013, exports were up substantially in both volume (+15 percent) and value (+20 percent). Exports for 2014 through August were up 3 percent in volume and 9 percent in value compared to 2013. The top five export destinations for turkey products in August were Mexico, China, Canada, Japan, and Hong Kong.

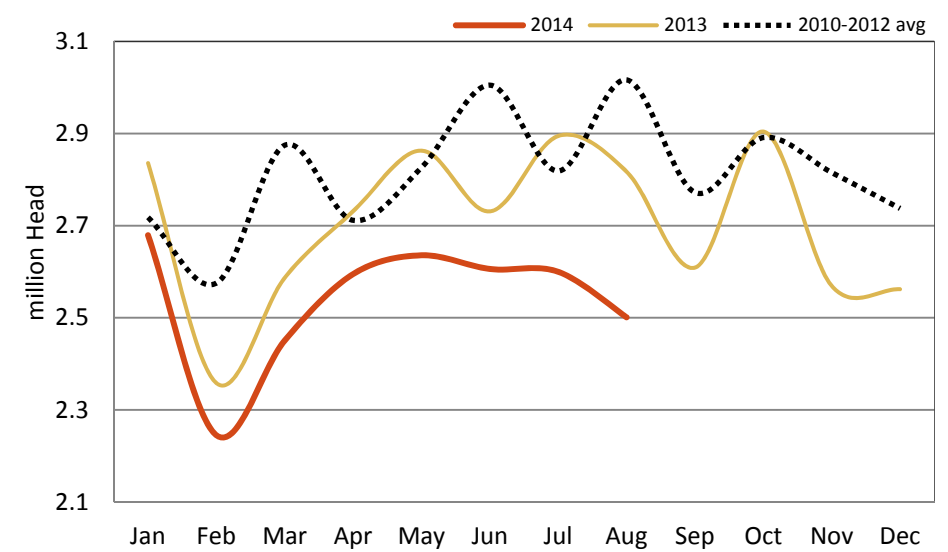
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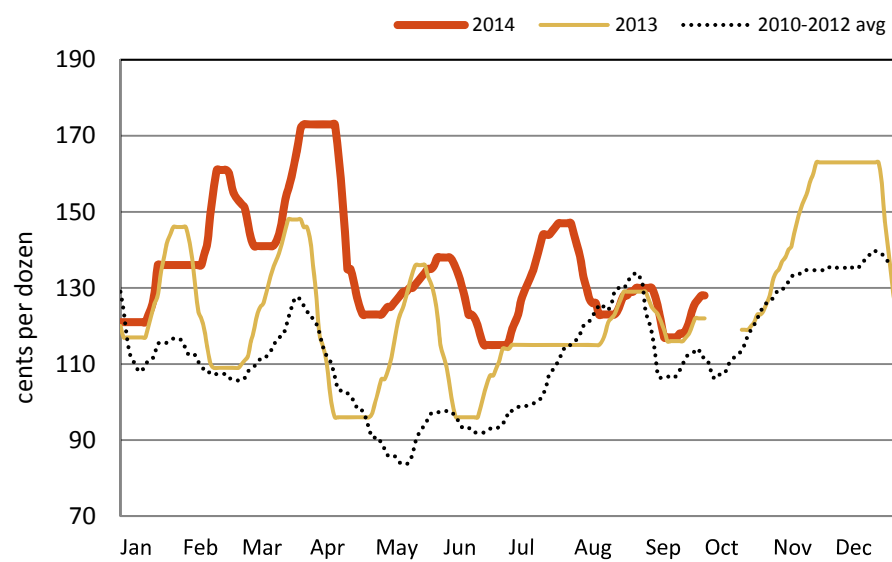
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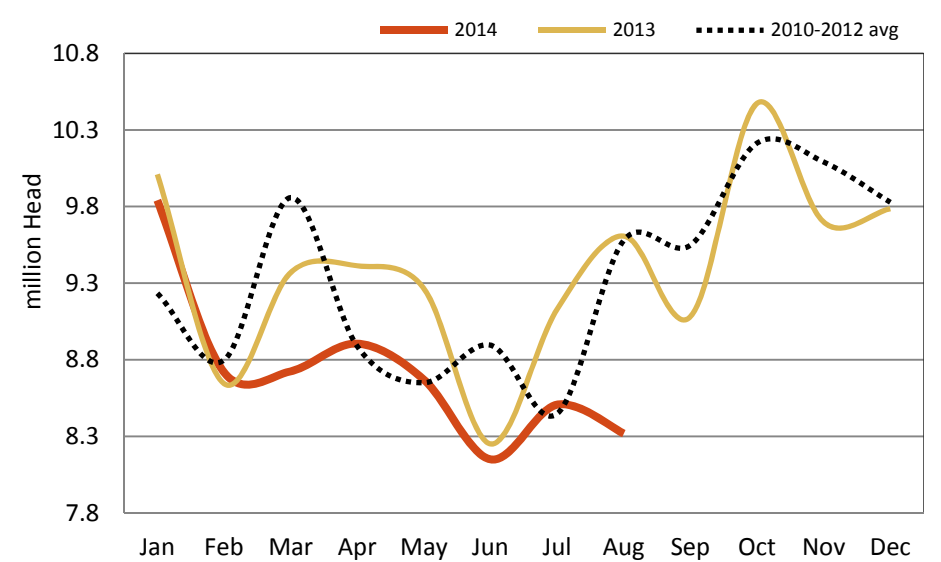
### Monthly Commercial Cattle Slaughter



### NY Shell Egg (Grade A large - wholesale)



### Monthly Commercial Hog Slaughter





# October is Apple Month

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19,542

2011 U.S. Organic Apple Acreage

18,815

Number of U.S. Apple Farms in 2012

10,346,900,000  
pounds of U.S. apples utilized in 2013  
67% fresh use  
33% processed



Red Delicious

12%

Fuji



26%

Gala

Most Popular Apples by Supermarket Ad Share (2014 to date)



14%

Golden Delicious



8%

Granny Smith



12%

Fuji



6%

Pink Lady



6%

Braeburn

82%  
of Apples in Grocery Ads were priced on a per pound basis in 2013. 14% were sold on a per 3-lb. bag basis.

32,000,000  
gallons of hard cider sold in the U.S. in 2013



Jonathan Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) owned over 1,200 acres of cider apple nurseries when he died at age 70 in 1845.

836,000,000  
2013 U.S. Apple Trade Surplus in pounds

328,024  
U.S. Apple Bearing Acreage in 2013  
48% in Washington State

\$3,154,673,000  
Value of 2013 U.S. utilized apple production

Processed Use

Juice/Cider	43.8%
Canned	35.2%
Frozen	7.1%
Fresh Slices	7.0%
Dried	4.9%
Other	1.9%

