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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are sharply higher for all egg sizes. Early in the week, regional prices were unchanged for Jumbo and higher on the balance of sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply higher for both heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is mixed and ranges light to good. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Export demand into Mexico is reported as good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. All breaking stock prices continue higher. The undertone is fully steady to mostly firm. Demand is fairly good to good with offerings light and confidently held. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs remain steady. Demand is light to moderate. 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
MIDWEST	102-111	104-107	83-92	85-88
NORTHEAST	104-118	109-113	85-98	90-92
SOUTH CENTRAL	112.5-121	114-117	88.5-97	90-93
SOUTHEAST	111-127	113-116	82-98	87-91

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

IA-MN-WI	09/11/12	09/04/12	09/13/11
LARGE	88-98	82-92	75-85
MEDIUM	72-76	59-63	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	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 SHELL EGG INVENTORY:** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)<sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

September 10, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	6.9	11.2	14.8	6.4	10.4	5.1	54.8
	% Change	-17.3%	8.1%	-13.6%	-17.0%	10.4%	72.4%	-2.1%
Extra Large	This Week	25.4	20.3	31.2	18.9	28.7	3.9	128.5
	% Change	-6.7%	-2.2%	-14.1%	-2.5%	-1.4%	-25.2%	-7.0%
Large	This Week	59.8	105.4	102.2	78.2	64.8	47.2	457.5
	% Change	-5.3%	-7.6%	-23.8%	-23.6%	-10.5%	-29.5%	-17.3%
Medium	This Week	21.1	18.7	57.2	29.0	30.4	7.0	163.4
	% Change	14.8%	4.1%	2.7%	-14.3%	0.4%	-36.8%	-2.3%
Small	This Week	5.9	3.4	7.0	1.6	2.1	1.4	21.3
	% Change	56.4%	-3.4%	-5.7%	-47.7%	-10.5%	-43.8%	-5.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	14.1	22.6	13.8	5.0	1.0	58.6
	% Change	-15.4%	20.8%	-17.6%	3.2%	-15.1%	37.7%	-4.9%
Ungraded	This Week	15.7	9.0	105.4	26.3	27.7	15.8	199.8
	% Change	24.0%	5.3%	24.5%	-13.4%	-4.2%	0.7%	10.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	136.9	182.1	340.4	174.2	169.0	81.3	1,083.9
	% Change	0.6%	-2.6%	-6.2%	-17.1%	-5.2%	-22.6%	-8.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,083.9	-8.1%
Breaking Stock	265.8	1.0%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,349.7</b>	<b>-6.4%</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	6.3	8.0	5.5	3.8	3.2	4.8	31.6
	% Change	-2.2%	1.9%	13.8%	8.9%	5.3%	63.5%	10.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.5	13.5	12.3	0.0	53.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	11.9%	-10.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	-2.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.3	8.0	33.0	17.3	15.5	4.8	84.9
	% Change	-2.2%	1.9%	12.2%	-6.9%	1.0%	-11.8%	2.2%

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

Large:	26.0%
Ungraded:	73.8%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>56.0%</b>

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 08-Sept-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,421,948	32,657	14,754	7,462	3,230	4,820
PW	1,491,836	34,319	15,299	7,754	3,554	4,942
LY	1,328,136	32,007	12,854	6,278	3,056	4,271
% PW	-5%	-5%	-4%	-4%	-9%	-2%
% LY	7%	2%	15%	19%	6%	13%
2012*	49,087,543	1,148,915	503,232	254,975	108,463	163,977
2011*	48,465,629	1,137,890	495,448	249,919	108,031	161,356
% YTD	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.98	41.77	41.72
(Inedible Excluded)	38.59	38.46	38.50

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	849,120	59.7%	20,279	62.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	830,011	55.6%	20,615	60.1%
LAST YEAR	756,662	57.0%	19,786	61.8%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Sept 01	Sept 08	Sept 01	Sept 08
Alabama	27,163	26,639	20,056	19,993
Arkansas	20,757	19,074	19,027	20,937
Delaware	3,259	3,143	4,947	4,023
Florida	1,347	1,353	1,186	1,105
Georgia	31,331	30,962	26,271	25,819
Kentucky	7,616	7,249	6,404	6,403
Louisiana	3,211	3,285	2,871	2,857
Maryland	6,944	6,932	5,738	6,350
Mississippi	16,326	16,513	14,397	14,411
Missouri	7,708	8,037	5,854	4,937
North Carolina	19,445	18,217	15,827	15,780
Oklahoma	6,693	6,539	4,437	3,843
Pennsylvania	3,584	3,532	2,838	3,038
South Carolina	4,721	5,402	3,847	5,263
Texas	12,731	13,540	11,448	10,650
Virginia	5,985	5,798	3,877	4,503
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,521	10,110	11,021	9,684
19 State total	189,342	186,325	160,046	159,596
Previous year total	189,258	185,218	160,923	160,203
Percent of previous year	100	101	99	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 20-Oct-12 is estimated at 147.1 million head. This compares to 148.5 million head the previous week and to 153.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.60 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 09/06/12 - 09/12/12						
Current Lds	126.50	Future Lds	59.25	Total Lds	185.75	
	SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	92.33	98.25	89.25	93.60	--	--
GNR BR 1	--	--	99.00	101.00	--	--
GL W J	117.00	--	--	--	109.30	--
GL W XL	--	128.00	104.53	104.72	111.35	117.00
GL W LG	--	--	98.88	98.57	102.54	93.10
GL W MD	--	--	85.17	88.00	85.05	--
GL W SM	59.00	--	57.33	60.00	58.00	65.00
GL BR XL	--	--	98.78	100.00	94.00	97.50
GL BR LG	--	--	103.00	104.00	94.00	95.83
GL BR MD	--	--	--	87.25	78.00	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	83.88	87.00	--	--
NRBS - 45	--	77.00	--	--	72.00	--

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 08-Sep-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases	in thousands	LW	LY		
Atlanta	19.5		18.4	6	-11	
Boston	2.9		2.4	21	-6	
Chicago	59.9		56.8	5	-3	
Los Angeles	61.3		58.6	5	3	
New Orleans	7.6		6.6	15	31	
New York	34.7		36.2	-4	7	
St. Louis	94.0		85.3	10	22	
San Francisco	19.4		17.5	11	13	
Total	299.3		281.8	6	7	
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.9					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 08-Sep-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Turkeys	
Head	1,493	2,430	16	5	3,944
Avg Wt	16.75	37.79	25.43	35.06	29.77
Last week	1,708	2,602	55	16	4,381
Same wk yr ago	1,725	2,161	25	2	3,913
Avg Wt	16.90	37.99	25.48	53.42	28.62
To-date/2012*	64,675	91,990	854	273	157,792
To-date/2011*	64,828	92,361	757	255	158,201
% Change YTD	0%	0%	13%	7%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	20,008	73,471	307	132	93,918
Last week	23,139	82,996	1,138	362	107,635
Same wk yr ago	23,322	65,677	490	82	89,571
To-date/2012*	869,395	2,951,370	17,058	6,924	3,844,747
To-date/2011*	880,582	2,864,231	17,234	6,116	3,768,163
% Change YTD	-1%	3%	-1%	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 08-Sep-12 (Preliminary)						
	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total	Turkeys
	Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			
	Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-	Live wt	
North East	533	-14	25.65	(A)	534	25.65
South Atlantic	626	-3	35.32	(A)	627	35.32
North Central	1,922	-12	32.58	(A)	1,923	32.58
South Central	664	-3	19.25	(A)	665	19.25
West	194	-17	31.36	(A)	195	31.36
U.S. total	3,939 (B)	-10	29.77	5	3,944	29.77
To-date						
2012*	157,519 (B)			273	157,792	
To-date						
2011*	157,946 (B)			255	158,201	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 16,000; for the current year to date\* 854,000; for last year to date\* 757,000.  
 \*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 08-Sep-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	139,196	1,496	1,754	3,250	390
Avg Wt	5.74	3.06	8.04	5.75	6.69
Last week	156,776	1,720	1,770	3,490	406
Same wk yr ago	141,495	1,293	1,579	2,872	397
Avg Wt	5.73	3.17	7.88	5.76	6.71
To-date/2012*	5,483,642	55,551	58,013	113,564	14,934
To-date/2011*	5,721,012	49,098	55,436	104,534	15,566
% Change YTD	-4%	13%	5%	9%	-4%

**Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage**

Current week	603,234	2,472	9,660	12,132	1,892
Last week	678,236	2,963	9,881	12,844	1,990
Same wk yr ago	604,021	2,172	7,963	10,135	1,918
To-date/2012*	23,611,736	93,648	307,498	401,146	72,018
To-date/2011*	24,370,233	84,015	287,774	371,789	75,684
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	7%	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 153.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 140.9 million head, or 12.1 million less 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
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
8	140.9	153.0	92%	5.74
Year to date	5550.4	5547.5	100%	
Sep 15		152.9		
22		153.5		

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

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

Week Ending 15-September-12

Class	Current Week 09/15/12 (1)	Previous Week 09/08/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	157,048 (2)	143,131
Light hens	1,206	1,583
Heavy hens	1,760	1,778
Total	160,014	146,492

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Sep-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 22-Sep-12 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 09/10/12	3,202	186,677	55,284
AM 09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675
CHG	238	-3388	-2391
PCT CHG	8%	-2%	-4%

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens is 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**

07-Sep-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5-21.0	13.72
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 08-Sep-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	210.8	2	4
East North Central	694.1	-3	6
West North Central	311.1	-2	10
South Atlantic	131.0	1	-5
South Central	53.7	-1	6
West	34.0	2	-7
Total	1434.7	-1	5

Matched plants reporting

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 10-Sep-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	105.00	104.07	15	86.90
New York	80.00-83.00	81.36	22	82.87

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
66.00-78.00			77.11	52

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	09/10/12	Change Last Wk	09/03/12	09/12/11
312	83.16	1.56	81.60	76.00

