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This week, New York prices are higher for Medium, steady for Extra Large and Large. Early in the week regional prices were lower for Large in the Southwestern region, while the balance of regional prices remained unchanged. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for Jumbo, Extra Large, and Medium with Large higher in the South Central region and steady for the remainder of regions. The undertone is mostly steady to fully steady. Both retail and distributive demands range light to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades are slightly higher. The undertone is steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings are moderate for current needs. 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** 06/15/12  
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	06/19/12	06/12/12	06/21/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	66-76
MEDIUM	43-47	43-47	47-51

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) <sup>1/</sup>(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

June 18, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	8.9	8.8	17.1	8.8	9.5	2.4	55.5
	% Change	-9.7%	-10.8%	0.0%	14.1%	-5.9%	-5.1%	-2.9%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	29.5	20.6	39.0	19.8	36.6	4.5	150.0
	% Change	-0.5%	-7.9%	-15.4%	36.9%	5.5%	4.9%	-1.0%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	56.9	95.3	104.4	87.6	68.7	31.8	444.6
	% Change	-9.4%	-1.2%	8.7%	23.5%	-3.8%	-5.8%	3.1%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	14.8	20.8	51.1	19.6	19.9	10.0	136.1
	% Change	10.6%	7.1%	-20.2%	-26.7%	-6.8%	12.6%	-11.5%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	4.8	4.1	12.2	2.8	0.7	0.6	25.1
	% Change	-4.8%	28.8%	-4.4%	-19.1%	31.4%	-68.6%	-6.6%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	4.0	11.6	25.0	12.6	4.8	2.1	60.1
	% Change	16.5%	-9.2%	-2.3%	6.9%	-16.5%	60.9%	-0.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	8.4	16.5	81.5	35.0	15.7	5.3	162.3
	% Change	-37.5%	3.8%	2.8%	-0.5%	-4.7%	-34.2%	-3.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	127.2	177.6	330.2	186.1	155.8	56.6	1,033.6
	% Change	-7.5%	-1.3%	-3.1%	9.3%	-2.7%	-6.8%	-1.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,033.6	-1.5%
Breaking Stock	269.0	-1.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,302.6</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory**<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	9.1	12.0	0.9	2.9	4.5	1.8	31.2
	% Change	-12.3%	4.7%	10.7%	-16.0%	10.3%	-9.2%	-3.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.6	10.0	0.0	2.8	33.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	14.2%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	9.1	12.0	21.5	12.9	4.5	4.6	64.5
	% Change	-12.3%	4.7%	6.9%	-3.8%	10.3%	134.4%	5.2%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>35.9%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>35.7%</b>

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 16-Jun-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,409,462	32,508	14,442	7,334	3,490	4,670
PW	1,422,116	32,302	15,074	7,561	3,422	4,671
LY	1,394,726	30,939	15,268	7,567	3,279	4,487
% PW	-1%	1%	-4%	-3%	2%	0%
% LY	1%	5%	-5%	-3%	6%	4%
2012*	32,057,021	751,730	332,062	169,977	70,287	109,453
2011*	31,925,552	751,902	329,781	167,348	71,058	106,497
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.83	41.91	41.77
(Inedible Excluded)	38.51	38.63	38.56

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	788,255	55.9%	19,331	59.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	800,308	56.3%	19,513	60.4%
LAST YEAR	746,286	53.5%	17,939	58.0%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jun 09	Jun 16	Jun 09	Jun 16
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	28,277	27,813	20,710	20,278
Arkansas	21,492	21,556	20,656	20,410
Delaware	3,547	3,519	4,333	4,764
Florida	1,350	1,351	1,175	1,260
Georgia	32,466	32,501	27,682	28,160
Kentucky	7,647	7,676	6,213	6,497
Louisiana	3,439	3,409	3,077	3,240
Maryland	7,194	7,483	5,864	5,801
Mississippi	18,000	17,404	15,201	15,582
Missouri	8,023	7,635	5,408	6,084
North Carolina	19,843	19,508	16,345	16,236
Oklahoma	7,024	6,600	4,430	3,636
Pennsylvania	3,789	3,713	3,023	2,867
South Carolina	5,558	5,066	4,937	4,683
Texas	14,790	14,550	12,083	12,325
Virginia	6,325	6,252	5,264	4,922
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,589	10,736	10,856	10,514
19 State total	199,353	196,772	167,257	167,259
Previous year total	204,659	199,826	169,855	168,765
Percent of previous year	97	98	98	99

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 28-Jul-12 is estimated at 154.0 million head. This compares to 153.6 million head the previous week and to 161.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.08 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 06/14/12 - 06/20/12		Current Lds		Future Lds		Total Lds	
	108.50	72.75	181.25				
	SE	NE	MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	70.50	75.00	70.00	72.00	88.50	73.00	34.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	62.00	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	91.00	93.00	96.04	104.75	8.25
GL W XL	--	90.29	84.00	86.36	82.50	--	27.50
GL W LG	--	--	72.67	73.24	77.92	75.13	93.75
GL W MD	--	60.00	50.41	54.57	49.70	55.50	33.00
GL W SM	45.00	46.00	45.50	48.00	40.13	--	5.00
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	--	--	.25
GL BR MD	55.00	62.00	--	58.80	52.00	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	55.00	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	52.75	--	--	44.50	46.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 16-Jun-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	18.6	18.4	1	-4
Boston	2.8	2.5	12	-3
Chicago	55.8	52.4	6	0
Los Angeles	55.7	64.6	-14	2
New Orleans	7.3	6.5	12	7
New York	34.8	34.1	2	7
St. Louis	88.6	100.0	-11	18
San Francisco	13.7	13.9	-1	-30
Total	277.3	292.4	-5	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	282.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 16-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,837	2,674	19	10	4,540
Avg Wt	17.07	40.23	24.76	39.92	30.79
Last week	1,996	2,676	17	14	4,703
Same wk yr ago	1,874	2,711	26	1	4,612
Avg Wt	17.69	38.81	24.62	45.43	27.68
To-date/2012*	43,274	60,407	496	182	104,359
To-date/2011*	42,401	61,419	525	156	104,501
% Change YTD	2%	-2%	-6%	17%	0%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	25,087	86,055	355	301	111,798
Last week	27,105	87,480	329	395	115,309
Same wk yr ago	26,355	83,645	496	35	110,531
To-date/2012*	584,648	1,974,660	9,938	4,741	2,573,987
To-date/2011*	583,707	1,927,273	12,600	3,872	2,527,452
% Change YTD	0%	2%	-21%	22%	2%

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 16-Jun-12	-----Young turkeys-----		Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Breeders		Avg
	Head	PW	-Thousand head-		Live wt
North East	622	0	(A)	624	26.27
South Atlantic	649	-8	(A)	651	40.08
North Central	2,278	-2	(A)	2,280	33.53
South Central	800	-1	(A)	802	19.08
West	181	-16	(A)	183	29.86
U.S. total	4,530(B)	-3	10	4,540	30.79
To-date					
2012*	104,177(B)		182	104,359	
To-date					
2011*	104,345(B)		156	104,501	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date\* 496,000; for last year to date\* 525,000.  
 \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 16-Jun-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	154,094	1,498	1,841	3,339	394
Avg Wt	5.65	3.29	7.58	5.66	6.91
Last week	156,500	1,596	1,866	3,462	427
Same wk yr ago	160,327	944	1,781	2,725	383
Avg Wt	5.83	3.24	7.88	6.27	6.82
To-date/2012*	3,631,278	39,628	36,539	76,167	10,049
To-date/2011*	3,827,254	34,120	35,662	69,782	10,419
% Change YTD	-5%	16%	2%	9%	-4%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	657,326	2,587	9,559	12,146	1,974
Last week	682,950	2,799	9,676	12,475	2,105
Same wk yr ago	696,356	1,652	9,122	10,774	1,881
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To-date/2012*	15,649,679	66,581	192,360	258,941	48,963
To-date/2011*	16,342,793	58,265	187,257	245,522	51,224
% Change YTD	-4%	14%	3%	5%	-4%

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 156.0 million head, or 0.8 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
May 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
16	156.0	156.8	99%	5.65
Year to date	3675.5	3675.5	100%	
Jun 23		156.8		
30		156.5		

\*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 23-Jun-12

Class	Current Week 06/23/12 (1)	Previous Week 06/16/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	153,894 (2)	155,366
Light hens	1,823	1,628
Heavy hens	1,659	1,950
Total	157,376	158,944

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Jun-12 is 156.8 million head compared to 167.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.2 million head or 2.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 30-Jun-12 the estimated available is 156.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 06/18/12	3,155	184,024	43,692
AM 06/01/12	3,157	186,525	41,842
CHG	-2	-2501	1850
PCT CHG	0%	-1%	4%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 103.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 104.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

15-Jun-12

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.5- 20.5	13.56

(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 16-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	179.3	0	-6
East North Central	714.1	1	7
West North Central	292.6	1	23
South Atlantic	126.2	-2	-4
South Central	51.8	0	-6
West	40.4	24	-28
Total	1404.4	1	5

Matched plants reporting

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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 18-Jun-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg

Los Angeles	104.00	103.02	27	89.89	61
New York	84.00-87.00	85.38	21	86.78	40

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite		
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg	
Chicago	65.00-82.00			74.94	54

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	06/18/12	Change Last Wk	06/11/12	06/20/11
323	84.86	-2.28	87.14	81.78

