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New York prices are steady for all sizes this week. Early in the week, regional prices were higher for Jumbo, steady to higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is in a full range of light to fairly good. Food service demand is mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate for Jumbo and Extra Large, moderate for Large, and moderate to at times heavy for Medium. Supplies are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Mediums. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to instances barely steady. Demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. 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
Northeast	91-105	96-100	65-78	70-72
Southeast	96-103	97-100	68.5-76	69-73
Midwest	88-97	90-93	63-72	65-68
South Central	98.5-107	100-103	69.5-78	71-74

**PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS** – Loose eggs at farm, cases exchanged, grade yield basis, cents per dozen.

IA-MN-WI	06/26/12	06/19/12	06/28/11
Large	70-80	70-80	70-80
Medium	45-49	43-47	49-53

**WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL** 06/22/12

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.

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	5.0	9.0	13.2	7.9	9.7	3.4	48.1
	% Change	-43.3%	1.9%	-23.1%	-11.0%	2.5%	41.7%	-13.3%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	21.7	19.2	37.6	19.8	40.5	2.6	141.3
	% Change	-26.5%	-6.9%	-3.6%	-0.2%	10.7%	-42.0%	-5.8%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	59.8	91.1	97.6	94.3	76.0	39.5	458.2
	% Change	5.1%	-4.4%	-6.5%	7.7%	10.6%	24.2%	3.1%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	16.2	20.3	53.0	21.1	26.2	8.6	145.4
	% Change	9.8%	-2.4%	3.8%	7.5%	31.7%	-13.9%	6.8%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	5.3	3.9	11.3	2.0	0.8	0.9	24.1
	% Change	9.8%	-3.7%	-7.0%	-29.1%	17.9%	35.9%	-3.9%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	1.8	13.4	28.2	13.6	4.9	0.6	62.5
	% Change	-53.5%	15.4%	12.6%	8.3%	2.7%	-72.8%	4.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	7.0	10.5	75.3	36.4	15.6	6.3	151.1
	% Change	-17.0%	-36.2%	-7.6%	3.9%	-0.6%	19.9%	-6.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	116.8	167.4	316.0	194.9	173.7	61.8	1,030.7
	% Change	-8.2%	-5.8%	-4.3%	4.7%	11.5%	9.2%	-0.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,030.7	-0.3%
Breaking Stock	267.7	-0.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,298.4</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>

### Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2/</sup>

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	11.7	9.9	1.0	3.6	4.2	2.7	32.9
	% Change	28.6%	-17.6%	4.3%	22.1%	-6.7%	49.7%	5.6%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.4	11.1	2.9	2.6	35.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-10.4%	11.2%	0.0%	-6.8%	4.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	11.7	9.9	19.4	14.7	7.0	5.3	67.9
	% Change	28.6%	-17.6%	-9.8%	13.7%	56.9%	15.1%	5.3%

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

Large:	35.0%
Ungraded:	49.0%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>42.2%</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> 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, and WV;

**Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT;

**Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-Jun-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,414,184	32,850	14,452	7,292	3,206	4,673
PW	1,409,462	32,508	14,442	7,334	3,490	4,670
LY	1,388,829	31,864	14,579	7,480	3,372	4,516
% PW	0%	1%	0%	-1%	-8%	0%
% LY	2%	3%	-1%	-3%	-5%	3%
2012*	33,471,205	784,580	346,514	177,269	73,493	114,126
2011*	33,314,381	783,766	344,359	174,827	74,430	111,013
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	1%	-1%	3%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>		<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Last</b>		
		<b>Week</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>		
(Inedible Included)		41.91	41.83	42.08		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.60	38.51	38.83		

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	791,849	56.0%	19,950	60.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	788,255	55.9%	19,331	59.5%
LAST YEAR	771,287	55.5%	18,612	58.4%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jun 16	Jun 23	Jun 16	Jun 23
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,872	27,279	20,257	20,364
Arkansas	21,354	20,870	20,394	19,950
Delaware	3,519	3,557	4,764	5,003
Florida	1,351	1,353	1,260	1,058
Georgia	32,496	31,982	28,166	28,213
Kentucky	7,676	7,434	6,571	6,378
Louisiana	3,409	3,303	3,240	3,327
Maryland	7,483	7,456	5,801	6,164
Mississippi	17,404	17,938	15,594	15,435
Missouri	7,635	7,196	6,084	5,727
North Carolina	19,508	19,494	16,154	16,308
Oklahoma	6,600	6,473	3,636	4,749
Pennsylvania	3,781	3,685	3,054	3,177
South Carolina	5,066	5,299	4,676	4,803
Texas	14,550	14,563	12,325	12,145
Virginia	6,252	6,219	4,922	4,526
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,736	10,860	10,514	10,502
19 State total	196,692	194,961	167,412	167,829
Previous year total	199,826	198,340	168,765	168,554
Percent of previous year	98	98	99	100

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 04-Aug-12 is estimated at 154.3 million head. This compares to 154.0 million head the previous week and to 160.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.78 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - Weekly wtd/avg prices (cents/dozen)  
National trading for 06/21/12 - 06/27/12

CLASS	Current Lds 92.50		Future Lds 34.75		Total Lds 127.25	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	LOADS
GNR W 1	69.75	75.00	71.00	72.33	88.50	71.00 25.00
GL W J	--	--	91.00	93.00	89.00	-- 3.00
GL W XL	--	101.67	88.80	93.98	86.28	86.00 20.25
GL W LG	--	82.93	71.70	73.38	72.56	87.00 62.50
GL W MD	--	--	50.10	52.00	53.30	-- 16.00
GL W SM	44.00	--	45.85	48.46	37.50	42.00 9.25
GL BR J	148.00	--	87.00	101.20	--	-- 1.25
GL BR SM	45.00	--	--	47.00	--	-- .25
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	51.00	56.00 2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	53.40 5.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	49.00	-- 1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	42.25	45.50 2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 23-Jun-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	
Atlanta	19.3	18.6	4	-6
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	8
Chicago	60.5	55.8	8	8
Los Angeles	53.2	55.7	-4	-2
New Orleans	6.7	7.3	-8	20
New York	34.8	34.8	0	-2
St. Louis	86.9	88.6	-2	14
San Francisco	19.0	13.7	39	7
Total	283.2	277.3	2	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.3			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 23-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,916	2,764	8	6	4,694
Avg Wt	16.78	40.55	28.39	27.64	30.81
Last week	1,837	2,674	19	10	4,540
Same wk yr ago	2,057	2,685	14	23	4,779
Avg Wt	16.63	38.81	25.88	31.66	29.19
To-date/2012*	45,190	63,171	504	188	109,053
To-date/2011*	44,458	64,104	539	179	109,280
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	-6%	5%	0%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	25,724	89,668	171	125	115,688
Last week	25,087	86,055	355	301	111,798
Same wk yr ago	27,195	82,843	281	564	110,883
To-date/2012*	610,372	2,064,328	10,109	4,866	2,689,675
To-date/2011*	610,902	2,010,116	12,881	4,436	2,638,335
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-22%	10%	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 23-Jun-12	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt			
North East	635	2	26.95	(A)	637	26.95
South Atlantic	689	6	40.87	(A)	690	40.87
North Central	2,320	2	33.23	(A)	2,321	33.23
South Central	798	0	19.06	(A)	799	19.06
West	246	36	27.98	(A)	247	27.98
U.S. total	4,688 (B)	3	30.81	6	4,694	30.81
To-date						
2012*	108,865 (B)			188	109,053	
To-date						
2011*	109,101 (B)			179	109,280	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date\* 504,000; for last year to date\* 539,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY) W/E 23-Jun-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	154,051	1,662	1,653	3,315	409
Avg Wt	5.81	3.28	7.87	5.57	6.77
Last week	154,094	1,498	1,841	3,339	394
Same wk yr ago	165,468	1,249	1,934	3,183	436
Avg Wt	5.78	3.26	8.12	6.21	6.75
To-date/2012*	3,785,329	41,290	38,192	79,482	10,458
To-date/2011*	3,992,722	35,369	37,596	72,965	10,855
% Change YTD	-5%	17%	2%	9%	-4%

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

Current week	675,752	2,862	8,911	11,773	2,007
Last week	657,326	2,587	9,559	12,146	1,974
Same wk yr ago	712,522	2,199	10,208	12,407	2,119
To-date/2012*	16,325,431	69,443	201,271	270,714	50,970
To-date/2011*	17,055,315	60,464	197,465	257,929	53,343
% Change YTD	-4%	15%	2%	5%	-4%

(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 155.9 million head, or 0.9 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 - AVAILABLE COMPARISON**

Million Head					
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt	
May	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
	23	155.9	156.8	99%	5.81
Year to date	3,831.4	3,832.3	100%		
Jun	30	156.5			
Jul	7	156.5			

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

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

Week Ending 30-Jun-12	Current Week	Previous Week
	06/30/12 (1)	06/23/12
	-----Thousand Head-----	
Broiler/fryer	157,815 (2)	153,894
Light hens	1,590	1,823
Heavy hens	1,726	1,659
Total	161,131	157,376

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Jun-12 is 156.5 million head compared to 172.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.1 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 07-Jul-12 the estimated available is 156.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(Incl. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands)				
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other	
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry lbs	
AM 06/25/12	3,153	183,437	47,428	
AM 06/01/12	3,157	186,525	41,842	
CHG	-4	-3,088	5,586	
PCT CHG	0%	-2%	13%	

**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 103.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS** 22-June-12**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	9.5 – 20.5	13.58

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens general for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**Live Spent Light**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. 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.

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts from producers)

W/E 23-Jun-12	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	190.5	6	-1
East North Central	721.8	1	7
West North Central	298.8	2	23
South Atlantic	124.7	-1	-7
South Central	51.0	-2	-7
West	33.2	-18	-17
Total	1,420.0	1	6

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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)

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT**

Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers and FOB Dock at major market areas (cents per lb) Week of 25-Jun-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	104.00	103.83	24 :	89.04	55
New York	82.00-85.00	83.33	21 :	84.21	42

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
65.00-79.00			:	71.94	50

1/: Includes branded product.

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

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Loads	06/25/12	Change Last Wk	06/18/12	06/27/11
322	83.06	-1.80	84.86	80.74

