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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



This week, New York prices are sharply lower for all egg sizes. Regional prices declined for both the heavier and lighter eggs earlier in the week. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for the larger sizes and Mediums. The undertone remains weak. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is 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
Northeast	140-154	145-149	86-99	91-93
Southeast	151-161.25	154-157	87-101.26	89-93
Midwest	141-150	143-146	85-94	87-90
South Central	153.5-162	155-158	90.5-99	92-95

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

	08/14/12	07/07/12	08/16/11
IA-MN-WI			
Large	118-128	127-137	100-110
Medium	62-66	79-83	61-65

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

08/10/12

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	155.50	151.00	104.00
SOUTHEAST	161.50	159.50	102.00
MIDWEST	150.50	148.50	100.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	164.50	160.50	105.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	158.29	155.11	103.12

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	11.7	7.7	16.0	7.0	8.2	3.9	54.5
	% Change	32.1%	-9.6%	-2.2%	-5.3%	-6.9%	2.4%	1.4%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	27.9	22.8	35.1	13.5	39.2	5.5	144.0
	% Change	22.0%	21.4%	5.1%	-4.1%	-3.7%	9.8%	6.8%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	52.6	104.7	116.9	78.1	77.7	50.7	480.7
	% Change	12.6%	13.2%	9.7%	22.2%	-4.7%	20.4%	10.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	17.6	23.2	71.0	38.9	24.0	11.2	185.9
	% Change	26.5%	-4.0%	16.6%	13.8%	-15.5%	12.6%	8.4%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	3.7	8.5	8.6	1.7	1.0	2.7	26.2
	% Change	12.5%	8.5%	-13.2%	37.3%	47.1%	106.0%	8.2%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	3.5	8.9	26.9	10.5	7.5	1.5	58.9
	% Change	24.1%	-22.1%	0.3%	3.5%	37.7%	0.7%	1.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	9.6	12.6	59.8	27.7	21.7	12.7	144.2
	% Change	-1.0%	11.9%	34.6%	-5.0%	-13.8%	48.4%	12.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	126.7	188.5	334.2	177.4	179.3	88.3	1,094.4
	% Change	17.0%	8.0%	12.1%	10.8%	-6.0%	22.1%	9.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,094.4	9.0%
Breaking Stock	248.1	-2.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,342.5</b>	<b>6.7%</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	8.1	12.0	4.3	3.7	3.6	2.1	33.7
	% Change	10.5%	14.7%	54.7%	1.1%	-0.8%	37.7%	15.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	29.5	18.4	9.8	2.3	60.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	30.0%	9.9%	-32.4%	-16.5%	5.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	8.1	12.0	33.8	22.0	13.4	4.4	93.7
	% Change	10.5%	14.7%	32.7%	8.4%	-26.1%	2.6%	9.0%

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

Large:	28.1%
Ungraded:	62.5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.1%</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 11-Aug-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,487,896	34,327	15,020	7,235	2,915	4,742
PW	1,356,612	32,530	13,468	6,550	2,817	4,019
LY	1,355,512	31,982	12,768	6,279	2,341	4,537
% PW	10%	6%	12%	10%	3%	18%
% LY	10%	7%	18%	15%	25%	5%
2012*	43,151,328	1,012,676	441,744	224,399	94,830	144,369
2011*	43,020,360	1,004,757	443,590	224,575	96,189	143,596
% YTD	0%	1%	0%	0%	-1%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.22	41.70	40.99
(Inedible Excluded)	38.03	38.73	37.65

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	835,485	56.2%	20,756	60.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	779,424	57.5%	20,265	62.3%
LAST YEAR	729,057	53.8%	18,542	58.0%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Aug 04	Aug 11	Aug 04	Aug 11
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,656	27,996	19,749	19,683
Arkansas	21,130	21,057	17,406	18,903
Delaware	3,497	3,279	3,361	4,085
Florida	1,353	1,352	1,138	1,010
Georgia	31,739	31,738	28,124	28,437
Kentucky	7,659	7,673	6,483	6,447
Louisiana	3,227	3,211	3,067	2,794
Maryland	7,595	7,254	6,452	6,135
Mississippi	17,667	17,192	15,326	15,360
Missouri	7,863	8,036	6,071	5,711
North Carolina	19,510	19,222	16,407	15,496
Oklahoma	6,476	6,276	4,914	3,896
Pennsylvania	3,441	3,487	3,157	2,891
South Carolina	5,313	5,328	4,033	4,049
Texas	14,394	13,789	12,169	12,224
Virginia	6,089	6,074	5,327	5,224
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,763	10,460	10,544	10,258
19 State total	195,372	193,424	163,728	162,603
Previous year total	195,036	194,164	164,050	162,336
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	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 22-Sep-12 is estimated at 150.2 million head. This compares to 149.6 million head the previous week and to 154.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.73 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 08/09/12 - 08/15/12		Current Lds 146.00		Future Lds 47.75		Total Lds 193.75	
		SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	112.22	117.00	111.63	110.83	107.00	114.33	19.00
GL W J	--	--	--	119.67	108.50	--	8.00
GL W XL	--	129.81	117.14	118.38	98.64	109.00	38.50
GL W LG	--	115.60	109.75	106.00	95.05	102.83	41.50
GL W MD	--	60.00	60.60	63.44	58.20	62.00	28.25
GL W SM	54.50	--	--	--	50.50	--	6.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	96.67	--	3.25
GL BR MD	57.00	--	--	69.25	60.00	--	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	77.00	--	--	--	74.67	29.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	64.00	66.50	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	61.00	56.17	76.00	57.00	61.00	5.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	44.00	--	41.25	46.00	1.25

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 11-Aug-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	17.8		19.8	-10	-21	
Boston	2.8		2.6	8	-13	
Chicago	56.0		56.4	-1	2	
Los Angeles	49.8		52.1	-4	-15	
New Orleans	6.4		6.9	-7	-7	
New York	36.2		32.3	12	-4	
St. Louis	88.9		83.1	7	15	
San Francisco	15.2		13.9	9	-14	
Total	273.1		267.1	2	-2	
4 Week Moving Avg.	274.2					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 11-Aug-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total	
	Hens	Toms			
Head	1,893	2,643	38	7	4,581
Avg Wt	16.53	38.13	26.22	29.49	29.10
Last week	1,878	2,729	43	20	4,670
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,731	19	4	4,734
Avg Wt	16.43	37.43	24.69	31.75	28.59
To-date/2012*	57,785	81,564	738	236	140,323
To-date/2011*	57,499	82,419	663	227	140,808
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	11%	4%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,041	80,628	752	156	106,577
Last week	24,487	81,696	858	488	107,529
Same wk yr ago	26,025	81,777	361	98	108,261
To-date/2012*	776,889	2,630,850	14,787	6,025	3,428,551
To-date/2011*	782,911	2,566,463	15,375	5,433	3,370,182
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-4%	11%	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 11-Aug-12 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-		Avg Live wt
North East	503	-21	26.46	(A)	505	26.46
South Atlantic	800	16	35.34	(A)	802	35.34
North Central	2,209	-6	31.42	(A)	2,210	31.42
South Central	848	13	18.50	(A)	849	18.50
West	214	-5	29.88	(A)	215	29.88
U.S. total	4,574 (B)	-2	29.10	7	4,581	29.10
To-date						
2012*	140,087 (B)			236	140,323	
To-date						
2011*	140,581 (B)			227	140,808	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of youngbanded breeder turkeys included: this week 38,000; for the current year to date\* 738,000; for last year to date\* 663,000.

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) W/E 11-Aug-2012	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,080	1,021	1,922	2,943	405
Avg Wt	5.64	3.12	7.49	5.97	6.40
Last week	154,911	1,034	1,793	2,827	409
Same wk yr ago	156,032	1,407	1,657	3,064	436
Avg Wt	5.63	3.21	7.81	5.70	6.58
To-date/2012*	4,871,998	49,183	50,537	99,720	13,302
To-date/2011*	5,102,130	43,957	49,550	93,507	13,878
% Change YTD	-5%	12%	2%	7%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	664,620	1,720	9,861	11,581	1,879
Last week	672,507	1,692	9,666	11,358	1,898
Same wk yr ago	654,453	2,394	8,282	10,676	2,066
To-date/2012*	20,969,392	82,769	267,250	350,019	64,154
To-date/2011*	21,757,951	75,142	258,231	333,373	67,439
% Change YTD	-4%	10%	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 157.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.0 million head, or 1.0 million more than estimated available. (B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

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

**EST. U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER - AVAILABLE COMPARISON**

Million Head					
Week Ending	Slaughtered	Available*	Pct	Avg Wt	
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	
Aug 4	156.8	157.8	99%	5.75	
11	158.0	157.0	101%	5.64	
Year to date	4,931.3	4,931.8	100%		
Aug 18		155.0			
25		153.8			

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

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

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 18-Aug-12

Class	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/18/12 (1)	08/11/12
Broiler/fryer	157,258 (2)	158,634
Light hens	1,210	1,125
Heavy hens	1,962	2,009
Total	160,430	161,768

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Aug-12 is 155.0 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Aug-12 the estimated available is 153.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(Including government stocks)		(In thousands)
	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 08/13/12	3,183	183,961	57,479
AM 08/01/12	3,163	183,933	58,091
CHG	20	28	-612
PCT CHG	1%	0%	-1%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for 8-16 lb. hens 105.00-110.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 105.00-112.00 cents fob for current shipments.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**

10-Aug-12

**Live Spent Heavy**

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound	9.5 - 21.0	13.70

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens general 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**

(Receipts from producers)

W/E 11-Aug-12

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	195.4	4	-1
East North Central	711.7	0	6
West North Central	308.8	3	5
South Atlantic	132.1	4	-8
South Central	54.2	2	-1
West	32.4	3	-16
Total	1434.6	2	2

Matched plants reporting

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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 13-Aug-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
Los Angeles	104.00	98.42	24 :	87.96	57
New York	80.00-83.00	81.90	21 :	82.52	38

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Lds :	Composite	
	Maj	Wtd Avg		Wtd Avg	Lds
73.00-82.00			:	77.73	53

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	08/13/12	Change Last Wk	08/06/12	08/15/11
309	83.17	2.63	80.54	83.07

