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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



This week in New York, prices are 4 cents higher for Extra Large and Large. Early in the week, Jumbo prices in Southwestern region increased, the balance of regional egg prices were unchanged. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm for the heavier weight eggs and steady Medium. Retail demand is light in the Northeast, light to mostly moderate in the Southwestern region, while the remainder of regions report moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate with Jumbo and Extra Large in the tightest position. Supplies are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate for Mediums. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. The undertone is steady to instances fully steady. Offerings are light for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly 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	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

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

IA-MN-WI	07/10/12	07/03/12	07/12/11
LARGE	70-80	70-80	72-82
MEDIUM	45-49	45-49	51-55

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

07/06/12

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.

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

July 09, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	5.5	7.3	10.1	8.2	11.7	4.3	47.1
	% Change	5.5%	-5.1%	5.6%	-10.1%	9.3%	21.2%	2.8%
Extra Large	This Week	21.3	20.0	27.8	19.4	34.2	2.4	125.0
	% Change	-2.9%	-5.7%	-22.3%	4.0%	-8.9%	-13.9%	-9.3%
Large	This Week	62.5	91.1	89.7	99.4	78.1	27.3	448.1
	% Change	-4.5%	-9.1%	-18.4%	-4.4%	1.9%	-19.9%	-8.6%
Medium	This Week	21.3	21.7	81.3	23.7	30.5	8.6	187.1
	% Change	12.9%	17.6%	33.8%	-2.4%	10.1%	14.6%	18.7%
Small	This Week	3.3	5.3	12.1	0.3	0.9	1.7	23.6
	% Change	-26.0%	7.1%	24.9%	-82.7%	11.7%	176.7%	5.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.9	11.1	30.4	12.9	5.6	1.1	63.0
	% Change	10.4%	9.5%	15.7%	-7.1%	9.5%	547.1%	9.9%
Ungraded	This Week	9.0	17.1	83.3	34.2	21.4	10.1	175.1
	% Change	24.9%	11.2%	5.6%	5.2%	3.9%	-17.9%	4.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	124.8	173.6	334.7	198.1	182.3	55.5	1,069.0
	% Change	0.0%	-2.5%	1.1%	-3.1%	1.8%	-9.0%	-0.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,069.0	-0.9%
Breaking Stock	284.4	-0.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,353.4</b>	<b>-0.8%</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
Large	This Week	7.8	9.1	1.1	4.2	3.0	1.8	27.1
	% Change	-47.1%	-15.3%	28.4%	12.0%	-23.5%	-32.1%	-26.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	24.0	15.7	8.6	1.9	50.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	27.8%	8.3%	31.5%	-14.5%	19.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.8	9.1	25.1	19.9	11.6	3.7	77.2
	% Change	-47.1%	-15.3%	27.8%	9.0%	10.7%	-24.1%	-1.9%

<b>Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:</b>	<b>Large:</b>	<b>35.6%</b>
	<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>59.0%</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.8%</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 07-JUL-2012	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,296,061	29,514	13,300	6,664	3,175	4,037
PW	1,363,332	32,093	13,890	6,914	3,660	4,385
LY	1,352,018	29,101	15,182	7,898	3,408	4,550
% PW	-5%	-8%	-4%	-4%	-13%	-8%
% LY	-4%	1%	-12%	-16%	-7%	-11%
2012	36,130,598	846,187	373,704	190,847	80,328	122,548
2011	36,057,686	842,402	375,112	190,614	81,449	120,278
% YTD	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.29	42.02	41.96
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.18	38.80	38.60

**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	724,434	55.9%	17,104	58.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	753,545	55.3%	19,024	59.3%
LAST YEAR	772,857	57.2%	18,007	61.9%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 07-JUL-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)		LW	LY		
Atlanta	18.3	17.5	5	10		
Boston	2.7	2.7	0	-13		
Chicago	56.4	59.8	-6	7		
Los Angeles	59.5	54.1	10	-5		
New Orleans	6.3	6.4	-2	0		
New York	32.3	33.6	-4	4		
St. Louis	81.6	88.6	-8	6		
San Francisco	18.7	17.8	5	21		
Total	275.8	280.5	-2	4		
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.2					

**BROILER HATCHERY**

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012	June 30, 2012	July 7, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,846	27,265	20,806	19,941
AR.....	20,976	20,334	19,778	19,918
DE.....	3,570	3,371	3,787	4,720
FL.....	1,352	1,353	1,079	1,234
GA.....	31,697	32,539	27,185	26,632
KY.....	7,418	7,450	6,536	5,851
LA.....	3,440	3,134	3,066	2,913
MD.....	7,401	7,045	6,947	5,716
MS.....	17,823	17,504	15,520	14,915
MO.....	7,774	7,388	5,954	5,111
NC.....	19,559	19,825	15,485	15,839
OK.....	6,550	6,798	4,776	4,111
PA.....	3,600	3,826	3,014	3,158
SC.....	5,559	5,306	5,077	4,831
TX.....	14,270	14,156	12,303	12,142
VA.....	6,340	6,101	4,900	4,294
CA, TN, & WV.....	11,118	10,715	9,519	11,849
19 State Total.....	196,293	194,110	165,732	163,175
Prev. Year Total.....	197,158	194,961	168,718	165,957
Pct. of Prev. Year.....	100	100	98	98

Source: NASS, USDA  
\*Revised

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

NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 5, 2012-JUL 11, 2012 (CENTS/DOZEN)  
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 111.25		FUTURE LOADS 16.00		TOTAL LOADS 127.25	
	SE		NE		MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	72.67	75.00	72.88	74.86	--	--
GL W J	--	--	93.00	95.00	104.00	--
GL W XL	--	--	95.25	98.22	92.59	100.63
GL W LG	--	90.25	81.20	76.64	77.04	87.00
GL W MD	--	--	48.42	53.64	47.93	51.00
GL W SM	40.33	--	44.00	47.00	36.00	--
GL BR J	--	--	87.50	102.20	150.00	--
GL BR MD	54.00	--	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	53.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	47.00	48.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	41.77	44.91

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

Week Ending 07-JUL-2012 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total turkeys		
	-Thousand Head-	Pct Chg		Avg Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt
	Prev wk					
North East	515	-7	25.60	(A)	516	25.60
South Atlantic	645	-22	35.65	(A)	646	35.65
North Central	1,951	-14	32.92	(A)	1,951	32.92
South Central	596	-21	16.99	(A)	596	16.99
West	210	-25	30.32	(A)	210	30.32
U.S. total	3,917 (B)	-17	29.85	2	3,919	29.85
To-date						
2012*	117,476 (B)			190	117,666	
To-date						
2011*	117,857 (B)			187	118,044	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date\* 559,000; for last year to date\* 565,000.  
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

Week Ending 07-JUL-2012 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,575	2,316	26	2	3,919
Avg Wt	16.51	38.97	24.58	31.80	29.85
Last week	1,927	2,738	29	0	4,694
Same wk yr ago	1,659	2,303	19	7	3,988
Avg Wt	16.87	38.46	26.65	26.71	29.40
To-date/2012*	48,692	68,225	559	190	117,666
To-date/2011*	48,144	69,148	565	187	118,044
% Change YTD	1%	-1%	-1%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,804	72,208	483	48	93,543
Last week	26,240	86,609	572	0	113,421
Same wk yr ago	22,390	70,859	390	144	93,783
To-date/2012*	657,416	2,223,145	11,164	4,914	2,896,639
To-date/2011*	660,026	2,165,698	13,418	4,620	2,843,762
% Change YTD	0%	3%	-17%	6%	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 18-Aug-12 is estimated at 151.4 million head. This compares to 153.5 million head the previous week and to 159.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.07 cents per pound.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 07-Jul-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	142,699	986	1,647	2,633	370
Avg Wt	5.65	3.26	7.77	6.08	6.96
Last week	160,847	1,458	1,653	3,111	382
Same wk yr ago	145,055	1,154	1,573	2,727	458
Avg Wt	5.66	3.17	7.78	5.83	6.56
To-date/2012*	4,088,875	43,734	41,492	85,226	11,210
To-date/2011*	4,308,232	37,679	40,699	78,378	11,741
% Change YTD	-5%	16%	2%	9%	-5%

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

Current week	608,718	1,736	8,766	10,502	1,867
Last week	698,277	2,549	9,058	11,607	1,612
Same wk yr ago	611,653	1,939	7,832	9,771	2,163
To-date/2012*	17,632,426	73,728	219,095	292,823	54,449
To-date/2011*	18,397,155	64,419	213,343	277,762	57,577
% Change YTD	-4%	14%	3%	5%	-5%

Dressing % 75.5% 52.5% 68.5% 72.5%  
 (A) The revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 144.4 million head, or 12.1 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
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
Jul 7	144.4	156.5	92%	5.65
Year to date	4138.6	4145.3	100%	
Jul 14		157.1		
Jul 21		157.1		

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

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

Week Ending 14-Jul-12

Class	Current Week 07/14/12 (1)	Previous Week 07/07/12
Broiler/fryer	157,299 (2)	146,268
Light hens	1,479	979
Heavy hens	1,957	1,641
Total	160,735	148,888

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Jul-12 is 157.1 million head compared to 161.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 0.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 21-Jul-12 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

		(INCL GOVT STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Poultry	Other
		LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	07/09/12	3,144	186,514	50,320	
AM	07/01/12	3,178	185,455	48,696	
CHG		-34	1059	1624	
PCT CHG		-1%	1%	3%	

**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**

06-Jul-12

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.5-21.0	13.61

(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 07-Jul-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	216.6	14	11
East North Central	692.6	-1	1
West North Central	287.5	-2	18
South Atlantic	124.5	-3	-7
South Central	52.1	0	4
West	32.7	0	-17
Total	1406.0	1	5

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 09-Jul-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads
Los Angeles	104.00	102.12	25	90.50 55
New York	80.00-83.00	81.45	20	82.22 39

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
Chicago	72.00-81.00		78.21	43

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	07/09/12	Change Last Wk	07/02/12	07/11/11
302	83.36	.89	82.47	79.85

