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This week, New York prices are steady for all sizes. Early in the week regional prices were slightly lower for Large in the Southwestern region with the remainder of regional egg prices steady. Next week's regional asking prices are trending slightly lower for Large in the Southwestern region, the balance of regional prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady. Retail and distributive demands range light to fairly good. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to at times fully steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate. 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 06/08/12
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	06/12/12	06/05/12	06/14/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	63-73
MEDIUM	43-47	43-47	47-51

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

June 11, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.8	9.9	17.1	7.7	10.1	2.5	57.1
	% Change	-2.4%	26.4%	22.1%	-6.5%	2.5%	-4.5%	8.6%
Extra Large	This Week	29.7	22.4	46.1	14.5	34.7	4.3	151.6
	% Change	-17.2%	5.6%	10.0%	24.3%	-23.4%	9.2%	-5.1%
Large	This Week	62.8	96.4	96.0	70.9	71.4	33.7	431.3
	% Change	1.6%	10.1%	-1.4%	8.1%	-13.6%	-14.6%	-0.7%
Medium	This Week	13.4	19.4	64.0	26.8	21.3	8.9	153.7
	% Change	-8.1%	4.6%	-11.1%	4.4%	-40.7%	-11.4%	-13.0%
Small	This Week	5.0	3.2	12.7	3.4	0.5	2.0	26.9
	% Change	12.5%	-44.5%	54.8%	15.3%	-22.7%	64.5%	15.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.4	12.8	25.6	11.8	5.8	1.3	60.6
	% Change	4.9%	18.0%	-8.0%	7.4%	11.0%	43.8%	2.8%
Ungraded	This Week	13.5	15.9	79.3	35.2	16.4	8.0	168.3
	% Change	-11.3%	-11.9%	-9.6%	32.5%	15.2%	25.3%	0.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	137.6	179.9	340.8	170.2	160.2	60.7	1,049.4
	% Change	-5.2%	6.0%	-2.4%	12.3%	-17.4%	-6.0%	-2.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,049.4	-2.3%
Breaking Stock	273.0	-2.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,322.4	-2.4%

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	10.3	11.5	0.8	3.5	4.1	2.0	32.1
	% Change	-11.6%	17.7%	9.1%	43.4%	-3.1%	-27.2%	2.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	19.3	9.9	0.0	0.0	29.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-15.0%	5.9%	0.0%	-100.0%	-13.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	10.3	11.5	20.1	13.4	4.1	2.0	61.3
	% Change	-11.6%	17.7%	-14.2%	13.6%	-3.1%	-57.0%	-6.2%

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

Large:	34.8%
Ungraded:	40.4%
Total:	37.5%

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 09-Jun-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,422,116	32,302	15,074	7,561	3,422	4,671
PW	1,312,449	30,122	13,805	7,592	2,842	4,392
LY	1,404,996	32,138	14,784	7,516	3,439	4,663
% PW	8%	7%	9%	0%	20%	6%
% LY	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%
2012*	30,647,559	719,223	317,620	162,643	66,797	104,783
2011*	30,530,826	720,963	314,513	159,780	67,779	102,010
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.91	42.60	42.07
(Inedible Excluded)	38.63	39.25	38.75

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

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	800,308	56.3%	19,513	60.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	779,023	59.4%	18,784	62.4%
LAST YEAR	778,607	55.4%	18,858	58.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jun 02	Jun 09	Jun 02	Jun 09
	Thousand			
Alabama	28,305	28,277	20,128	20,710
Arkansas	21,578	21,492	20,800	20,656
Delaware	3,710	3,547	4,235	4,333
Florida	1,352	1,350	1,285	1,175
Georgia	33,032	32,466	27,656	27,731
Kentucky	7,728	7,647	6,305	6,126
Louisiana	3,500	3,439	3,084	3,077
Maryland	7,672	7,194	6,528	5,864
Mississippi	18,065	18,000	15,672	15,201
Missouri	7,988	8,023	5,186	5,408
North Carolina	19,992	19,843	16,227	16,376
Oklahoma	6,801	7,024	4,315	4,430
Pennsylvania	3,840	3,724	3,007	2,997
South Carolina	5,091	5,558	4,623	4,937
Texas	15,039	14,790	12,171	12,083
Virginia	6,425	6,325	5,021	5,264
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,739	10,573	10,290	10,841
19 State total	200,857	199,272	166,533	167,209
Previous year total	205,234	204,659	171,318	169,855
Percent of previous year	98	97	97	98

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 21-Jul-12 is estimated at 153.6 million head. This compares to 153.6 million head the previous week and to 162.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.85 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)

National trading for 06/07/12 - 06/13/12

CLASS	Current Lds 125.75		Future Lds 70.25		Total Lds 196.00	
	SE	DST	NE	DST	MW	LOADS
GNR W 1	69.33	75.00	69.60	71.75	81.50	-- 52.00
GL W J	--	--	85.50	87.50	73.06	77.25 6.25
GL W XL	--	85.33	82.17	84.98	72.61	78.08 59.25
GL W LG	--	82.00	76.00	76.20	62.62	79.00 69.00
GL W MD	--	--	45.60	48.00	40.26	44.00 15.75
GL W SM	50.00	--	44.80	47.60	38.50	-- 5.50
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	71.00	-- .50
GL BR SM	45.00	--	--	47.00	--	-- .25
NRBS - 48	--	50.25	--	--	43.50	54.00 5.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	58.00	42.75	46.50 3.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	45.25	48.00 3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-Jun-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands		% CHANGE	
	LW	LY	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.4	21.0	-12	5
Boston	2.5	3.0	-17	-11
Chicago	52.4	59.3	-12	-13
Los Angeles	64.6	56.9	14	21
New Orleans	6.5	6.5	0	-2
New York	34.1	34.1	0	-5
St. Louis	100.0	86.8	15	32
San Francisco	13.9	12.6	10	-21
Total	292.4	280.2	4	8
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,996	2,676	17	14	4,703
Avg Wt	16.97	40.86	25.63	37.33	30.66
Last week	1,631	2,142	9	2	3,784
Same wk yr ago	1,929	2,830	9	2	4,770
Avg Wt	18.35	36.97	24.24	41.82	28.28
To-date/2012*	41,437	57,733	477	172	99,819
To-date/2011*	40,527	58,708	499	155	99,889
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	-4%	9%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	27,105	87,480	329	395	115,309
Last week	22,484	69,513	171	88	92,256
Same wk yr ago	28,141	83,177	169	65	111,552
To-date/2012*	559,561	1,888,605	9,583	4,440	2,462,189
To-date/2011*	557,352	1,843,628	12,104	3,837	2,416,921
% Change YTD	0%	2%	-21%	16%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 09-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg		
North East	623	27	26.59	(A)	626 26.59
South Atlantic	703	37	38.89	(A)	706 38.89
North Central	2,335	23	33.39	(A)	2,338 33.39
South Central	812	18	19.01	(A)	815 19.01
West	216	9	29.38	(A)	218 29.38
U.S. total	4,689 (B)	24	30.66	14	4,703 30.66
To-date					
2012*	99,647 (B)			172	99,819
To-date					
2011*	99,734 (B)			155	99,889

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 17,000; for the current year to date* 477,000; for last year to date* 499,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 09-Jun-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,500	1,596	1,866	3,462	427
Avg Wt	5.78	3.34	7.57	5.62	6.80
Last week	142,351	1,169	1,536	2,705	398
Same wk yr ago	160,389	1,266	1,788	3,054	408
Avg Wt	5.81	3.13	7.79	5.86	6.73
To-date/2012*	3,477,184	38,130	34,698	72,828	9,655
To-date/2011*	3,666,927	33,176	33,881	67,057	10,036
% Change YTD	-5%	15%	2%	9%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	682,950	2,799	9,676	12,475	2,105
Last week	601,860	2,019	8,049	10,068	1,815
Same wk yr ago	694,236	2,140	9,054	11,194	1,977
To-date/2012*	14,992,353	63,994	182,801	246,795	46,989
To-date/2011*	15,646,437	56,613	178,135	234,748	49,343
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	3%	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 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.4 million head, or 1.6 million more 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
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
9	158.4	156.8	101%	5.78
Year to date	3519.5	3518.7	100%	
Jun 16		156.8		
23		156.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 16-Jun-12

Class	Current Week 06/16/12 (1)	Previous Week 06/09/12
Broiler/fryer	155,366 (2)	155,911
Light hens	1,628	1,645
Heavy hens	1,950	1,785
Total	158,944	159,341

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-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 155.7 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Jun-12 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 06/11/12	3,131	180,976	44,199
AM 06/01/12	3,157	186,525	41,842
CHG	-26	-5549	2357
PCT CHG	-1%	-3%	6%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

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

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

08-Jun-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.0-20.0	13.55

(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 09-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	179.0	-8	-5
East North Central	704.5	1	6
West North Central	289.1	-1	20
South Atlantic	128.4	-4	-1
South Central	51.7	0	1
West	32.7	-3	-42
Total	1385.4	-1	4

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 11-Jun-2012

	Grade A Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Load	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers 1/:					
Los Angeles	104.00	103.66	25	93.16	56
New York	85.00-88.00	86.61	23	88.06	42

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

	Whole Body 2/ Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	70.00-82.00			78.37	48

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	06/11/12	Change Last Wk	06/04/12	06/13/11
324	87.14	.99	86.15	83.36

