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This week New York and regional prices are steady. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for Jumbo and steady for the balance of egg sizes. The undertone is steady to firm for Jumbo and Extra Large, steady for Large and Medium. Retail and food service demand ranges light to fairly good, best where feature activity is planned. Offerings are light to moderate for Jumbo and Extra Large, moderate for Large, and moderate to instances heavy for Medium. Supplies are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Mediums. Extreme heat in some areas is affecting production. Market activity remains slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Processing schedules are reduced in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. 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	63-72	65-68
NORTHEAST	91-105	96-100	65-78	70-72
SOUTH CENTRAL	98.5-107	100-103	69.5-78	71-74
SOUTHEAST	96-103	97-100	68.5-76	69-73

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 06/29/12

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	104.50	98.00	71.00
SOUTHEAST	100.50	98.50	71.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	109.50	101.50	72.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	102.35	97.55	70.34

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	07/03/12	06/26/12	07/05/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	72-82
MEDIUM	45-49	45-49	51-55

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

July 02, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	5.2	7.7	9.6	9.1	10.7	3.5	45.8
	% Change	3.8%	-14.0%	-27.2%	16.1%	9.8%	3.8%	-4.8%
Extra Large	This Week	21.9	21.2	35.7	18.7	37.6	2.8	137.8
	% Change	1.0%	10.4%	-4.9%	-5.6%	-7.3%	7.7%	-2.5%
Large	This Week	65.4	100.2	110.0	104.0	76.6	34.1	490.3
	% Change	9.4%	10.0%	12.7%	10.3%	0.9%	-13.6%	7.0%
Medium	This Week	18.9	18.5	60.8	24.2	27.7	7.5	157.6
	% Change	16.6%	-9.0%	14.7%	14.8%	5.8%	-12.5%	8.4%
Small	This Week	4.5	5.0	9.7	2.0	0.8	0.6	22.4
	% Change	-15.0%	26.5%	-14.4%	0.5%	-2.5%	-31.0%	-6.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.7	10.2	26.3	13.9	5.1	0.2	57.3
	% Change	-6.0%	-24.4%	-6.8%	1.8%	4.3%	-69.6%	-8.4%
Ungraded	This Week	7.2	15.4	78.9	32.5	20.6	12.3	166.9
	% Change	3.0%	46.6%	4.8%	-10.6%	32.5%	93.7%	10.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	124.9	178.1	330.9	204.3	179.1	61.0	1,078.2
	% Change	6.9%	6.4%	4.7%	4.8%	3.1%	-1.4%	4.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,078.2	4.6%
Breaking Stock	286.7	7.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,364.9	5.1%

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	14.8	10.7	0.9	3.8	4.0	2.7	36.7
	% Change	26.8%	8.7%	-9.3%	4.5%	-5.5%	0.0%	11.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.8	14.5	6.5	2.2	42.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	31.0%	128.1%	-15.3%	20.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	14.8	10.7	19.6	18.3	10.5	4.9	78.7
	% Change	26.8%	8.7%	1.3%	24.5%	48.6%	-7.6%	16.0%

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

Large:	33.8%
Ungraded:	65.4%
Total:	50.7%

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 23-Jun-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)			(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,363,332	32,093	13,890	6,914	3,660	4,385
PW	1,414,184	32,850	14,452	7,292	3,206	4,673
LY	1,391,287	29,535	15,571	7,889	3,610	4,715
% PW	-4%	-2%	-4%	-5%	14%	-6%
% LY	-2%	9%	-11%	-12%	1%	-7%
2012*	34,834,537	816,673	360,404	184,183	77,154	118,511
2011*	34,705,668	813,301	359,930	182,716	78,040	115,728
% YTD	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.02	41.91	41.48
(Inedible Excluded)	38.80	38.60	38.09

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	753,545	55.3%	19,024	59.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	791,849	56.0%	19,950	60.7%
LAST YEAR	755,675	54.3%	17,585	59.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jun 23	Jun 30	Jun 23	Jun 30
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,279	27,938	20,419	20,806
Arkansas	20,870	20,765	19,950	19,902
Delaware	3,557	3,570	5,003	3,787
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,058	1,079
Georgia	31,982	31,697	28,024	27,179
Kentucky	7,442	7,418	6,269	6,536
Louisiana	3,303	3,440	3,327	3,066
Maryland	7,456	7,401	6,164	6,947
Mississippi	17,938	17,823	15,432	15,520
Missouri	7,196	7,774	5,727	5,954
North Carolina	19,494	19,559	16,322	15,485
Oklahoma	6,473	6,550	4,749	4,527
Pennsylvania	3,651	3,667	3,092	3,149
South Carolina	5,299	5,559	4,803	5,077
Texas	14,563	14,270	12,145	12,303
Virginia	6,219	6,340	4,526	4,900
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,947	11,091	10,683	9,487
19 State total	195,022	196,214	167,693	165,704
Previous year total	198,340	197,158	168,554	168,718
Percent of previous year	98	100	99	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 11-Aug-12 is estimated at 153.5 million head. This compares to 154.3 million head the previous week and to 159.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.61 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 06/28/12 - 07/04/12		Current Lds 87.25		Future Lds 22.75		Total Lds 110.00	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	71.33	--	72.50	74.21	--	--	11.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.43	--	1.75
GL W XL	--	89.00	91.00	91.88	80.50	82.50	27.75
GL W LG	--	86.67	--	71.67	73.70	82.75	52.25
GL W MD	--	--	49.71	52.36	49.28	--	16.75
GL W SM	--	40.83	44.40	46.85	--	--	5.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	53.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	52.50	--	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	40.50	44.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-Jun-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW Cases, in thousands	LW % CHANGE	LY % CHANGE
Atlanta	17.5	19.3	-9	-13
Boston	2.7	2.8	-4	-18
Chicago	59.8	60.5	-1	7
Los Angeles	54.1	53.2	2	11
New Orleans	6.4	6.7	-4	10
New York	33.6	34.8	-3	-3
St. Louis	88.6	86.9	2	3
San Francisco	17.8	19.0	-6	-20
Total	280.5	283.2	-1	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 30-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,927	2,738	29	0	4,694
Avg Wt	17.02	39.54	26.14	0.00	30.21
Last week	1,916	2,764	8	6	4,694
Same wk yr ago	2,027	2,741	7	1	4,776
Avg Wt	16.59	38.88	27.09	51.45	29.40
To-date/2012*	47,117	65,909	533	188	113,747
To-date/2011*	46,485	66,845	546	180	114,056
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-2%	4%	0%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	26,240	86,609	572	0	113,421
Last week	25,724	89,668	171	125	115,688
Same wk yr ago	26,734	84,723	147	40	111,644
To-date/2012*	636,612	2,150,937	10,681	4,866	2,803,096
To-date/2011*	637,636	2,094,839	13,028	4,476	2,749,979
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-18%	9%	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 30-Jun-12	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt	Breeders -Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	555	-13	26.90	(A)	555	26.90
South Atlantic	823	19	35.52	(A)	823	35.52
North Central	2,279	-2	33.33	(A)	2,279	33.33
South Central	755	-5	18.16	(A)	755	18.16
West	281	14	28.28	(A)	281	28.28
U.S. total	4,693 (B)		0	30.21	0	4,693
To-date						
2012*	113,558 (B)			188	113,746	
To-date						
2011*	113,876 (B)			180	114,056	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 29,000; for the current year to date* 533,000; for last year to date* 546,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 30-Jun-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	160,847	1,458	1,653	3,111	382
Avg Wt	5.75	3.33	8.00	5.81	5.82
Last week	154,051	1,662	1,653	3,315	409
Same wk yr ago	170,455	1,156	1,530	2,686	428
Avg Wt	5.75	3.23	8.09	6.00	6.72
To-date/2012*	3,946,176	42,748	39,845	82,593	10,840
To-date/2011*	4,163,177	36,525	39,126	75,651	11,283
% Change YTD	-5%	17%	2%	9%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	698,277	2,549	9,058	11,607	1,612
Last week	675,752	2,862	8,911	11,773	2,007
Same wk yr ago	730,187	2,016	8,046	10,062	2,071
To-date/2012*	17,023,708	71,992	210,329	282,321	52,582
To-date/2011*	17,785,502	62,480	205,511	267,991	55,414
% Change YTD	-4%	15%	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 156.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.8 million head, or 6.3 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 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
30	162.8	156.5	104%	5.75
Year to date	3994.2	3988.8	100%	5.75
Jul 7		156.5		
14		157.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 07-Jul-12

Class	Current Week 07/07/12 (1)	Previous Week 06/30/12
Broiler/fryer	146,268 (2)	157,815
Light hens	979	1,590
Heavy hens	1,641	1,726
Total	148,888	161,131

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jul-12 is 156.5 million head compared to 146.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 146.6 million head or 9.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Jul-12 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	(INCL GOV'T STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)	
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 07/02/12	3,178	185,455	48,696
AM 06/01/12	3,157	186,525	41,842
CHG	21	-1070	6854
PCT CHG	1%	-1%	16%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of May 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on July 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	35	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	497	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	753	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 102.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 103.00-110.00 cents fob for current deliveries.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

29-Jun-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5- 20.5	13.60
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 30-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	189.2	-1	-1
East North Central	696.7	-3	1
West North Central	293.4	-2	17
South Atlantic	128.1	3	-6
South Central	52.0	2	1
West	32.7	-2	-18
Total	1392.1	-2	2

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 02-Jul-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Load	Wtd Avg	Loads
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Los Angeles	104.00	102.96	26	88.98	63
New York	80.00-83.00	81.29	21	82.22	39

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/ Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	65.00-79.00			74.85	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	07/02/12	Change Last Wk	06/25/12	07/04/11
322	82.47	-.59	83.06	80.06

