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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Shell New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate while moderate to instances heavy in the Southeast region. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to usually moderate. Breaking stock supplies are light to moderate; schedules are normal to reduced. Light type hen offerings are 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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light on moderate to instances good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	122-131	125-128
LARGE	121-130	123-126
MEDIUM	104-113	106-109

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129-137	130-132
LARGE	127-135	128-130
MEDIUM	110-118	111-113

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	116-126	120
MEDIUM	92-96	94
SMALL	51-57	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, & western PA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Next week's asking prices are 15 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 6 cents higher for Medium. Demand remains moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is moderate to instances good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	134.5-143	136-139
LARGE	131.5-140	133-136
MEDIUM	109.5-118	111-114

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes and Mediums. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand remains moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy for current trading purposes. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate; demand is light. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for normal to part-time processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-139	133-136
LARGE	117-137	131-134
MEDIUM	93.5-115	108-112

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. The undertone is steady. Current offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is light however distributive demand is usually moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. Breaking stock supplies in the East are sufficient for a light demand. Light hen offerings are sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	128-143	129-135
LARGE	121-135	126-130
MEDIUM	105-118	110-112

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**NEW YORK** Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand continues light. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is usually moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	148-152
LARGE	146-150
MEDIUM	123-127

**WESTERN** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate while demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on light to mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.29.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shell egg marketer's 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	172
EXTRA LARGE	177
LARGE	165
MEDIUM	149

**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	154-166
EXTRA LARGE	159-177
LARGE	142-154
MEDIUM	129-139

**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 steady to lower and yolk higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to instances firm for whole egg and yolk and steady to fully steady for whites. Offerings are light to moderate for all liquid products. Demand is fairly good for whole egg and yolk and moderate to fairly good for whites. 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	88.00 - 91.00	8	89.88	71.00 - 97.00	10	87.30	42	69.35
Whites	50.00 - 61.00	11	51.64	50.00 - 63.00	13	51.19	65	50.25
Yolk	134.00 - 137.00	12	136.17	114.00 - 133.00	11	122.64	33	102.45

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen white prices are steady to lower with the balance of frozen prices sharply higher. Trade sentiment is steady for whites and fully steady to firm on the balance of frozen products. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and held confidently. Freezer stocks continue light. 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	102.00 - 113.00	106.00 - 111.00	90.00 - 105.00	99.00 - 101.00	90.50	77.00
Whites	67.00 - 78.00	72.00 - 74.00	67.00 - 79.00	70.00 - 72.00	74.40	73.00
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	141.00 - 151.00	145.00 - 148.00	131.00 - 144.00	133.00 - 138.00	119.30	93.88
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	137.00 - 147.00	137.00 - 144.00	128.00 - 140.00	128.00 - 135.00	115.70	90.13

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	100.00 - 105.00		95.00 - 100.00		90.70	74.88
Whites	74.00 - 75.00		74.00 - 75.00	75.00	73.60	71.75
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	145.00 - 148.00	145.00	125.00 - 140.00	125.00 - 130.00	115.70	94.25
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	145.00 - 145.00	145.00	125.00 - 130.00		115.70	94.25

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

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are higher on yolk, albumen and blends, mixed on whole. The undertone is firm on all products. Offerings are light to moderate and held confidently for the generally moderate demand. Supplies are at times light to moderate. Domestic and international inquiries continue as buyers and sellers watch market developments. 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	3.20 - 4.10	3.55 - 3.65	3.28 - 3.78	3.30 - 3.35	3.37	2.69
Yolk	3.05 - 3.47	3.25 - 3.30	2.93 - 3.16	3.00 - 3.05	2.61	1.98
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	5.10 - 6.05	5.30 - 5.35	5.05 - 5.40	5.25 - 5.30	5.42	4.69
Blends <sup>3/</sup>			2.55 - 2.60		2.49	2.23

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

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 15-SEP-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,380,599	32,891	14,117	6,975	2,736	4,686
PW	1,421,948	32,657	14,754	7,462	3,230	4,820
LY	1,368,577	32,303	13,244	7,196	2,618	4,784
% PW	-3%	1%	-4%	-7%	-15%	-3%
% LY	1%	2%	7%	-3%	5%	-2%
2012	50,468,142	1,181,806	517,350	261,951	111,199	168,662
2011	49,834,206	1,170,194	508,691	257,115	110,649	166,140
% YTD	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.50	41.98	42.03
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.10	38.59	38.54

**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	767,679	55.6%	19,172	58.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	849,120	59.7%	20,279	62.1%
LAST YEAR	739,554	54.0%	19,586	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 fully steady to firm. Offerings are light on moderate to instances good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	96-100	96-98
CHECKS	79-87	79-83
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices are higher. Demand is light. Supplies are sufficient to cover current commitments. Breaking schedules are normal to reduced. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 15-Sep-2012 are 14 percent higher than the previous week and 5 percent lower than the same week the previous year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	92-113	92-98
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	76-85	84
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

**DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2012-SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

**CURRENT LOADS 133.25 FUTURE LOADS 31.25 TOTAL LOADS 164.50**

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	110.83	119.50	112.50	114.20	--	--	44.00	GNR W 1	--	125.95	--	--	--	--	27.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	126.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	127.44	--	4.50	GL W J	--	--	--	148.50	139.77	141.52	7.75
GL W XL	--	--	127.17	129.84	125.65	--	40.00	GL W XL	130.18	142.00	--	--	--	140.08	14.50
GL W LG	123.95	133.67	120.75	121.46	122.49	126.57	72.75	GL W LG	117.38	128.97	--	--	--	135.32	73.25
GL W MD	--	--	94.57	100.83	97.50	103.00	11.75	GL W MD	--	113.00	93.00	108.00	--	106.19	9.25
GL W SM	63.00	--	62.50	66.90	60.50	--	8.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	125.00	--	.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	140.00	.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	125.00	119.00	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	140.00	129.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	116.00	--	--	112.50	6.50	GL BR LG	--	122.50	--	138.00	127.00	--	2.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	106.00	113.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	79.60	84.40	--	--	2.50								

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.

**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	132.00	128.00	111.00
SOUTHEAST	134.50	132.50	110.00
MIDWEST	126.50	124.50	107.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	137.50	134.50	112.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	132.83	130.07	110.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues 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.

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

W/E 15-Sep-12 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,227	1,758	2,985
Last Week	1,496	1,754	3,250
Same week yr ago	1,585	1,602	3,187
To-date/2012*	56,778	59,771	116,549
To-date/2011*	50,683	57,038	107,721

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	394	0	394
Last Week	110	0	110
Same week yr ago	388	0	388
To-date/2012*	9,919	36	9,955
To-date/2011*	13,528	361	13,889

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

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,621	1,758	3,379
Last Week	1,606	1,754	3,360
Same week yr ago	1,973	1,602	3,575
To-date/2012*	66,697	59,807	126,504
To-date/2011*	64,211	57,399	121,610

\*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	47	144	870	1,449
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	99	139
Total	47	144	969	1,588

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	155	198	9,830	11,228
Frozen	14	0	885	693
Dried	0	0	0	48
Total	169	198	10,715	11,969

**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	2,250	2,250	67,511	55,369
Large	2,350	3,930	133,076	109,521
Medium	0	750	22,800	28,485
Ungraded	6,540	5,928	89,864	123,320
Misc	0	0	1,620	600
Total	11,140	12,858	314,871	317,295

/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****August Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.80 billion during August 2012, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 971 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2012 averaged 335 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,324 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2011.

All layers in the United States on September 1, 2012 totaled 336 million, up slightly from last year. The 336 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 49.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2012, averaged 75.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

**Egg-Type Chicks Down Slightly**

Egg-type chicks hatched during August 2012 totaled 41.4 million, down slightly from August 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 36.8 million on September 1, 2012, down 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 234 thousand during August 2012, down 26 percent from August 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

Commodity

Commodity	Jul-31		Aug-31		Aug 31, 2012 as a Percent of	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Aug-31 2011	Jul-31 2012
<b>Frozen Egg</b>						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,354	3,375	3,745	4,785	128%	142%
Yolks	2,485	2,539	1,301	2,444	188%	96%
Whole and mixed	8,712	11,951	8,285	9,531	115%	80%
Unclassified	19,373	20,789	17,678	19,250	109%	93%
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>33,924</b>	<b>38,654</b>	<b>31,009</b>	<b>36,010</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>93%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 15-Sep-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	212.8	1	3
East North Central	690.2	-1	3
West North Central	307.3	-1	10
South Atlantic	131.0	0	-9
South Central	52.5	-2	3
West	33.5	-1	-11
Total	1427.3	-1	3

Matched plants reporting

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 15-Sep-2012

Selected Centers	Consuming (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	19.9	19.5	2	-14
Boston	2.9	2.9	0	12
Chicago	58.0	59.9	-3	-5
Los Angeles	56.1	61.3	-8	-2
New Orleans	7.6	7.6	0	29
New York	39.0	34.7	12	1
St. Louis	90.7	94.0	-4	22
San Francisco	17.8	19.4	-8	12
Total	292.0	299.3	-2	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	288.4			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675
CHG		223	-8452	-2147
PCT CHG		8%	-4%	-4%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** September 18, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>99</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>171-175</b>	<b>163-167</b>	<b>125-129</b>	<b>92-96</b>
MOSTLY	173-174	165-166	127-128	94-95
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>180-184</b>	<b>172-176</b>	<b>133-137</b>	<b>98-102</b>
MOSTLY	180	172	133	98
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>-</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-