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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on all sizes. Demand into all channels is light to at times moderate with limited retail featuring reported in the Northeast region. Offerings and supplies range moderate to heavy while supplies on the West Coast are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for the mostly light to fair demand.

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 24 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 20 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for Large and 1 cent lower for Medium. Prices are attempting to settle. Retail and food service demand is light. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to instances weak. Demand is light to moderate on heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-136	130-133
Large	126-135	128-131
Medium	99-108	101-104
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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<u>Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs</u>

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	84-94	88
Medium	61-65	63
Small	51-57	

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

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady with the undertone barely steady. Next week's asking prices are 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large, and 18 cents lower for Medium. Both retail and food service demands are usually reported as light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow. All breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone is barely steady to instances weak. Offerings are heavy for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	139.5-148	141-144
Large	138.5-147	140-143
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes and Mediums. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to at times moderate. Offerings are moderate to usually heavy. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate; breaking schedules are normal to over-time. Light type hen offerings are at least adequate for the mostly light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	132-161	136-139
Large	131-160	134-137
Medium	101-131	103-107

SOUTHEST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on all sizes. The undertone is about steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is light with limited features. Distributive demand is light to at times moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light hens are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	132-147	133-137
Large	126-140	131-135
Medium	100-113	105-107

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 on all sizes. The undertone is about steady. Supplies range moderate to heavy. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

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Extra Large	117-121
Large	115-119
Medium	94-98

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 22 cents lower for Jumbo, 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large and 20 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is about steady. Offerings are heavy with demand light to occasionally moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 22 cents lower for Jumbo, 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large and 20 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is about steady. Demand is light to occasionally moderate on heavy offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.24.

<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.

	KANGE
Jumbo	175
Extra Large	178
Large	171
Medium	144

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

RANGE

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Jumbo	157-169
Extra Large	160-178
Large	148-160
Medium	124-134

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

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

LIQUID EGGS

Whole egg prices are lower with whites steady and yolk steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for all liquid products. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and yolk and moderate to heavy for whites. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Currer	nt Week		Last Week		Sep Averages		
Class	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	75.00 ⁻ 79.00	9	76.11	87.00 ⁻ 91.00	12	87.83	37	84.11
Whites	48.00 ⁻ 61.00	25	49.60	48.00 ⁻ 61.00	13	50.77	46	51.10
Yolk	127.50 ⁻ 130.00	19	128.42	130.00 - 133.00	5	131.60	36	125.94

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are irregular with whites steady to lower and sugared and salted yolk steady to higher. Trade sentiment is steady for all frozen products. Demand is light to moderate with buyers attempting to procure the balance of 4th quarter needs at this time. Offerings are light to moderate with supplies light. Market activity is moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Current Week Last Week		Sep Ave	erages
Truckiot	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month		
Whole	100.00 ⁻ 113.00	104.00 - 107.00	103.00 ⁻ 112.00	110.00 ⁻ 112.00	100.75	90.50		
Whites	67.00 ⁻ 79.00	72.00 - 74.00	67.00 ⁻ 81.00	72.00 74.00	73.13	74.40		
Sugar Yolk 1/	143.00 ⁻ 152.00	149.00 ⁻ 152.00	141.00 ⁻ 152.00	149.00 ⁻ 150.00	138.88	119.30		
Salt Yolk 1/	142.00 ⁻ 148.00	142.00 146.00	140.00 ⁻ 148.00	144.00 ⁻ 146.00	136.25	115.70		

Less-than-	Current	Current Week Last Week Sep Average		Last Week		erages
Trucklot	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	108.00 112.00	109.00 110.00	108.00 ⁻ 112.00	109.00 110.00	100.75	90.70
Whites	74.00 ⁻ 75.00		74.00 ⁻ 75.00		74.50	73.60
Sugar Yolk 1/	148.00 ⁻ 152.00		148.00 ⁻ 152.00		139.13	115.70
Salt Yolk 1/	148.00 ⁻ 152.00		148.00 ⁻ 152.00		137.50	115.70

¹/Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices of dried egg products are steady on yolk and albumen, mixed on whole and steady to higher on blends. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate on light to moderate offerings. Buyers and sellers continue to monitor market developments with trading based on spot orders and contracts. Supplies are light. Market activity is mostly moderate.

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

Class	Current	Current Week		Last Week		erages
Class	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.55 ⁻ 3.97	3.65 3.75	3.40 ⁻ 4.10	3.65 3.75	3.60	3.37
Yolk	3.05 - 3.47	3.20 - 3.30	3.05 3.47	3.20 - 3.30	3.12	2.61
Albumen ^{2/}	5.05 ⁻ 6.05	5.20 ⁻ 5.25	5.05 ⁻ 6.05	5.25 ⁻ 5.35	5.43	5.42
Blends 3/	2.80 ⁻ 2.97	2.85 ⁻ 2.95	2.80 ⁻ 2.90		2.69	2.49

^{2/}Spray Dried; ^{3/}Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 29-SEP-2012			_bs. In Tho≀	usands)	(Exclude	es Ingredi	ents)
	Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Production	n Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
	CW	1,403,752	33,017	14,322	7,466	2,597	4,517
	PW	1,373,402	32,837	13,575	7,050	2,700	4,460
	LY	1,327,685	33,641	12,138	6,156	2,439	4,416
	% PW	2%	1%	6%	6%	-4%	1%
	% LY	6%	-2%	18%	21%	6%	2%
	2012	53,245,296	1,247,660	545,247	276,467	116,496	177,640
	2011	52,519,903	1,237,489	533,542	270,093	115,740	175,154
	% YTD	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.26	42.18	42.44
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.04	38.93	39.12

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	CASES	BROKEN	LIQU	DLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of	Total
CURRENT WEEK	822,914	58.6%	21,2	70	64.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	786,242	57.2%	20,1	42	61.3%
LAST YEAR	735,700	55.4%	20,4	99	60.9%

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 All prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to instances weak. Demand is light to moderate on heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

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BREAKING STOCK	73-80	78-80	
CHECKS	61-69	61-65	
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,	CO, IA, IL, IN,	KS, LA, MI, MN,	MO,
NM. ND. NE. OH. OK. SD. TX. &	WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices are lower on breaking stock, steady to irregular on checks and undergrades. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies and offerings are generally moderate for immediate trade needs. Breaking schedules are normal to overtime in some areas. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 29-Sep-2012 declined 2 percent from the previous week and 13 percent from the same week last year.

BREAKING STOCK	75-81	-	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	64-74	66	
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL,	CT, DE, FL,	GA, KY, ME, MD,	MA,
MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC	;, TN, VT, VA,	& WV	

RANGE

MOSTLY

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Sept 28, 2012 - Oct 04, 2012

	CURRE	NT LOA	DS 163.7	' 5		FU	ITURE LC	DADS 20.00			TC	OTAL LO	DADS 1	83.75	
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	100.56	109.00	91.25	92.29			13.00	GL W J	97.33	100.00			108.00	104.56	10.00
GNR BR 1			92.00				1.00	GL W XL	91.60	95.58				99.51	33.75
GL W J	85.00				86.83		5.50	GL W LG	111.05	111.03				90.85	36.50
GL W XL	88.50	90.00	94.75	96.33	83.84	95.88	46.25	GL W MD	62.25	108.00	64.00			73.00	19.75
GL W LG		97.00	91.25	93.02	88.46		60.50	GL W SM					65.00	69.00	2.00
GL W MD			66.56	69.08	61.70	68.25	20.25	GL BR J						108.00	.50
GL W SM			58.20	61.35	60.00		7.00	GL BR LG		124.50					2.00
GL BR J					91.50		.50								
GL BR XL					97.00	100.50	.50								
GL BR LG					113.00		3.00								
GL BR MD	90.00	93.00		89.25	80.00		2.00								
NRBS - 48							1.00								
NRBS - 45					85.00		1.00								
NRBS - 42					61.00	64.50	2.00								
NRBS - 39		60.55	56.00	79.00	55.00	59.67	16.00								

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 to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was fair. 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	135.00	133.00	106.00
SOUTHEAST	137.50	135.50	105.00
MIDWEST	131.50	129.50	102.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	142.50	141.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	136.92	135.20	105.35

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 29-Sep-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	1,576	1,828	3,404
Last Week	1,507	2,046	3,553
Same week yr ago	1,377	1,557	2,934
To-date/2012*	59,861	63,645	123,506
To-date/2011*	53,247	60,280	113,527

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

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Light	Heavy	Total					
Hens	Hens	Hens					
203	0	203					
413	0	413					
100	0	100					
10,535	36	10,571					
13,918	385	14,303					
	Light Hens 203 413 100 10,535	Light Heavy Hens Hens 203 0 413 0 100 0 10,535 36					

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	1,779	1,828	3,607
Last Week	1,920	2,046	3,966
Same week yr ago	1,477	1,557	3,034
To-date/2012*	70,396	63,681	134,077
To-date/2011*	67.165	60.665	127.830

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

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

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

Week Endin	ıg Sep 22, 201	2	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011		
Liquid	97	145	1,067	1,594		
Frozen	0	0	0	0		
Dried	0	0	139	139		
Total	97	145	1,206	1,733		

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

Week End	ling Sep 22, 20	12	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011		
Liquid	214	250	10,204	11,674		
Frozen	50	9	975	749		
Dried	0	0	0	48		
Total	264	259	11,179	12,471		

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

Week Ending	Sep 22, 201	2	Year-To-Date*		
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0	
Extra Large	2,640	2,070	72,991	60,289	
Large	5,780	2,470	140,156	116,376	
Medium	60	1,936	24,480	31,231	
Ungraded	6,840	1,728	114,704	125,216	
Misc	0	840	1,620	1,440	
Total	15,320	9,044	353,951	334,552	

^{/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	d Processed
	Eggs	Turkeys	s Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	S LBS
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	2 51,943
AM 09/01/12	2,964	190,06	5 57,675
CHG	201	-20383	3 -5732
PCT CHG	7%	-119	6 -10%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	38	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	495	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	590	MILLBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 29-Sep-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Daniana	Cases	Percent Change From Last Week Last Year		
Regions	(In Thousands)	Lasi Week	Last rear	
North Atlantic	217.4	2	5	
East North Central	694.2	-1	4	
West North Central	327.9	3	15	
South Atlantic	127.0	-2	-8	
South Central	53.1	0	3	
West	33.9	1	-14	
Total	1453.5	0	5	
Matched plants repo	orting	69	69	
N. Atlantic (ME, VT,	MA. RI. CT. NH. NY.	PA. NJ. MD. DE	<u> </u>	
East North Central (V			,	

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)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Week ending 29-Sep-2012

Selected

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Consuming	Current Week	Last Week	Percent	Change
Centers	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	18.1	18.2	-1	1
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-13
Chicago	52.5	61.0	-14	-4
Los Angeles	50.4	57.2	-12	-11
New Orleans	6.6	6.9	-4	5
New York	34.8	37.0	-6	-13
St. Louis	95.1	95.7	-1	26
San Francisco	18.2	17.6	3	-2
Total	278.5	296.4	-6	2
4 Week Moving	Avg. 291.6			

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS Oct 02, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS

DELIVERED STORE DOOR

EXTR	A LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	190	175	135	103
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	177-181	165-169	125-129	95-99
MOSTLY	179-180	167-168	127-128	97-98
RHODE ISLAND	183-187	168-172	128-132	99-103
MOSTLY	183	168	128	99
VERMONT	190	175-179	135	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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

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