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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, 4 cents higher on Medium. Regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium, steady on Jumbo. Retail and food service demand range light to instances good, mostly moderate with improvements noted in some regions. Demand for shell eggs to Mexico continues at a moderate to fairly good pace. Offerings are light to moderate for present trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate while moderate to at times active in the Midwest and West Coast region. Breaking stock offerings are light; schedules are irregular. Spent hen offerings are at least adequate with less than normal processing schedules.



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 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large, 3 cents higher for Medium, and 1 cent higher for Small. The undertone is firm. Retail demand has improved slightly but is still noted as light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Offerings are light with demand light to fairly good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	101-110	104-107
Large	100-109	102-105
Medium	77-86	79-82

  

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	108-116	109-111
Large	106-114	107-109
Medium	83-91	84-86

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	84-94	88
Medium	65-69	67
Small	45-51	

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. Next week's asking prices are 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 6 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is fully steady for the larger sizes and firm for Medium. Retail demand ranges light to at times fairly good. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is in a full range light to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	113.5-122	115-118
Large	110.5-119	112-115
Medium	82.5-91	84-87

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes and Mediums. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate with Large in the lightest position for present needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is light to at times moderate on light offerings as eggs are directed into grading channels. Spent hen offerings are at least adequate; demand is light to fair.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111.5-119	113-116
Large	110-117	111-114
Medium	80-88	81-85

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 higher. The undertone is firm on Medium. Offerings are moderate on Large, mostly light to moderate on Extra Large, light on Medium. Retail demand is improving. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light and demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings of light hens are at least adequate for a light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	108-126	109-112
Large	102-116	107-111
Medium	79-92	84-86

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 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 4 cents higher on Medium. Current offerings are light to instances moderate on Extra Large, moderate on Large and light on Medium. Retail demand continues light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	120-124
Large	118-122
Medium	101-105

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and firm for Medium. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is light to mostly moderate while movement of shell eggs into Mexico is rated moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiments is steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and firm for Medium. Retail demand is light to mostly moderate while demand for shell eggs to Mexico continues at a moderate to fairly good pace. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Small benchmark price \$1.02.

**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	162
Extra Large	153
Large	141
Medium	122

**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	144-156
Extra Large	135-153
Large	118-130
Medium	102-112

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

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

**LIQUID EGGS**

Whole egg prices are irregular with whites and yolk higher. Trade sentiment is firm for whole egg and yolk and steady to fully steady for whites. Offerings are light for all products. Demand is moderate to fairly good for whole egg, moderate for whites and good for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Aug Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	62.00 - 74.00	7	66.57	66.00	4	66.00	42	69.35
Whites	48.00 - 59.00	9	50.78	46.00 - 57.00	18	49.67	65	50.25
Yolk	108.00 - 119.00	8	111.63	101.00 - 107.00	13	104.38	33	102.45

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to higher with whites steady to lower and sugared and salted yolk higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites and firm for yolk. Demand is light to mostly moderate on light to moderate offerings. Freezer stocks are light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	87.00 - 94.00	89.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 93.00	88.00 - 89.00	90.50	77.00
Whites	67.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 79.00	68.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 79.00	74.40	73.00
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	123.00 - 128.00	124.00 - 126.00	120.00 - 126.00	123.00 - 125.00	119.30	93.88
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	120.00 - 130.00	123.00 - 126.00	116.00 - 124.00	122.00 - 123.00	115.70	90.13

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	90.00 - 96.00	90.00 - 92.00	90.00 - 92.00		90.70	74.88
Whites	74.00 - 75.00		73.00 - 75.00		73.60	71.75
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	125.00 - 130.00		120.00 - 130.00	125.00 - 130.00	115.70	94.25
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	125.00 - 130.00		120.00 - 130.00	125.00 - 130.00	115.70	94.25

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are steady to higher on whole, steady on yolk, lower on albumen and higher on blends. The undertone is steady to firm for whole, yolk and blends. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Inquiries for the next two quarters increased, however trading is limited. Supplies are light to at times moderate. The market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.05 - 3.85	3.25 - 3.30	3.00 - 3.85	3.25 - 3.30	3.37	2.69
Yolk	2.65 - 3.16	2.80 - 2.85	2.65 - 3.16	2.70 - 2.75	2.61	1.98
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.95 - 5.80	5.25 - 5.30	5.10 - 6.05	5.25 - 5.30	5.42	4.69
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.50 - 2.75	2.50 - 2.55	2.45 - 2.50		2.49	2.23

<sup>2/</sup> Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup> Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 01-SEP-2012	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
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%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.77	42.07	42.06
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.46	38.76	38.76

**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	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%

**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** All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Offerings are light with demand ranging light to fairly good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	80-82	
CHECKS	63-72	63-67
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices continue higher. Offerings are light as eggs are diverted to grading channels. Demand is light to instances moderate. Breaking schedules are irregular following the holiday. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 01-Sep-2012 are 2 percent higher than the previous week and 11 percent higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	79-90	84-86
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-72	68
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 31, 2012 – Sept 06, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 103.00								FUTURE LOADS 26.25				TOTAL LOADS 129.25				
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	87.00	89.00	84.50	86.33	--	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	100.88	--	2.00	GL W J	114.50	112.00	--	132.00	116.00	117.26	6.00	
GL W XL	99.75	--	98.17	97.95	96.28	102.50	27.25	GL W XL	100.50	110.65	--	--	--	111.41	8.75	
GL W LG	--	89.50	99.33	90.00	88.76	92.58	42.50	GL W LG	113.85	108.07	--	--	--	107.23	40.25	
GL W MD	--	--	69.80	73.81	70.30	80.00	10.50	GL W MD	72.50	77.75	79.00	--	--	82.13	10.50	
GL W SM	55.00	--	54.00	57.00	51.00	--	3.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	120.00	.25	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	103.00	--	.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	108.00	.50	
GL BR XL	--	--	100.00	102.00	94.00	97.50	2.25	GL BR LG	--	99.50	--	--	--	108.00	1.50	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	94.00	95.83	4.50	NRBS - 50	73.00	--	--	--	--	80.00	1.00	
NRBS - 48	72.00	74.00	83.92	86.57	81.00	--	8.00									
NRBS - 45	70.00	72.00	--	--	--	--	1.00									

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 generally steady for the generally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules are less than normal do to the Labor Day holiday. 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	110.50	109.00	85.00
Southeast	114.50	112.50	83.00
Midwest	105.50	103.50	80.50
South Central	116.50	113.50	85.50
Combined Regional	111.96	109.78	83.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 01-Sep-12

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,720	1,770	3,490
Last Week	1,917	1,945	3,862
Same week yr ago	1,387	1,379	2,766
To-date/2012*	54,055	56,259	110,314
To-date/2011*	47,805	53,857	101,662

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	245	0	245
Last Week	109	0	109
Same week yr ago	282	0	282
To-date/2012*	9,415	36	9,451
To-date/2011*	12,870	348	13,218

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	1,965	1,770	3,735
Last Week	2,026	1,945	3,971
Same week yr ago	1,669	1,379	3,048
To-date/2012*	63,470	56,295	119,765
To-date/2011*	60,675	54,205	114,880

\*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	49	144	775	1,159
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	99	139
Total	49	144	874	1,298

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	157	283	9,473	10,799
Frozen	40	9	867	654
Dried	0	0	0	48
Total	197	292	10,340	11,501

**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	3,330	1,740	62,441	50,449
Large	6,010	7,640	123,046	100,977
Medium	750	810	22,020	27,675
Ungraded	0	16,326	83,324	105,122
Misc	0	0	1,620	600
Total	10,090	26,516	292,451	284,823

/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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry
		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:

<b>Frozen Eggs</b>	36	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
<b>Processed Turkeys</b>	573	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
<b>Processed Other Poultry</b>	644	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**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	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)			

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Week ending 01-Sep-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
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			

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** September 04, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	158	148	109	91
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	151-155	141-145	102-106	84-88
	153-154	143-144	104-105	86-87
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	157-161	147-151	108-112	90-94
	157	147	108	90
VERMONT MOSTLY	158-159	148-149	109	-
	-	-	-	-