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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



For this period, New York prices increased for all egg sizes. Early in the week, regional prices were higher for Medium and steady for the balance. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to firm for Mediums. Retail demand is light to moderate with some improvement noted. Food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity ranges slow to moderate, instances active in the Southwestern region. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate with offerings light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the extended Holiday 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	77-86	79-82
NORTHEAST	102-116	107-111	79-92	84-86
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.5-119	112-115	82.5-91	84-87
SOUTHEAST	110-117	111-114	80-88	81-85

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

IA-MN-WI	09/04/12	08/28/12	09/06/11
LARGE	82-92	82-92	89-99
MEDIUM	59-63	57-61	58-62

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

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	110.50	109.00	83.00
SOUTHEAST	114.50	112.50	81.00
MIDWEST	105.50	103.50	78.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	116.50	113.50	83.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	111.96	109.78	81.58

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)<sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

September 04, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.4	10.4	17.2	7.8	9.4	2.9	56.0
	% Change	-12.3%	5.3%	-20.5%	12.6%	0.0%	-0.3%	-7.0%
Extra Large	This Week	27.2	20.7	36.3	19.4	29.1	5.3	138.1
	% Change	-10.0%	-0.7%	-21.5%	5.5%	-9.2%	25.2%	-9.2%
Large	This Week	63.1	114.1	134.1	102.3	72.4	66.9	552.9
	% Change	-2.8%	5.3%	-12.2%	1.3%	-12.0%	-10.7%	-5.4%
Medium	This Week	18.4	17.9	55.7	33.9	30.3	11.0	167.2
	% Change	17.0%	-8.7%	20.7%	28.6%	-9.2%	4.5%	10.2%
Small	This Week	3.7	3.5	7.4	3.0	2.3	2.5	22.5
	% Change	-29.6%	-28.6%	26.9%	44.1%	129.0%	-6.7%	2.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.6	11.7	27.5	13.3	5.9	0.7	61.7
	% Change	55.7%	18.6%	-1.3%	21.0%	4.4%	68.3%	9.3%
Ungraded	This Week	12.7	8.6	84.7	30.3	28.9	15.7	180.8
	% Change	-0.2%	-27.3%	6.4%	26.4%	14.8%	6.1%	7.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	136.1	186.9	362.9	210.0	178.3	105.0	1,179.2
	% Change	-2.8%	0.9%	-4.5%	10.7%	-5.6%	-5.0%	-1.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,179.2	-1.3%
Breaking Stock	263.1	-9.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,442.3</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>

## Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	6.5	7.9	4.9	3.5	3.0	2.9	28.6
	% Change	-16.7%	3.4%	271.0%	-2.5%	-26.5%	-6.7%	4.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	24.6	15.1	12.3	2.5	54.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.4%	-14.7%	29.5%	47.1%	1.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.5	7.9	29.4	18.6	15.3	5.4	83.0
	% Change	-16.7%	3.4%	12.2%	-12.6%	12.7%	12.2%	2.2%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic: Large: 28.0%  
Ungraded: 74.2%  
Total: 58.3%

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 01-Sept-2012	(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,491,836	34,319	15,299	7,754	3,554	4,942
PW	1,521,001	34,913	16,332	7,711	3,593	5,036
LY	1,382,897	33,435	13,528	6,637	3,412	4,567
% PW	-2%	-2%	-6%	1%	-1%	-2%
% LY	8%	3%	13%	17%	4%	8%
2012*	47,665,595	1,116,257	488,478	247,513	105,233	159,157
2011*	47,137,493	1,105,883	482,594	243,641	104,976	157,086
% YTD	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.77	42.07	42.06
(Inedible Excluded)	38.46	38.76	38.76

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	830,011	55.6%	20,615	60.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	870,118	57.2%	21,551	61.7%
LAST YEAR	781,352	56.5%	20,271	60.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Aug 25	Sept 01	Aug 25	Sept 01
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,927	27,193	20,005	20,043
Arkansas	20,651	20,757	19,431	19,027
Delaware	3,286	3,259	4,577	4,947
Florida	1,349	1,347	1,248	1,186
Georgia	31,721	31,331	26,659	26,271
Kentucky	7,641	7,616	6,126	6,404
Louisiana	3,167	3,211	2,836	2,871
Maryland	7,346	6,944	5,682	5,738
Mississippi	16,168	16,326	15,202	14,397
Missouri	8,032	7,708	5,723	5,854
North Carolina	19,688	19,445	15,684	15,827
Oklahoma	6,686	6,693	4,163	4,437
Pennsylvania	3,726	3,579	2,953	2,845
South Carolina	5,265	4,721	4,587	3,847
Texas	13,491	12,731	11,882	11,448
Virginia	6,049	5,985	4,918	3,877
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,347	10,620	10,859	11,073
19 State total	192,540	189,466	162,535	160,092
Previous year total	193,007	189,258	162,943	160,923
Percent of previous year	100	100	100	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 13-Oct-12 is estimated at 148.5 million head. This compares to 149.3 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.29 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 08/30/12 - 09/05/12		Current Lds 110.25		Future Lds 15.75		Total Lds 126.00	
		SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.00	89.00	83.50	85.50	--	--	6.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	102.00	--	1.25
GL W XL	99.75	--	95.25	95.68	95.41	102.50	28.75
GL W LG	--	89.50	99.67	89.50	93.58	91.00	54.00
GL W MD	--	74.00	69.40	73.42	70.19	80.00	10.25
GL W SM	55.00	--	54.00	57.00	51.00	--	5.00
GL BR XL	--	--	95.00	97.00	--	--	1.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50
GL BR MD	62.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	72.00	74.00	84.00	86.00	81.00	--	4.00
NRBS - 45	70.00	72.00	--	--	--	--	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 01-Sep-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	18.4	19.2	-4	-1		
Boston	2.4	3.4	-29	0		
Chicago	56.8	62.3	-9	-4		
Los Angeles	58.6	48.8	20	1		
New Orleans	6.6	6.7	-1	-1		
New York	36.2	32.6	11	-8		
St. Louis	85.3	88.9	-4	32		
San Francisco	17.5	18.5	-5	-1		
Total	281.8	280.4	0	6		
4 Week Moving Avg.	280.4					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 01-Sep-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	1,708	2,602	55	16	4,381
Avg Wt	16.93	39.87	27.42	29.96	30.74
Last week	1,905	2,735	19	10	4,669
Same wk yr ago	1,812	2,576	22	7	4,417
Avg Wt	16.23	37.25	25.98	27.73	28.56
To-date/2012*	63,182	89,560	838	268	153,848
To-date/2011*	63,103	90,200	732	253	154,288
% Change YTD	0%	-1%	14%	6%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	23,139	82,996	1,138	362	107,635
Last week	25,981	83,879	346	236	110,442
Same wk yr ago	23,527	76,765	440	149	100,881
To-date/2012*	849,387	2,877,899	16,751	6,792	3,750,829
To-date/2011*	857,260	2,798,554	16,744	6,034	3,678,592
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	0%	13%	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 01-Sep-12	-----Young turkeys-----		Avg Breeders	Total Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg		
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-
North East	623	4	25.63	(A) 627
South Atlantic	644	-12	36.01	(A) 647
North Central	2,180	-5	34.54	(A) 2,183
South Central	684	-15	19.46	(A) 687
West	234	-3	27.4	(A) 237
U.S. total	4,365 (B)	-6	30.74	16 4,381
To-date				
2012*	153,580 (B)			268 153,848
To-date				
2011*	154,035 (B)			253 154,288

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 55,000; for the current year to date\* 838,000; for last year to date\* 732,000.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 01-Sep-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	156,776	1,720	1,770	3,490	406
Avg Wt	5.73	3.19	8.15	5.71	6.76
Last week	157,800	1,917	1,945	3,862	435
Same wk yr ago	161,414	1,387	1,379	2,766	441
Avg Wt	5.64	3.34	7.41	5.37	6.77
To-date/2012*	5,344,446	54,055	56,259	110,314	14,544
To-date/2011*	5,579,517	47,805	53,857	101,662	15,169
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	4%	9%	-4%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	678,236	2,963	9,881	12,844	1,990
Last week	689,815	3,230	10,286	13,516	2,072
Same wk yr ago	678,229	2,455	6,540	8,995	2,150
To-date/2012*	23,008,502	91,176	297,838	389,014	70,126
To-date/2011*	23,766,212	81,843	279,811	361,654	73,766
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	6%	8%	-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 153.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.7 million head, or 4.8 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 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
Sep 1	158.7	153.9	103%	5.73
Year to date	5409.5	5394.5	100%	
Sep 8		153.0		
15		152.9		

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

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

Week Ending 08-September-12

Class	Current Week 09/08/12 (1)	Previous Week 09/01/12
Broiler/fryer	143,131 (2)	156,925
Light hens	1,583	1,629
Heavy hens	1,778	1,751
Total	146,492	160,305

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Sep-12 is 153.0 million head compared to 143.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 143.4 million head or 9.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 15-Sep-12 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry
	(INCL GOVT STOCKS)	(IN THOUSANDS)	
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 09/03/12	2,964	190,065	57,675
AM 08/01/12	3,163	183,933	58,091
CHG	-199	6132	-416
PCT CHG	-6%	3%	-1%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	36	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	573	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	644	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	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**

31-Aug-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5-21.0	13.70
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 01-Sep-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	206.9	-1	1
East North Central	712.2	2	8
West North Central	316.2	1	7
South Atlantic	129.2	-3	-5
South Central	54.3	-2	6
West	33.2	3	-14
Total	1452.0	1	5

Matched plants reporting 69

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)

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 03-Sep-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A Majority	Wtd Avg	Composite Load	Wtd Avg	Loads
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Los Angeles	105.00	103.13	16	84.10	72
New York	80.00-83.00	81.38	21	83.06	40

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:	Composite Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads
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Chicago	62.00-74.00		74.28	60
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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	09/03/12	Change Last Wk	08/27/12	09/05/11
329	81.60	-2.73	84.33	77.97



