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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady with a steady to firm undertone. West coast asking prices for next week are 19 cents higher on Jumbo, 22 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 12 cents higher on Medium and Small. Asking prices in remaining regions for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate with Jumbo and Extra Large sizes in the lighter position. Retail and food service demand range light to good, mostly moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the irregular to good demand. Light type fowl offerings are adequate to fully adequate; demand is light and unaggressive.



PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 12 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 5 cents higher for Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are supplies are light and held with confidence. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to mostly good. Supplies are light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	118-127	121-124
Large	117-126	119-122
Medium	88-97	90-93
Prices delivered to store door:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	125-133	126-128
Large	123-131	124-126
Medium	94-102	95-97

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Large	121-131	125
Medium	82-86	84
Small	52-58	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone ranges steady to firm. Next week's asking prices are 23 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 11 cents higher for Medium. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Distributive demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Mediums. Market activity is moderate to active. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is fairly good to good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	138.5-147	140-143
Large	127.5-136	129-132
Medium	94.5-103	96-99

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady with a steady to firm undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply higher on all sizes. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings of light to moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate for normal to at times reduces breaking schedules. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient to fully sufficient; demand is mostly light.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	110-142	128-131
Large	106-132	126-129
Medium	74.5-101	94-98

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. The undertone is steady to firm. Offerings are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large and Medium. Demand is light to fairly good, usually moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are mostly moderate in the Eastern region; breaking schedules are normal to less than normal. Light hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for a light and unaggressive demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	125-150	130-139
Large	119-133	125-128
Medium	90-103	95-97

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate for current needs, lighter on Extra Large. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	<b>RANGE</b>
Extra Large	154-158
Large	152-156
Medium	113-117

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 19 cents higher for Jumbo, 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light for Jumbo and Extra Large and light to moderate on the balance of sizes. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Most buyers are purchasing hand to mouth. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 19 cents higher for Jumbo, 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Most buyers are purchasing shell eggs hand to mouth. Offerings are light for Jumbo and Extra Large and light to moderate on the balance of sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.13.

**California:** Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	<b>RANGE</b>
Jumbo	178
Extra Large	178
Large	158
Medium	133

**Southern California:** Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	<b>RANGE</b>
Jumbo	160-172
Extra Large	160-168
Large	135-147
Medium	113-123

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

**LIQUID EGGS**

All liquid prices are higher. Trade sentiment is firm on all liquid products. Offerings are light for all products and reported as short of current trade needs. Demand is good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good for whites. Liquid inquiry for delivery to Mexico has increased. Market activity is active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Jul Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	63.00 - 76.00	15	72.13	62.00 - 68.50	12	65.29	68	60.26
Whites	48.50 - 57.00	7	53.07	43.00 - 52.00	21	47.60	66	46.86
Yolk	90.00 - 104.00	5	95.60	68.50 - 81.00	6	74.42	33	72.09

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whites prices are steady to higher with the balance of frozen prices higher. Trade sentiment is firm for all frozen products. Demand is fairly good to good with buyers attempting to lock in prices for the fourth quarter finding sharply higher asking prices. Offerings are light to moderate and held in confident hands. Many freezer inventories are tight as most processors are working to fill contractual liquid agreements first while available shell eggs are sourced into attractively priced graded channels. Market activity is moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	76.00 - 92.00	83.00 - 89.00	73.00 - 79.00	74.00 - 76.00	77.00	72.88
Whites	70.00 - 81.00	72.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00	73.00	71.13
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 115.00	109.00 - 112.00	88.00 - 96.00	89.00 - 92.00	93.88	88.38
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	88.00 - 112.00	106.00 - 108.00	85.00 - 89.00	85.00 - 87.00	90.13	86.75

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	74.00 - 79.00	76.00 - 79.00	74.00 - 76.00		74.88	74.00
Whites	72.00 - 74.00		70.00 - 74.00		71.75	71.00
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	95.00 - 98.00		92.00 - 95.00		94.25	93.50
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	95.00 - 98.00		92.00 - 95.00		94.25	93.50

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are higher on whole, yoke and albumen, steady on blends. The undertone of dried egg products is firm. Demand is fairly good to good. Offerings are mostly light to moderate and held with confidence. Processors work to fill existing contracts and spot LTL orders. Sellers continue to monitor a changing market and fourth quarter inquires. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.59 - 3.27	2.75 - 2.80	2.50 - 2.85	2.60 - 2.65	2.69	2.58
Yolk	1.86 - 2.60	2.05 - 2.15	1.80 - 2.10	1.85 - 1.95	1.98	1.85
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.60 - 5.10	4.80 - 4.85	4.55 - 4.85	4.60 - 4.70	4.69	4.62
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.20 - 2.25		2.20 - 2.25		2.23	2.20

<sup>2/</sup>Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup>Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 21-JUL-2012		(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,375,715	32,315	13,413	6,692	2,810	4,356
PW	1,422,954	33,921	13,412	6,786	2,781	4,602
LY	1,387,208	32,508	13,657	6,939	3,383	4,552
% PW	-3%	-5%	0%	-1%	1%	-5%
% LY	-1%	-1%	-2%	-4%	-17%	-4%
2012	38,929,267	912,423	400,529	204,325	85,919	131,505
2011	38,863,441	908,093	403,304	204,665	88,237	129,624
% YTD	0%	0%	-1%	0%	-3%	1%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				41.27	41.27	41.56
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				38.10	38.03	38.28

**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	756,379	55.0%	18,676	57.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	763,454	53.7%	19,254	56.8%
LAST YEAR	718,646	51.8%	17,822	54.8%

**BREAKING STOCK** Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

**CENTRAL REGION** All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to mostly good. Supplies are light to instances moderate and some off-line operators have reduced schedules due to lack of breaking stock. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	81-83	
CHECKS	65-74	65-69
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices are higher. Offerings are mostly moderate for the irregular demand. Breaking schedules are normal to instances reduced. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 21-Jul-2012 declined 6 percent from the previous week and 15 percent from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	76-83	81
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-69	-
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 20, 2012 – July 26, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 131.75****FUTURE LOADS 64.25****TOTAL LOADS 196.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	114.50	119.89	113.50	116.83	--	118.25	42.00	GNR W 1	--	121.00	--	--	--	--	16.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	94.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	131.67	--	137.50	123.27	129.11	7.75
GL W J	--	--	128.00	130.00	120.44	--	3.25	GL W XL	131.33	142.71	--	--	--	136.27	15.00
GL W XL	--	146.40	--	145.39	132.20	131.17	32.25	GL W LG	128.00	138.18	--	--	--	133.53	27.25
GL W LG	--	133.00	125.31	123.86	132.06	126.00	46.25	GL W MD	84.18	91.67	--	92.58	--	90.57	31.50
GL W MD	75.00	--	73.06	82.40	80.70	--	38.50	GL W SM	56.50	64.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W SM	50.00	54.00	47.33	43.00	57.00	60.63	8.75	GL BR XL	--	108.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	115.50	118.25	95.00	--	3.00	GL BR LG	--	101.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	108.00	110.00	90.00	--	2.00								
GL BR MD	51.00	99.00	--	--	87.00	--	2.00								
GL BR SM	63.00	--	--	65.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	81.00	--	--	76.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	64.00	--	--	69.20	6.25								
NRBS - 36	--	--	57.24	60.69	60.00	60.00	9.75								

Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight - material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET****LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the mostly light and un aggressive demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate to fully 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.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	134.50	126.50	96.00
SOUTHEAST	129.50	127.50	96.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	91.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	141.50	130.50	97.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	132.47	126.43	95.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY  
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 21-July-12

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,295	1,756	3,051
Last Week	1,396	1,853	3,249
Same week yr ago	1,290	1,988	3,278
To-date/2012*	46,425	45,101	91,526
To-date/2011*	40,359	44,240	84,599

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	118	0	118
Last Week	119	0	119
Same week yr ago	259	0	259
To-date/2012*	8,286	36	8,322
To-date/2011*	10,982	285	11,267

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,413	1,756	3,169
Last Week	1,515	1,853	3,368
Same week yr ago	1,549	1,988	3,537
To-date/2012*	54,711	45,137	99,848
To-date/2011*	51,341	44,525	95,866

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

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jul 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	0	48	726	771
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	50	139
Total	0	48	776	910

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jul 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	165	534	8,200	8,695
Frozen	12	40	637	548
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	177	574	8,837	9,243

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jul 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,950	900	48,840	42,979
Large	2,650	1,050	103,992	73,683
Medium	810	607	18,543	22,965
Ungraded	1,440	120	67,578	80,834
Misc	0	0	1,620	0
Total	6,850	2,677	240,573	220,461

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****June Egg Production Down Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.50 billion during June 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.03 billion hatching eggs, of which 965 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2012 averaged 337 million, up slightly from last year. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,227 eggs, down slightly from June 2011.

All layers in the United States on July 1, 2012 totaled 335 million, down slightly from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.81 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2012, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from July 1, 2011.

**Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during June 2012 totaled 39.4 million, up 1 percent from June 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.2 million on July 1, 2012, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 119 thousand during June 2012, down 61 percent from June 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 21-Jul-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	178.3	-6	-10
East North Central	684.4	-1	2
West North Central	307.1	4	26
South Atlantic	123.0	-6	-8
South Central	52.7	1	-1
West	32.1	1	-18
Total	1377.6	-1	3

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)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Week ending 21-Jul-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	18.8	19.7	-5	
Boston	2.6	2.8	-7	
Chicago	56.9	55.3	3	
Los Angeles	60.9	52.9	15	
New Orleans	6.5	6.5	0	
New York	32.2	31.6	2	
St. Louis	83.6	93.7	-11	
San Francisco	18.6	19.9	-7	
Total	280.1	282.4	-1	
4 Week Moving Avg.	279.7			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers (INCL. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	07/23/12	3,140	188,228	55,524
AM	07/01/12	3,178	185,455	48,696
CHG		-38	2773	6828
PCT CHG		-1%	1%	14%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** July 17, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
 DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	169	159	117	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	165-169	155-159	111-115	85-89
MOSTLY	167-168	157-158	113-114	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	176-180	166-170	121-125	91-95
MOSTLY	176	166	121	91
VERMONT	169	159	117-119	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-