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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. Offerings and supplies are usually moderate to heavy for immediate trade needs. Retail and food service demand are moderate to fairly good. In the Northeast, retail demand is light to at times moderate. Market activity is moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate with reduced 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 10 cents lower for all sizes. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for Large and Medium. The undertone is steady to weak. Retail demand is fairly good while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate with supplies moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are mostly steady. The undertone is barely steady. Offerings are heavy on light to moderate demand. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	116-125	119-122
Large	115-124	117-120
Medium	94-103	96-99
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: Extra Large	RANGE 123-131	MOSTLY 124-126

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	87-97	91
Medium	66-70	68
Small	63-69	

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 a weak undertone. Next week's asking prices are 8 cents lower for Extra Large, 10 cents lower for Large, and 8 cents lower for Medium. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady. Demand is light to moderate for the heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	126.5-135	128-131
Large	126.5-135	128-131
Medium	100.5-109	102-105

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

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices are unchanged with a weak undertone. Asking prices for next week are trending lower. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate. Offerings are sufficient. Supplies are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate; schedules are reduced. Light type hen offerings are adequate for the moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	124-145	130-133
Large	126-147	128-131
Medium	102.5-122	103-107

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Current supplies are mixed, mostly moderate for trade needs. Retail demand is light to at times moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate; processing schedules are reduced.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	119-133	122-126
Large	116-130	121-125
Medium	97-110	102-104

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 unchanged. The undertone is steady. Current supplies are moderate for the light to usually moderate demand. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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Extra Large	120-124
Large	118-122
Medium	103-107

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 9 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 12 cents lower for Large and 10 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand is moderate to good, best into current ads and reported as slower than earlier in the week. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 9 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 12 cents lower for Large and 10 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak. Demand is moderate to good, best into current ads and reported as a little slower than earlier in the week. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.16.

<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.

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Jumbo	163
Extra Large	163
Large	160
Medium	136

<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.

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Jumbo	145-157
Extra Large	145-153
Large	137-149
Medium	116-124

Weekly National Egg Products

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

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole egg and yolk prices are too few to report with white prices steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and barely steady to weak for yolk. Most observers see the market as attempting to settle. Demand is light for whole egg and yolk and moderate for whites. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and whites and moderate to heavy for yolk. Market activity is slow.

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

Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages				
Class	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	TFEWR			TFEWR			20	58.20
Whites Yolk	44.50 - 52.00 TFEWR	18	45.89	46.00 - 52.00 TFEWR	9	47.44	64 12	48.02 100.75

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen white prices are steady to lower with the balance of frozen prices lower. The undertone is steady to barely steady for all frozen products. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand seasonally light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to instances moderate.

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

	Current Week		Last \	Neek	Aug A	Averages
TRUCKLOT	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	74.00 - 90.00	75.00 - 79.00	81.00 - 92.00	81.00 - 83.00	90.13	102.75
Whites	63.00 - 78.00	66.00 - 73.00	66.00 - 78.00	68.00 - 73.00	72.25	74.38
Sugar Yolk 1/	115.00 -126.00	119.00 -121.00	121.00 - 136.00	121.00 - 123.00	131.75	148.25
Salt Yolk 1/	116.00 -123.00	117.00 -118.00	118.00 - 133.00	120.00 - 124.00	129.25	146.00

	Current	Week	Last Week		Aug A	Aug Averages	
LESS-THAN							
TRUCKLOT	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
Whole	82.00 - 84.00		88.00 - 92.00	88.00 - 90.00	92.88	104.50	
White	73.00 - 74.00		73.00 - 74.00		74.75	75.00	
Sugar Yolk 1/	122.00 -125.00		130.00 - 135.00		135.75	150.63	
Salt Yolk 1/	122.00 -125.00		130.00 - 135.00		135.75	150.63	

^{1/} Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices are lower on dried whole egg, albumen and blends; mixed on yolk. The undertone ranges barely steady to weak. Seasonal demand continues light. Offerings are adequate for trade needs. Trading is limited as buyers and sellers await market developments. Market activity is slow.

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

	Cı	urrent Week	Last We	ek	Aug	Averages
Class	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.90 - 3.	.35 3.00 - 3.10	3.00 - 3.50	3.10 - 3.20	3.27	3.56
Yolk	2.70 - 3.	.20 2.75 - 2.80	2.60 - 3.20	2.90 - 3.00	3.09	3.29
Albumen 2/	4.55 - 5.	.25 4.80 - 4.90	4.75 - 5.30	4.85 - 4.95	5.03	5.25
Blends 3/	2.75 - 2.	.85	2.85 - 2.90		2.84	2.97

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 22-D	Dec-2012 (Lbs In Thou	sands)	(Excludes	Ingredien	ts)
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	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 -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.78	42.08	42.40
(Inedible Excluded)	39.47	38.79	39.03

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

	Case	es 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%	

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen cases, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may very.

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Breaking stock and checks and undergrade mostly prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Offerings are heavy on light to moderate demand. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

-	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-65	58-60
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	41-47	41-45

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION All prices are unchanged with a steady undertone. Demand is light. Supplies are usually moderate for trade needs. Breaking schedules are reduced. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 22-Dec-2012 are 2 percent higher than the previous week and 9 percent lower than the same week last year.

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BREAKING STOCK	56-62	-
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	43-52	47

EASTERN REGION 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 Dec 21, 2012 - Dec 27, 2012

	CURRE	NT LOA	DS 73.00)		FL	JTURE LC	ADS 49.50			T	OTAL L	DADS 1	22.50	
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.00	99.29	91.00	91.75			37.00	GNR W 1		95.00					8.00
GNR BR 1			100.50				2.00	GL W J	85.36	89.85		99.00		96.92	8.25
GL W J			102.00	104.67	80.00		9.50	GL W XL	84.00	87.54			88.00	91.16	17.75
GL W XL		107.13	97.75	97.83	75.61	82.13	41.75	GL W LG		99.45			88.00	88.13	13.50
GL W LG		107.29		86.86	74.29		27.50	GL W MD	61.00	81.25	68.50			74.40	13.25
GL W MD			64.25	80.50	64.30		12.50	GL BR LG					113.00	114.00	.25
GL W SM			67.00	70.00			1.00								
GL BR LG					95.00	96.00	1.00								
NRBS - 48					50.50	55.00	3.00								
NRBS - 45		54.00			46.00		1.00								

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 moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Movement of finished product sales were moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is 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	124.00	123.00	103.00
SOUTHEAST	131.50	129.50	105.00
MIDWEST	120.50	118.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	129.50	129.50	103.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	126.47	125.30	102.25

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 22-Dec-12

*** Due to the holiday in Canada the information for this report is not yet available. The report will be released as soon as possible. ***

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS -

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week E	nding Dec 15, 2012	,	Year-To-Date*	3,		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011		
Liquid	0	147	3,451	2,429		
Frozen	0	0	1	0		
Dried	0	48	359	267		
Total	0	195	3,811	2,696		
U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)						

Week Ending Dec 15, 2012		2	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Liquid	20	157	14,115	14,418	
Frozen	11	4	1,165	995	
Dried	0	0	65	54	
Total	31	161	15,345	15,467	
Inspected Shell Eggs					

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

Week Ending Dec 15, 2012			Year-To-Date*		
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0	
Extra Large	6,000	5,250	132,563	104,749	
Large	26,240	10,850	261,212	206,211	
Medium	800	0	33,691	39,001	
Ungraded	16,500	8,796	316,298	228,990	
Misc	1,440	0	3,840	1,440	
Total	50,980	24,896	747,604	580,391	

^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. /2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

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

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from producers) Week Ending Dec 22, 2012

	Cases	% Change Fro	
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	209.6	-2	-1
East North Central	726.3	2	0
West North Central	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)

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

Selected	CW	PW	% CH	ANGE
Consuming Centers	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			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Including	(Including government stocks)	
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry 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%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Dec 26, 2012 Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown egg in cartons delivered store door.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	177	166	129	111
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	169-173	158-162	122-126	104-108
MOSTLY	171-172	160-161	124-125	106-107
RHODE ISLAND	178-182	167-171	128-132	110-114
MOSTLY	178	167	128	110
VERMONT	177-179	166-169	129	-
MOSTLY	-	_	-	_

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