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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady with a steady undertone. West coast asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo and Extra Large, 6 cents higher on Large, 3 cents lower on Mediums and Smalls. Asking prices for next week's deliveries in the remaining regions are trending higher on all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate, however in the Northeast and Southeast regions Mediums are moderate to heavy. Retail and food service demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is slow to moderate in the Midwest and Western regions, moderate in the balance of regions. Breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate to instances good. Light type hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 3 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. Retail demand is light to moderate while food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate but building. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The market tone is steady. Demand is moderate to at times good on light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	140-149	143-146
Large	139-148	141-144
Medium	100-109	102-105
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: Extra Large	RANGE 147-155	MOSTLY 148-150
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IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	127-137	131
Medium	79-83	81
Small	52-58	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are 7 cents higher for Large, 3 cents lower for Medium, and unchanged for Extra Large. The undertone is steady larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Mediums. Retail demand ranges moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light for the moderate to at times good demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	161.5-170	163-166
Large	150.5-159	152-155
Medium	105.5-114	107-110

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply higher on all sizes. Demand into retail and distributive channels is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate on Extra Large and Large, moderate to at times heavy on Mediums. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light for the generally moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are adequate to fully adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135.5-163	151-154
Large	131.5-155	149-152
Medium	97.5-110	103-107
SOUTHEST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, So	C, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail demand is light, feature activity is limited. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for a moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	146-172	150-161
Large	140-154	145-149
Medium	101-114	106-108

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Current supplies are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail demand remains light. Market activity is moderate.

RANGE
158-162
156-160
110-114

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are steady for Jumbo and Extra Large, 6 cents higher for Large, and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good but fading. Offerings and supplies are mostly light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are steady for Jumbo and Extra Large, 6 cents higher for Large, and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good but fading. Offerings and supplies are mostly light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.25.

<u>California</u>: Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
Jumbo	197
Extra Large	200
Large	180
Medium	145

<u>Southern California</u>: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
Jumbo	179-191
Extra Large	182-190
Large	157-169
Medium	125-135

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Whole egg and white prices are unchanged to slightly lower and yolk prices are too few to report. The market tone is steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites and firm for yolk. Offerings are light for all products with yolk in the tightest position. Demand is very good for yolk and fairly good for whole egg and whites. Market activity is moderate to active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Curren	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Av	erages	
Class	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	66.00 ⁻ 78.00	16	71.41	63.00 76.00	15	72.13	68	60.26
Whites	47.00 ⁻ 59.00	21	50.67	48.50 57.00	7	53.07	66	46.86
Yolk	TFEWR			90.00 - 104.00	5	95.60	33	72.09

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whites prices are steady to higher with the balance of frozen prices sharply higher. The market tone is fully steady to firm for all frozen products. Demand is fairly good to good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate and held in confident hands. Market activity is moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current	Week	Last Week		Jul Averages	
TTUCKIOL	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	85.00 ⁻ 99.00	88.00 - 90.00	76.00 ⁻ 92.00	83.00 - 89.00	77.00	72.88
Whites	70.00 ⁻ 83.00	72.00 - 75.00	70.00 ⁻ 81.00	72.00 75.00	73.00	71.13
Sugar Yolk 1/	113.00 ⁻ 122.00	116.00 ⁻ 118.00	92.00 ⁻ 115.00	109.00 - 112.00	93.88	88.38
Salt Yolk 1/	110.00 ⁻ 117.00	112.00 ⁻ 113.00	88.00 ⁻ 112.00	106.00 - 108.00	90.13	86.75

Less-than-	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Ave	erages
Trucklot	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	89.00 ⁻ 92.00		74.00 ⁻ 79.00	76.00 ⁻ 79.00	74.88	74.00
Whites	72.00 - 74.00		72.00 ⁻ 74.00		71.75	71.00
Sugar Yolk 1/	110.00 ⁻ 113.00		95.00 ⁻ 98.00		94.25	93.50
Salt Yolk 1/	110.00 ⁻ 113.00		95.00 ⁻ 98.00		94.25	93.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices of dried egg are higher on whole, yolk, albumen and blends. The undertone is higher on all products. Demand is moderate to good while inquires increased as buyers try to lock in pricing currently and through the end of the year. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are light to moderate with albumen in a lighter position. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Last Week		Jul Averages	
Ciass	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month		
Whole	2.95 ⁻ 3.40	3.10 ⁻ 3.15	2.59 3.27	2.75 - 2.80	2.69	2.58		
Yolk	2.17 ⁻ 2.70	2.35 - 2.40	1.86 2.60	2.05 ⁻ 2.15	1.98	1.85		
Albumen ^{2/}	4.85 ⁻ 5.95	5.15 ⁻ 5.20	4.60 5.10	4.80 - 4.85	4.69	4.62		
Blends 3/	2.40 ⁻ 2.65	2.40 - 2.50	2.20 2.25		2.23	2.20		
2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole	e plus sweetener.							

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 28-JU	L-2012 (L	bs. In Thou	ısands)	(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	n Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,377,553	33,395	12,727	6,289	3,180	4,102
PW	1,375,715	32,315	13,413	6,692	2,810	4,356
LY	1,382,190	31,911	13,640	6,750	2,974	4,607
% PW	0%	3%	-5%	-6%	13%	-6%
% LY	0%	5%	-7%	-7%	7%	-11%
2012	40,306,820	945,818	413,256	210,614	89,099	135,607
2011	40,245,631	940,004	416,945	211,415	91,212	134,230
% YTD	0%	1%	-1%	0%	-2%	1%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yi	41.02	41.27	41.17			
Average Yi	eld Per Case	38.05	38.10	37.84		

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	774,839	56.2%	20,168	60.4%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	756,379	55.0%	18,676	57.8%	
LAST YEAR	709,001	51.3%	17,915	56.1%	

BREAKING STOCK Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION Prices are steady. The market tone is steady. Demand is moderate to at times good on light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

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BREAKING STOCK	85-87	
CHECKS	69-78	69-73
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, C	CO, IA, IL, IN,	KS, LA, MI, MN, MO,
NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, &	VΙ	

EASTERN REGION Prices are higher. Offerings are light for a mostly moderate demand. Market activity is moderate to at times active. Cases broken under Federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 28-Jul-2012 are 5% higher than the previous week, however 14% less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	80-87	81-85
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	69-76	TFEWR
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL,	CT, DE, FL,	GA, KY, ME, MD, MA,
MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC	, TN, VT, VA,	& WV

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 27, 2012 - Aug 02, 2012

	CURRE	ENT LOA	DS 105.0	00		FU	ITURE LC	DADS 58.25			TC	OTAL LO	DADS 1	63.25	
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL			126.00	128.00			1.00	GNR W 1		139.75			124.00	126.00	22.00
GNR W 1	124.00	133.13	124.33	126.25		132.00	50.00	GL W J	102.50				122.00	123.76	4.25
GNR W 3						75.00	1.00	GL W XL	121.00	129.25				127.04	9.25
GNR BR 1			101.00				.50	GL W LG	106.50	146.20				110.78	32.00
GL W J			146.00	148.00	108.95		3.75	GL W MD	60.95			81.00		89.64	28.00
GL W XL		152.78	138.00	139.82	126.90	142.50	25.00	GL W SM	47.00					57.00	1.00
GL W LG		134.30	128.83	131.20	127.96	109.00	53.00								
GL W MD			65.00	67.00	68.04		19.00								
GL W SM			51.50	54.00	52.00	53.67	6.00								
GL BR MD				76.25	67.00		1.00								
GL BR SM			50.00			58.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42						80.60	6.00								
NRBS - 39		69.25	61.00	81.00	64.18	72.43	19.75								

Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight - material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the mostly light and generally unaggressive demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is light to moderate. 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.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	155.50	147.00	107.00
SOUTHEAST	152.50	150.50	105.00
MIDWEST	144.50	142.50	103.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	164.50	153.50	108.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	154.77	148.60	106.11

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 28-July-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically					
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Hens	Hens	Hens		
Head	703	1,721	2,424		
Last Week	1,295	1,756	3,051		
Same week yr ago	1,056	1,781	2,837		
To-date/2012*	47,128	46,822	93,950		
To-date/2011*	41 415	46 021	87 436		

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada						
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens			
Head	345	0	345			
Last Week	119	0	119			
Same week yr ago	437	0	437			
To-date/2012*	8,631	36	8,667			
To-date/2011*	11,419	285	11,704			

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada						
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
Head	1,048	1,721	2,769			
Last Week	1,414	1,756	3,170			
Same week yr ago	1,493	1,781	3,274			
To-date/2012*	55,759	46,858	102,617			
To-date/2011*	52,834	46,306	99,140			

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

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Endir	ng Jul 21, 2012	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	0	0	726	771
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	1	0	51	139
Total	1	0	777	910

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Jul 21, 2012			Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Liquid	211	635	8,411	9,330	
Frozen	40	14	677	562	
Dried	0	0	0	0	
Total	251	649	9,088	9,892	

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Jul 21, 2012			Year-To-Date*		
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0	
Extra Large	1,740	930	50,580	43,909	
Large	1,640	2,330	105,632	76,013	
Medium	897	990	19,440	23,955	
Ungraded	1,440	120	69,018	80,954	
Misc	0	600	1,620	600	
Total	5,717	4,970	246,290	225,431	
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^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers		(INCL. GOV	T STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)
		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	07/30/12	3,148	183,365	58,808
AM	07/01/12	3,178	185,455	48,696
CHG		-30	-2090	10112
PCT CHG		-1%	-1%	21%

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 179 million dozen during June 2012, down 3 percent from June a year ago, and 2 percent below the 182 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through June, shell eggs broken totaled 1,037 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 1,348 million pounds, up slightly from 2011.

June 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. June 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. Source: USDA/FSIS/NASS

Week ending 28-Jul-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

	Cases	Percent Chan	Percent Change From		
Regions	(In Thousands)	Last	Last		
		Week	Year		
North Atlantic	189.4	6	-8		
East North Central	684.3	0	4		
West North Central	295.3	-4	13		
South Atlantic	125.3	2	-9		
South Central	52.7	0	0		
West	31.9	-1	-11		
Total	1378.9	0	2		
Matched plants rep Areas Covered:	orting	71	71		
N. Atlantic (ME, VT,	MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, F	PA, NJ, MD, DE)			
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)					
	(IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)				
	NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)				
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)					

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Week ending 28-Jul-2012

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

Consuming	Current Week	Last Wook	Percent	Chango
Centers	(Cases, in the		Last Week	-
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Atlanta	18.6	18.8	-1	-2
Boston	2.6	2.6	0	-16
Chicago	59.6	56.9	5	9
Los Angeles	55.0	60.9	-10	5
New Orleans	6.1	6.5	-6	13
New York	32.4	32.2	1	-3
St. Louis	82.8	83.6	-1	-7
San Francisco	19.5	18.6	5	17
Total	276.6	280.1	-1	1
4 Week Moving	Ava. 278.7			

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS July 31, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

EXTR	A LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	188	179	126	92
WOSTET	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	183-187	175-179	120-124	86-90
MOSTLY	185-186	177-178	122-123	88-89
RHODE ISLAND	191-195	182-186	127-131	90-96
MOSTLY	191	182	127	90
VERMONT	192-193	183	128-129	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

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