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This week, New York prices are 4 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 3 cents lower for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional prices were sharply higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional egg prices are trending steady for Jumbo, steady to higher for Extra Large, higher for Large, and lower for Mediums. The undertone is steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady to lower for Medium. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good and reported as slowing in some areas. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Mediums. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light for the moderate demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Demand is mostly light. Offerings are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to reduced. 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	139-148	141-144	100-109	102-105
NORTHEAST	140-154	145-149	101-114	106-108
SOUTH CENTRAL	150.5-159	152-155	105.5-114	107-110
SOUTHEAST	131.5-155	149-152	97.5-110	103-107

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

IA-MN-WI	07/31/12	07/24/12	08/02/11
LARGE	121-131	105-115	71-81
MEDIUM	82-86	75-79	45-49

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

07/27/12

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

July 30, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.6	7.9	14.1	6.0	9.7	3.9	49.1
	% Change	31.7%	-0.3%	15.0%	-18.0%	-2.5%	6.3%	4.9%
Extra Large	This Week	17.7	15.6	29.9	11.1	37.8	5.6	117.5
	% Change	31.6%	-5.4%	-1.0%	-15.8%	17.3%	7.3%	6.3%
Large	This Week	39.5	91.1	86.5	65.6	75.7	36.2	394.5
	% Change	-8.2%	1.1%	27.4%	1.0%	12.4%	9.0%	7.6%
Medium	This Week	15.7	18.4	58.2	31.3	28.5	10.6	162.6
	% Change	-6.4%	-7.5%	0.7%	39.7%	21.4%	8.4%	8.3%
Small	This Week	2.5	6.0	9.1	1.2	0.8	3.4	22.9
	% Change	-27.5%	51.1%	6.1%	24.5%	-22.4%	25.2%	10.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.2	14.2	30.6	10.7	5.4	1.1	65.1
	% Change	-6.8%	34.3%	-0.3%	10.5%	11.2%	25.3%	8.5%
Ungraded	This Week	7.7	13.5	58.0	23.7	28.3	9.4	140.4
	% Change	10.9%	-5.4%	-5.5%	10.3%	0.6%	-23.7%	-2.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	93.7	166.7	286.3	149.5	186.1	70.0	952.2
	% Change	1.1%	2.1%	6.5%	6.9%	11.5%	3.5%	5.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	952.2	5.9%
Breaking Stock	245.3	-3.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,197.5	3.7%

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	6.8	11.8	2.9	3.5	4.0	1.6	30.5
	% Change	-7.0%	-10.3%	23.4%	-15.6%	17.1%	0.0%	-4.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.3	13.8	15.3	2.8	54.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-4.3%	0.0%	-2.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.8	11.8	25.2	17.2	19.3	4.4	84.7
	% Change	-7.0%	-10.3%	0.2%	-5.1%	-0.6%	0.0%	-3.3%

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

	Large:	30.1%
	Ungraded:	67.3%
	Total:	53.9%

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 21-Jul-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,377,553	33,395	12,727	6,289	3,180	4,102
PW	1,375,715	32,315	13,413	6,692	2,810	4,356
LY	1,382,190	31,911	13,640	6,750	2,974	4,607
% PW	0%	3%	-5%	-6%	13%	-6%
% LY	0%	5%	-7%	-7%	7%	-11%
2012*	40,306,820	945,818	413,256	210,614	89,099	135,607
2011*	40,245,631	940,004	416,945	211,415	91,212	134,230
% YTD	0%	1%	-1%	0%	-2%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.02	41.27	41.17
(Inedible Excluded)	38.05	38.10	37.84

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	774,839	56.2%	20,168	60.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	756,379	55.0%	18,676	57.8%
LAST YEAR	709,001	51.3%	17,915	56.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Jul 21	Jul 28	Jul 21	Jul 28
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,813	28,149	20,525	19,417
Arkansas	19,931	20,915	20,502	19,313
Delaware	3,503	3,501	4,250	3,153
Florida	1,341	1,352	1,179	1,211
Georgia	31,795	31,573	26,641	28,246
Kentucky	7,827	7,795	6,322	5,813
Louisiana	3,107	3,167	3,098	2,935
Maryland	7,220	7,600	7,131	6,093
Mississippi	17,691	17,838	15,216	14,933
Missouri	8,024	7,835	4,708	5,159
North Carolina	19,628	19,638	16,227	15,898
Oklahoma	6,696	6,714	4,335	4,151
Pennsylvania	3,535	3,622	2,962	2,998
South Carolina	5,319	5,603	4,142	4,273
Texas	14,500	14,255	11,931	11,906
Virginia	6,217	6,182	4,312	5,383
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,720	10,870	10,675	10,259
19 State total	194,867	196,609	164,156	161,141
Previous year total	195,141	194,434	162,828	162,898
Percent of previous year	100	101	101	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 08-Sep-12 is estimated at 149.7 million head. This compares to 150.1 million head the previous week and to 154.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 77.97 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 07/26/12 - 08/01/12		Current Lds	87.50	Future Lds	55.25	Total Lds	142.75
CLASS	ORG	SE	DST	NE	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	--	126.00	128.00	--	1.00
GNR W 1	122.50	131.67	123.00	125.20	--	131.67	47.00
GL W J	--	--	146.00	148.00	118.00	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	152.80	138.00	142.27	132.00	142.50	27.00
GL W LG	--	129.13	128.69	128.75	130.95	109.00	52.25
GL W MD	--	--	64.00	66.00	82.04	--	8.00
GL W SM	--	--	51.67	54.00	58.29	61.71	4.75
GL BR XL	--	--	120.00	123.50	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	81.00	--	--	76.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	80.60	6.00
NRBS - 39	--	72.00	--	81.00	65.00	70.83	14.75
NRBS - 36	--	--	57.66	60.00	--	--	7.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Jul-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	18.6	18.8	-1	-2		
Boston	2.6	2.6	0	-16		
Chicago	59.6	56.9	5	9		
Los Angeles	55.0	60.9	-10	5		
New Orleans	6.1	6.5	-6	13		
New York	32.4	32.2	1	-3		
St. Louis	82.8	83.6	-1	-7		
San Francisco	19.5	18.6	5	17		
Total	276.6	280.1	-1	1		
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.7					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-Jul-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,752	2,629	26	11	4,418
Avg Wt	16.56	38.48	28.11	30.55	29.71
Last week	1,792	2,908	27	8	4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,800	2,513	25	7	4,345
Avg Wt	16.30	39.07	25.14	27.03	29.54
To-date/2012*	54,014	76,192	657	209	131,072
To-date/2011*	53,752	76,995	629	211	131,587
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	4%	-1%	0%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,212	80,927	552	254	104,945
Last week	23,293	90,143	555	213	114,204
Same wk yr ago	23,472	78,546	484	147	102,649
To-date/2012*	727,361	2,468,526	13,177	5,381	3,214,445
To-date/2011*	733,449	2,405,167	14,717	5,099	3,158,432
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-10%	6%	2%

	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%
Dressing %				

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY

W/E 28-Jul-12 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	542	-11	26.05	(A)	545	26.05
South Atlantic	632	-8	39.42	(A)	634	39.42
North Central	2,249	-5	31.67	(A)	2,251	31.67
South Central	776	-4	18.28	(A)	778	18.28
West	208	-17	31.12	(A)	210	31.12
U.S. total	4,407 (B)	-7	29.71	11	4,418	29.71
To-date						
2012*	130,863 (B)			209	131,072	
To-date						
2011*	131,376 (B)			211	131,587	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 26,000; for the current year to date* 657,000; for last year to date* 629,000.
 *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 28-Jul-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	157,180	703	1,721	2,424	405
Avg Wt	5.60	2.99	7.86	6.45	6.51
Last week	158,653	1,295	1,756	3,051	401
Same wk yr ago	159,047	1,056	1,781	2,837	431
Avg Wt	5.72	3.34	7.99	6.26	6.62
To-date/2012*	4,561,007	47,128	46,822	93,950	12,488
To-date/2011*	4,787,421	41,415	46,021	87,436	13,036
% Change YTD	-5%	14%	2%	7%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	664,557	1,135	9,266	10,401	1,911
Last week	679,170	2,021	9,563	11,584	1,991
Same wk yr ago	677,763	1,869	9,107	10,976	2,054
To-date/2012*	19,632,265	79,357	247,723	327,080	60,377
To-date/2011*	20,439,133	70,889	240,280	311,169	63,432
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	3%	5%	-5%

Dressing % 75.5% 54.0% 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 157.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.1 million head, or 1.6 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
Jun 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
14	158.2	157.1	101%	5.56
21	160.6	157.1	102%	5.67
28	159.1	157.5	101%	5.60
Year to date	4616.5	4617.0	100%	
Aug 4		157.8		
11		157.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 04-Aug-12

Class	Current Week 08/04/12 (1)	Previous Week 07/28/12
Broiler/fryer	159,099 (2)	159,514
Light hens	1,121	783
Heavy hens	1,802	1,721
Total	162,022	162,018

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Aug-12 is 157.8 million head compared to 160.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.4 million head or 1.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Aug-12 the estimated available is 157.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 07/30/12	3,148	183,365	58,808
AM 07/01/12	3,178	185,455	48,696
CHG	-30	-2090	10112
PCT CHG	-1%	-1%	21%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-110.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

27-Jul-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.5-21.0	13.66

(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 28-Jul-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	189.4	6	-8
East North Central	684.3	0	4
West North Central	295.3	-4	13
South Atlantic	125.3	2	-9
South Central	52.7	0	0
West	31.9	-1	-11
Total	1378.9	0	2

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 30-Jul-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	104.00	101.30	20	82.60
New York	77.00-80.00	78.41	22	79.94

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
64.00-82.00			73.14	62

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	07/23/12	Change Last Wk	07/16/12	07/25/11
333	79.87	-2.02	81.89	79.98

