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This week, New York egg prices are steady for Extra Large and Large, 2 cents higher for Medium. Earlier in the week, regional prices declined for the heavier weight eggs, while the lighter weights increased in value. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for the larger sizes and higher for Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate with Large reported as moderate to heavy in the Midwestern region. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Processing schedules are full-time in preparation for the extended Labor Day weekend. 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	100-109	102-105	75-84	77-80
NORTHEAST	102-116	107-111	77-90	82-84
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.5-119	112-115	80.5-89	82-85
SOUTHEAST	110-113	111-114	76-92	79-83

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

IA-MN-WI	08/28/12	08/21/12	08/30/11
LARGE	82-92	92-102	107-117
MEDIUM	57-61	53-57	66-70

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

08/24/12

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

August 27, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.5	9.9	21.6	6.9	9.4	2.9	60.2
	% Change	-3.0%	1.9%	27.6%	9.4%	28.6%	-20.8%	12.0%
Extra Large	This Week	30.2	20.9	46.3	18.4	32.1	4.2	152.1
	% Change	-3.3%	-6.6%	-3.2%	-14.7%	-3.3%	1.0%	-5.2%
Large	This Week	64.9	108.4	152.9	100.9	82.2	74.9	584.2
	% Change	15.4%	-5.4%	14.4%	8.8%	6.8%	13.2%	8.1%
Medium	This Week	15.7	19.7	46.1	26.3	33.4	10.6	151.8
	% Change	1.6%	-10.9%	-15.1%	-17.2%	1.4%	-21.9%	-10.8%
Small	This Week	5.3	5.0	5.8	2.1	1.0	2.7	21.9
	% Change	-16.1%	-29.8%	-26.9%	42.6%	4.2%	-2.5%	-17.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.7	9.9	27.8	11.0	5.6	0.4	56.4
	% Change	7.7%	6.4%	0.1%	-9.8%	-11.6%	-65.8%	-3.4%
Ungraded	This Week	12.7	11.8	79.6	24.0	25.2	14.8	168.0
	% Change	16.4%	5.6%	0.3%	-7.8%	51.0%	11.1%	6.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	140.1	185.3	380.1	189.7	188.9	110.5	1,194.5
	% Change	6.4%	-5.5%	3.3%	-1.3%	8.3%	5.4%	2.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,194.5	2.4%
Breaking Stock	289.4	6.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,483.9	3.2%

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	7.7	7.6	1.3	3.6	4.1	3.1	27.5
	% Change	-7.3%	-15.6%	-9.7%	10.5%	27.1%	726.3%	7.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	24.9	17.7	9.5	1.7	53.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	-7.1%	86.3%	-13.7%	7.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.7	7.6	26.2	21.2	13.6	4.8	81.2
	% Change	-7.3%	-15.6%	2.7%	-4.5%	63.4%	106.0%	7.2%

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

	Large:	36.7%
	Ungraded:	69.2%
	Total:	58.2%

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 25-Aug-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,521,001	34,913	16,332	7,711	3,593	5,036
PW	1,501,430	34,349	15,103	7,650	3,257	4,810
LY	1,387,048	34,175	12,956	6,286	2,607	4,575
% PW	1%	2%	8%	1%	10%	5%
% LY	10%	2%	26%	23%	38%	10%
2012*	46,173,759	1,081,938	473,179	239,760	101,679	154,214
2011*	45,754,596	1,072,448	469,065	237,004	101,563	152,519
% YTD	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.07	41.24	41.81
(Inedible Excluded)	38.76	38.03	38.51

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	870,118	57.2%	21,551	61.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	847,192	56.4%	21,259	61.9%
LAST YEAR	770,160	55.5%	20,481	59.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Aug 18	Aug 25	Aug 18	Aug 25
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,551	27,927	19,877	20,089
Arkansas	20,944	20,651	19,160	19,431
Delaware	3,176	3,286	4,394	4,577
Florida	1,353	1,349	1,304	1,248
Georgia	31,810	30,825	26,860	26,597
Kentucky	7,639	7,641	5,893	6,196
Louisiana	3,135	3,167	2,796	2,836
Maryland	7,341	7,346	6,483	4,842
Mississippi	16,782	16,226	15,261	15,207
Missouri	8,022	8,032	5,029	5,723
North Carolina	19,474	19,688	15,323	15,684
Oklahoma	6,891	6,686	4,892	4,163
Pennsylvania	3,655	3,625	2,901	2,979
South Carolina	5,040	5,265	4,453	4,587
Texas	13,066	13,491	12,010	11,882
Virginia	6,043	6,049	4,721	4,918
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,029	10,490	11,084	10,859
19 State total	191,951	191,744	162,441	161,818
Previous year total	193,090	193,007	161,039	162,943
Percent of previous year	99	99	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 06-Oct-12 is estimated at 149.3 million head. This compares to 149.5 million head the previous week and to 152.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 158.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.30 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 08/23/12 - 08/29/12		Current Lds	146.75	Future Lds	26.25	Total Lds	173.00
CLASS	ORG	SE	DST	NE	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	82.00	--	--	83.67	85.33	--	6.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	91.60	93.50	--	2.50
GL W J	--	--	--	98.00	99.00	103.34	9.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	91.75	95.65	88.98	43.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	85.75	85.11	85.92	87.50
GL W MD	62.00	--	--	65.24	69.03	69.24	14.25
GL W SM	--	--	--	51.00	54.00	49.43	57.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	102.00	104.00	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	78.00	69.10	73.00
NRBS - 45	66.00	68.00	63.00	69.00	--	--	3.00
NRBS - 42	--	66.00	--	--	61.00	--	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-Aug-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	PW	% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	
Atlanta	19.2	17.4	10	-20
Boston	3.4	2.9	17	10
Chicago	62.3	54.6	14	9
Los Angeles	48.8	56.9	-14	0
New Orleans	6.7	6.4	5	18
New York	32.6	37.7	-14	-3
St. Louis	88.9	93.2	-5	5
San Francisco	18.5	17.0	9	18
Total	280.4	286.1	-2	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	276.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 25-Aug-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,905	2,735	19	10	4,669
Avg Wt	17.05	38.34	24.14	31.29	29.58
Last week	1,784	2,659	26	6	4,475
Same wk yr ago	1,959	2,458	29	10	4,456
Avg Wt	16.69	37.07	26.03	26.62	28.02
To-date/2012*	61,474	86,958	783	252	149,467
To-date/2011*	61,291	87,624	710	246	149,871
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	10%	2%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	25,981	83,879	346	236	110,442
Last week	23,378	80,174	480	169	104,201
Same wk yr ago	26,157	72,894	581	205	99,837
To-date/2012*	826,248	2,794,903	15,613	6,430	3,643,194
To-date/2011*	833,733	2,721,789	16,304	5,885	3,577,711
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-4%	9%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	75.5%	75.5%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-Aug-12 (Preliminary)	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg		
North East	600	-7	26.52 (A)	602
South Atlantic	732	27	37.74 (A)	734
North Central	2,284	1	31.77 (A)	2,286
South Central	801	9	18.87 (A)	803
West	242	0	27.15 (A)	244
U.S. total	4,659 (B)	4	29.58	4,669
To-date				
2012*	149,215 (B)			252
To-date				
2011*	149,625 (B)			246

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date* 783,000; for last year to date* 710,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 25-Aug-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	157,800	1,917	1,945	3,862	435
Avg Wt	5.79	3.12	7.72	5.44	6.57
Last week	157,872	1,235	2,007	3,242	401
Same wk yr ago	157,223	1,231	1,438	2,669	412
Avg Wt	5.63	3.31	7.98	5.83	6.81
To-date/2012*	5,187,670	52,335	54,489	106,824	14,138
To-date/2011*	5,418,103	46,418	52,478	98,896	14,728
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	4%	8%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	689,815	3,230	10,286	13,516	2,072
Last week	671,059	2,214	10,421	12,635	1,910
Same wk yr ago	659,448	2,160	7,344	9,504	2,020

To-date/2012*	22,330,266	88,213	287,957	376,170	68,136
To-date/2011*	23,087,983	79,388	273,271	352,659	71,616
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	5%	7%	-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 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 5.9 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
Jul 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
18	159.8	155.0	103%	5.63
25	159.7	153.8	104%	5.79
Year to date	5250.8	5240.6	100%	
Sep 1		153.9		
8		153.0		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 25-Aug-12

Class	Current Week 09/01/12 (1)	Previous Week 08/25/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	156,925 (2)	159,748
Light hens	1,629	1,900
Heavy hens	1,751	1,960
Total	160,305	163,608

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Sep-12 is 153.9 million head compared to 163.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.2 million head or 3.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 08-Sep-12 the estimated available is 153.0 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

		(INCL GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS	
AM	08/27/12	3,252	185,903	54,964	
AM	08/01/12	3,163	183,933	58,091	
CHG		89	1970	-3127	
PCT CHG		3%	1%	-5%	

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 107.00- 114.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 107.00-114.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

24-Aug-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5-21.0	13.69
Prices in cents per pound.		

(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 25-Aug-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	208.3	6	-1
East North Central	696.0	-2	5
West North Central	314.0	0	8
South Atlantic	133.4	2	-2
South Central	55.3	0	7
West	32.1	0	-14
Total	1439.1	0	4

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 27-Aug-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	104.00	102.95	19	87.81
New York	83.00-86.00	84.77	22	84.98

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
72.00-85.00			78.39	56

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	08/27/12	Change Last Wk	08/20/12	08/29/11
322	84.33	-1.22	85.55	78.74

