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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional egg prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes, higher on Medium and Small. Retail demand ranges very light to moderate, with little feature activity present or planned on the West Coast. Food service demand continues light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy on Extra Large and Large, light to moderate on Jumbo and Medium. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are at least sufficient for the light to fair demand.



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 14 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 4 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents lower for Large and 2 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady for Large and firm for Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy with the larger sizes in the heaviest position. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy with demand mostly light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	115-124	118-121
Large	114-123	116-119
Medium	71-80	73-76

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	122-130	123-125
Large	120-128	121-123
Medium	77-85	78-80

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	82-92	86
Medium	57-61	59
Small	44-50	

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 is steady to weak, instances fully steady for Mediums. Next week's asking prices are 14 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 4 cents higher for Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for Medium, moderate to heavy for the larger sizes. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127.5-136	129-132
Large	124.5-133	126-129
Medium	76.5-85	78-81

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on Extra Large and Large, higher on Mediums. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service is moderate. Offerings are mixed, usually moderate on all sized eggs for current trading purposes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient; demand is light to fair.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	125.5-151.5	127-130
Large	123-147.5	125-128
Medium	74.5-85.5	75-79

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 lower on larger sizes, higher on Medium. Offerings are moderate to heavy on Extra Large and Large, moderate on Medium. Retail demand is very light. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for a light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	122-140	123-126
Large	116-130	121-125
Medium	73-86	78-80

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. The undertone is firm on Medium, steady on larger sizes. Supplies are moderate on Medium, moderate to heavy on Extra Large and Large. Retail demand is very light. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	116-120
Large	114-118
Medium	89-93

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for Jumbo and Medium and cautiously steady for Extra Large and Large. Demand is light to moderate with little feature activity planned or present. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for Jumbo and Medium and cautiously steady on the balance of prices. Demand is light to moderate with little feature activity present or planned. Offerings are light for Jumbo and Medium and heavy for Extra Large and Large. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 96 cents.

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.

	RANGE
Jumbo	165
Extra Large	167
Large	155
Medium	116

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.

	RANGE
Jumbo	147-159
Extra Large	149-167
Large	132-144
Medium	96-106

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

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

LIQUID EGGS

White prices are steady to slightly lower with yolk prices higher. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and firm for yolk. Offerings are light for all liquid products. Demand is moderate to fairly good with contractual movement continuing strong. Market activity is moderate.

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	65.00 - 70.00	6	66.67	TFEWR			68	60.26
Whites	45.00 - 57.00	8	50.94	46.00 - 57.00	7	48.71	66	46.86
Yolk	104.00	3	104.00	98.00 - 104.00	9	101.89	33	72.09

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites steady, sugared yolk higher and salted yolk steady to higher. The undertone is steady for whites and firm for the balance of frozen products. Demand is seasonally light to mostly moderate while buyers attempt to fill inventories at current price levels. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly 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	87.00 - 92.00	88.00 - 90.00	87.00 - 95.00	90.00 - 92.00	77.00	72.88
Whites	69.00 - 79.00	71.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 79.00	71.00 - 74.00	73.00	71.13
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	117.00 - 123.00	117.00 - 119.00	114.00 - 122.00	117.00 - 119.00	93.88	88.38
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	113.00 - 119.00	114.00 - 117.00	110.00 - 119.00	114.00 - 117.00	90.13	86.75

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jul Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	90.00 - 92.00		90.00 - 92.00		74.88	74.00
Whites	73.00 - 75.00		73.00 - 75.00		71.75	71.00
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	110.00 - 118.00	113.00	113.00 - 118.00		94.25	93.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	110.00 - 118.00	113.00	113.00 - 118.00		94.25	93.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried egg prices are steady to lower on all products. The undertone is mixed, mostly steady to firm. Demand for dried yolk is moderate to fairly good, while the balance is moderate. Offerings are at times light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Trading consists of limited spot orders. Inquiries increase as potential buyers are currently price shopping for fourth and first quarter contracts. Market activity is slow to mostly 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	3.15 - 3.85	3.25 - 3.30	3.20 - 3.85	3.25 - 3.30	2.69	2.58
Yolk	2.30 - 2.82	2.70 - 2.75	2.48 - 2.82	2.55 - 2.60	1.98	1.85
Albumen ^{2/}	4.98 - 5.80	5.20 - 5.25	5.09 - 5.80	5.25 - 5.30	4.69	4.62
Blends ^{3/}	2.40 - 2.45		2.40 - 2.74	2.45 - 2.55	2.23	2.20

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 18-AUG-2012	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,501,430	34,349	15,103	7,650	3,257	4,810
PW	1,487,896	34,327	15,020	7,235	2,915	4,742
LY	1,347,188	33,516	12,520	6,144	2,767	4,347
% PW	1%	0%	1%	6%	12%	1%
% LY	11%	2%	21%	25%	18%	11%
2012	44,652,758	1,047,025	456,847	232,048	98,087	149,178
2011	44,367,548	1,038,274	456,110	230,718	98,957	147,944
% YTD	1%	1%	0%	1%	-1%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.24	41.22	41.96
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.03	38.03	38.73

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	847,192	56.40%	21,259	61.90%
PREVIOUS WEEK	835,485	56.20%	20,756	60.50%
LAST YEAR	742,741	55.10%	19,698	58.80%

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 Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy with demand mostly light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	70-74	72-74
CHECKS	56-65	56-60
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 lower on breaking stock, checks and undergrades. Demand continues light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 18-Aug-2012 are 4 percent lower than the previous week and 2 percent higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	66-74	70-72
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	57-66	-
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 Aug 17, 2012 – Aug 23, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 146.50****FUTURE LOADS 29.75****TOTAL LOADS 176.25**

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	89.60	93.00	92.00	90.50	--	--	11.00	GL W J	106.00	--	--	125.50	116.20	120.12	7.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	91.00	--	--	--	.50	GL W XL	90.11	95.53	--	--	92.25	98.74	23.50
GL W J	--	--	107.00	109.00	105.80	--	8.00	GL W LG	88.34	99.13	--	--	88.75	95.46	63.75
GL W XL	--	92.50	95.21	97.23	85.74	88.00	42.75	GL W MD	63.14	73.71	--	--	--	71.52	23.75
GL W LG	--	--	92.43	92.64	84.77	90.00	81.00	GL BR LG	--	99.50	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	--	60.40	63.09	63.42	64.00	21.25	NRBS - 42	57.00	60.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	52.00	--	--	--	50.00	57.00	3.50	NRBS - 39	55.00	58.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	95.00								
GL BR MD	57.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	78.67	67.00	70.00	5.00								
NRBS - 45	--	67.00	63.00	69.00	62.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 42	--	66.00	--	--	61.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	58.00	60.50	56.20	55.00	--	--	2.25								
NRBS - 36	--	43.00	40.00	--	--	--	.50								

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 generally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient 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	124.50	123.00	79.00
SOUTHEAST	128.50	126.50	77.00
MIDWEST	119.50	117.50	74.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	130.50	127.50	79.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.95	123.78	77.58

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 18-Aug-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,235	2,007	3,242
Last Week	1,021	1,922	2,943
Same week yr ago	1,230	1,490	2,720
To-date/2012*	50,418	52,544	102,962
To-date/2011*	45,187	51,040	96,227

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	27	0	27
Last Week	254	0	254
Same week yr ago	413	50	463
To-date/2012*	9,061	36	9,097
To-date/2011*	12,588	348	12,936

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	1,262	2,007	3,269
Last Week	1,275	1,922	3,197
Same week yr ago	1,643	1,540	3,183
To-date/2012*	59,479	52,580	112,059
To-date/2011*	57,775	51,388	109,163

*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)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	0	0	726	819
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	8	0	59	139
Total	8	0	785	958

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	251	490	9,161	10,272
Frozen	8	58	783	638
Dried	0	0	0	48
Total	259	548	9,944	10,958

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	600	2,280	56,441	47,359
Large	1,780	4,650	113,846	88,517
Medium	0	810	20,520	26,805
Ungraded	4,440	192	77,054	81,386
Misc	0	0	1,620	600
Total	6,820	7,932	269,481	244,667

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

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

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

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

United States egg production totaled 7.73 billion during July 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 983 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2012 averaged 335 million, down slightly from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,307 eggs, up slightly from July 2011.

All layers in the United States on August 1, 2012 totaled 334 million, down slightly from last year. The 334 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2012, averaged 74.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2011.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 8 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2012 totaled 34.0 million, down 8 percent from July 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.6 million on August 1, 2012, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 262 thousand during July 2012, up 12 percent from July 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity	Jun-30		Jul-31		Jul-31, 2012 as a Percent of	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	Jun-30 2012
Frozen Egg						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	4,003	4,325	3,354	3,375	101%	78%
Yolks	3,084	2,275	2,485	2,539	102%	112%
Whole and mixed	6,929	11,707	8,712	11,956	137%	102%
Unclassified	19,797	21,884	19,373	20,804	107%	95%
Total Frozen Eggs	33,813	40,191	33,924	38,674	114%	96%

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 18-Aug-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	196.2	0	-5
East North Central	710.9	0	5
West North Central	314.3	2	10
South Atlantic	131.1	-1	-8
South Central	55.5	2	1
West	32.0	-1	-14
Total	1440.0	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)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Week ending 18-Aug-2012

Selected Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	17.4	17.8	-2	-7
Boston	2.9	2.8	4	-3
Chicago	54.6	56.0	-3	1
Los Angeles	56.9	49.8	14	-5
New Orleans	6.4	6.4	0	0
New York	37.7	36.2	4	3
St. Louis	93.2	88.9	5	20
San Francisco	17.0	15.2	12	1
Total	286.1	273.1	5	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	275.7			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs LBS	Turkeys LBS	Other Poultry LBS
AM	08/20/12	3,161	183,227	56,720
AM	08/01/12	3,163	183,933	58,091
CHG		-2	-706	-1371
PCT CHG		0%	0%	-2%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS August 21, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	169	160	107	91
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	160-164	151-155	103-107	84-89
MOSTLY	162-163	153-154	105-106	86-87
RHODE ISLAND	164-168	156-160	106-110	90-94
MOSTLY	164	156	106	90
VERMONT	169-179	160-169	107-110	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-