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This week, New York and regional prices are steady. Next week's regional asking prices are trending slightly lower for Large in the Southwestern region with the balance of regional egg prices are unchanged. The undertone remains steady. Retail and distributive demands are in a full range, light to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Mediums. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices continue steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light as most breakers work from regular commitments. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light, while offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to 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	88-97	90-93	61-70	63-66
NORTHEAST	91-105	96-100	63-76	68-70
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.5-106	99-102	67.5-76	69-72
SOUTHEAST	96-103	97-100	66.5-74	67-71

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 06/01/12
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	102.50	98.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	100.50	98.50	69.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	64.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	105.50	100.50	70.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.71	97.26	68.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS - LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

IA-MN-WI	06/05/12	05/29/12	06/07/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	62-72
MEDIUM	43-47	43-47	53-57

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

June 04, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.1	7.8	14.0	8.3	9.8	2.7	52.6
	% Change	7.9%	-11.9%	-14.2%	12.8%	-4.1%	1.9%	-3.8%
Extra Large	This Week	35.9	21.2	41.9	11.6	45.3	3.9	159.8
	% Change	42.5%	-17.8%	7.4%	7.5%	10.0%	-10.7%	9.2%
Large	This Week	61.8	87.5	97.4	65.6	82.7	39.5	434.5
	% Change	38.6%	7.9%	-6.8%	8.8%	-3.8%	24.9%	6.5%
Medium	This Week	14.5	18.6	72.0	25.6	36.0	10.0	176.7
	% Change	21.3%	-9.7%	10.4%	-11.5%	8.0%	-11.8%	3.1%
Small	This Week	4.5	5.7	8.2	3.0	0.7	1.2	23.2
	% Change	29.6%	73.5%	20.7%	-31.2%	-7.0%	-46.3%	11.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.2	10.9	27.9	11.0	5.2	0.9	59.0
	% Change	18.2%	-24.0%	-5.8%	-17.9%	15.1%	-11.9%	-9.9%
Ungraded	This Week	15.2	18.0	87.7	26.6	14.3	6.4	168.2
	% Change	24.9%	72.0%	14.4%	-20.5%	-22.4%	-35.7%	4.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	145.2	169.6	349.1	151.6	193.8	64.6	1,074.0
	% Change	32.7%	3.2%	3.3%	-4.3%	-0.2%	2.2%	4.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,074.0	4.5%
Breaking Stock	281.1	2.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,355.1	4.1%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	11.7	9.7	0.8	2.4	4.2	2.7	31.5
	% Change	48.8%	-7.9%	-6.1%	-26.7%	14.8%	-5.3%	8.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.7	9.4	0.0	1.9	33.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	-0.5%	0.0%	-26.3%	0.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	11.7	9.7	23.5	11.8	4.2	4.5	65.4
	% Change	48.8%	-7.9%	3.5%	-7.4%	14.8%	-15.2%	4.1%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large:	37.2%
Ungraded:	43.2%
Total:	40.3%

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 02-Jun-2012	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,312,449	30,122	13,805	7,592	2,842	4,392
PW	1,367,272	33,380	13,446	6,785	3,110	4,610
LY	1,331,597	30,060	14,818	7,179	3,312	4,263
% PW	-4%	-10%	3%	12%	-9%	-5%
% LY	-1%	0%	-7%	6%	-14%	3%
2012	29,225,443	686,921	302,547	155,081	63,375	100,112
2011	29,125,830	688,825	299,729	152,264	64,340	97,346
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				42.60	42.58	42.29
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				39.25	39.21	39.09

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	779,023	59.40%	18,784	62.40%
PREVIOUS WEEK	755,550	55.30%	19,259	57.70%
LAST YEAR	777,658	58.40%	18,748	62.40%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-Jun-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)				LW	LY
Atlanta	21.0		19.9		6	31
Boston	3.0		3.0		0	25
Chicago	59.3		60.5		-2	-3
Los Angeles	56.9		46.6		22	0
New Orleans	6.5		6.2		5	7
New York	34.1		38.8		-12	5
St. Louis	86.8		90.7		-4	16
San Francisco	12.6		14.8		-15	-37
Total	280.2		280.5		0	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.4					

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	May 26, 2012 (1,000 eggs)	Jun 02, 2012 (1,000 eggs)	May 26, 2012 (1,000 chicks)	Jun 02, 2012 (1,000 chicks)
AL.....	28,329	28,305	20,482	20,117
AR.....	21,401	21,578	20,303	20,800
DE.....	3,699	3,710	3,733	4,235
FL.....	1,353	1,352	1,333	1,285
GA.....	32,656	33,032	28,477	27,602
KY.....	7,731	7,728	6,768	6,305
LA.....	3,409	3,500	3,111	3,084
MD.....	7,388	7,672	6,367	6,528
MS.....	18,078	18,065	15,401	15,686
MO.....	7,788	7,788	5,384	5,186
NC.....	20,126	19,992	16,817	16,294
OK.....	7,133	6,801	4,156	4,315
PA.....	3,838	3,719	2,993	3,044
SC.....	5,277	5,091	3,766	4,623
TX.....	15,061	14,967	12,338	12,165
VA.....	6,353	6,425	5,009	5,021
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,244	10,739	10,561	10,290
19 State Total.....	200,864	200,464	166,999	166,580
Prev. Year Total.....	205,932	205,234	172,753	171,318
Pct. of Prev. Year.....	98	98	97	97

Source: NASS, USDA
*Revised

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

NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 31, 2012-JUN 06, 2012 (CENTS/DOZEN)
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 129.00		FUTURE LOADS 75.50		TOTAL LOADS 204.50	
	SE		NE		MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	69.00	75.00	69.40	72.55	82.50	69.00
GL W J	--	--	81.00	83.00	70.90	--
GL W XL	--	86.24	82.00	84.38	69.52	80.25
GL W LG	--	88.00	73.50	75.75	66.08	--
GL W MD	--	--	45.18	48.41	39.59	44.00
GL W SM	50.00	48.00	46.00	49.33	39.75	--
GL BR J	--	--	87.00	89.00	--	--
GL BR MD	55.00	--	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	--	49.75	--	--	46.00	--
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	58.00	39.33	42.33
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	48.00	39.50	41.50
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	39.10	41.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	31.00	33.00	--	--

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 02-Jun-2012 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total turkeys		
	Pct Chg	Avg		--Thousand head--	Live wt	
	Prev wk	Live wt				
North East	490	-18	26.28	(A)	491	26.28
South Atlantic	513	-10	37.83	(A)	514	37.83
North Central	1,891	-15	34.05	(A)	1,891	34.05
South Central	689	-14	18.53	(A)	689	18.53
West	199	-23	29.00	(A)	199	29.00
U.S. total	3,782 (B)	-15	30.48	2	3,784	30.48
To-date						
2012*	94,958 (B)			155	95,113	
To-date						
2011*	94,966 (B)			153	95,119	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date* 460,000; for last year to date* 490,000.
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 02-Jun-2012 (Preliminary)

Head	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,631	2,142	9	2	3,784
Avg Wt	17.23	40.57	25.16	58.31	30.48
Last week	1,966	2,483	11	3	4,463
Same wk yr ago	1,587	2,274	27	10	3,898
Avg Wt	17.46	38.69	29.13	26.77	28.85
To-date/2012*	39,441	55,057	460	155	95,113
To-date/2011*	38,598	55,878	490	153	95,119
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	-6%	1%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,484	69,513	171	88	92,256
Last week	26,220	80,508	246	112	107,086
Same wk yr ago	22,029	69,945	610	207	92,791
To-date/2012*	532,456	1,801,125	9,254	4,045	2,346,880
To-date/2011*	529,211	1,760,451	11,935	3,772	2,305,369
% Change YTD	1%	2%	-22%	7%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

(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 14-Jul-12 is estimated at 153.6 million head. This compares to 152.9 million head the previous week and to 163.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 146.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.06 cents per pound.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 02-Jun-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	142,351	1,169	1,536	2,705	398
Avg Wt	5.60	3.29	7.65	5.77	6.29
Last week	158,757	1,786	1,624	3,410	409
Same wk yr ago	146,633	1,113	1,325	2,438	372
Avg Wt	5.72	3.03	7.98	5.72	6.84
To-date/2012*	3,320,684	36,534	32,832	69,366	9,228
To-date/2011*	3,506,538	31,910	32,093	64,003	9,628
% Change YTD	-5%	14%	2%	8%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	601,860	2,019	8,049	10,068	1,815
Last week	678,416	3,010	8,377	11,387	2,028
Same wk yr ago	624,862	1,821	6,873	8,694	1,832
To-date/2012*	14,309,403	61,195	173,125	234,320	44,884
To-date/2011*	14,952,201	54,473	169,081	223,554	47,366
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	2%	5%	-5%
Dressing %	75.5%	52.5%	68.5%		72.5%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 144.1 million head, or 11.7 million less 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
Apr 28	154.6	153.3	101%	5.85
May 5	153.6	154.2	100%	5.79
12	157.7	155.5	101%	5.79
19	159.9	155.7	103%	5.69
26	160.7	155.3	103%	5.66
Jun 2	144.1	155.8	92%	5.60
Year to date	3361.1	3361.9	100%	
Jun 9		156.8		
16		156.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 09-Jun-12

Class	Current Week 06/09/12 (1)	Previous Week 06/02/12
Broiler/fryer	155,911 (2)	145,394
Light hens	1,645	1,158
Heavy hens	1,785	1,570
Total	159,341	148,122

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Jun-12 is 156.8 million head compared to 162.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.2 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 16-Jun-12 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 06/04/12	3,157	186,525	41,842
AM 05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG	96	29705	4984
PCT CHG	3%	19%	14%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	496	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	689	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 103.00-107.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00-108.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

01-Jun-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.0-20.0	13.50
Prices in cents per pound.		

(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 02-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	193.7	0	0
East North Central	698.2	-3	9
West North Central	293.1	1	28
South Atlantic	133.1	5	-3
South Central	51.6	-2	-6
West	33.6	1	-41
Total	1403.3	-1	7

Matched plants reporting 71 71

Areas Covered: N. 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)

FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT

Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB dock at major market areas (cents per lb.) Week of 04-Jun-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Load	Wtd Avg	Loads
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Los Angeles	104.00	103.52	26	90.39	87
New York	85.00-88.00	86.67	21	87.78	43

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:	Composite
Majority	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg

Chicago	70.00-80.00	78.76	55
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1/: Includes branded product.

2/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE RTC BROILER/FRYER

Loads	06/04/12	Change Last Wk	05/28/12	06/06/11
372	86.15	-.62	86.77	83.04

