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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are sharply lower on the larger and smaller sized eggs. Early in the week, regional prices were mostly lower on all eggs sizes. Next week's regional asking prices are trending sharply lower for the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is weak. Both retail and food service demands are light to instances moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. All breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone remains weak. Offerings are heavy for the mostly light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Processing schedules remain full-time. 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	126-135	128-131	99-108	101-104
NORTHEAST	126-140	131-135	100-113	105-107
SOUTH CENTRAL	138.5-147	140-143	104.5-113	106-109
SOUTHEAST	131-160	134-137	101-131	103-107

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

IA-MN-WI	10/02/12	09/25/12	10/04/11
LARGE	103-113	116-126	89-99
MEDIUM	76-80	92-96	78-82

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	145.00	141.00	117.00
SOUTHEAST	147.50	145.50	116.00
MIDWEST	139.50	137.50	113.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	152.50	149.50	118.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	146.42	143.66	116.34

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)

October 01, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.2	11.0	20.0	8.6	9.8	3.6	62.2
	% Change	-3.8%	9.5%	39.4%	-6.7%	-12.0%	17.6%	8.4%
Extra Large	This Week	31.6	23.3	49.2	22.9	34.1	5.7	166.9
	% Change	5.4%	6.5%	27.7%	6.7%	18.8%	25.6%	15.0%
Large	This Week	65.4	131.8	147.5	103.4	68.8	56.9	573.9
	% Change	36.9%	11.6%	14.5%	13.9%	7.6%	23.9%	15.9%
Medium	This Week	19.4	19.5	54.5	32.7	25.9	12.1	164.1
	% Change	18.5%	15.1%	3.0%	7.7%	-21.1%	27.7%	3.3%
Small	This Week	5.8	1.8	5.8	1.2	2.0	1.7	18.3
	% Change	-3.8%	-8.5%	2.5%	-43.3%	136.1%	6.9%	0.3%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.3	12.6	18.4	14.2	2.7	1.0	50.2
	% Change	10.8%	32.3%	-9.5%	23.8%	-43.3%	-1.0%	3.9%
Ungraded	This Week	9.6	7.1	85.3	22.1	17.6	7.2	148.9
	% Change	0.8%	7.9%	21.3%	1.1%	-18.6%	-10.2%	8.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	142.4	207.2	380.6	205.0	161.0	88.2	1,184.4
	% Change	18.2%	11.9%	15.1%	9.5%	-1.8%	19.8%	11.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,184.4	11.6%
Breaking Stock	241.9	6.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,426.3	10.7%

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	5.6	12.3	4.2	5.0	3.3	2.5	32.8
	% Change	-9.2%	19.6%	-15.4%	12.5%	19.3%	16.0%	6.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.7	8.0	8.8	2.0	45.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	-28.1%	-14.6%	-7.7%	-9.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.6	12.3	30.9	12.9	12.1	4.6	78.3
	% Change	-9.2%	19.6%	-2.7%	-16.6%	-7.4%	4.1%	-3.4%

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

Large:	30.1%
Ungraded:	70.9%
Total:	53.8%

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 29-Sept-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,403,752	33,017	14,322	7,466	2,597	4,517
PW	1,373,402	32,837	13,575	7,050	2,700	4,460
LY	1,327,685	33,641	12,138	6,156	2,439	4,416
% PW	2%	1%	6%	6%	-4%	1%
% LY	6%	-2%	18%	21%	6%	2%
2012*	53,245,296	1,247,660	545,247	276,467	116,496	177,640
2011*	52,519,903	1,237,489	533,542	270,093	115,740	175,154
% YTD	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.26	42.18	42.44
(Inedible Excluded)	39.04	38.93	39.12

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	822,914	58.6%	21,270	64.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	786,242	57.2%	20,142	61.3%
LAST YEAR	735,700	55.4%	20,499	60.9%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Sept 22	Sept 29	Sept 22	Sept 29
STATE	Thousand			
Alabama	27,468	26,059	19,617	19,464
Arkansas	20,859	20,187	19,973	17,313
Delaware	3,153	3,142	3,907	4,261
Florida	1,353	1,351	972	1,215
Georgia	31,914	30,722	26,306	25,970
Kentucky	7,416	7,017	6,249	5,636
Louisiana	3,008	3,122	2,818	2,970
Maryland	7,119	7,121	5,924	5,262
Mississippi	15,600	16,447	14,178	14,355
Missouri	7,252	6,914	5,513	5,797
North Carolina	19,206	19,370	15,602	14,737
Oklahoma	6,736	6,829	4,247	4,893
Pennsylvania	3,271	3,516	2,997	2,933
South Carolina	4,852	5,300	4,373	4,424
Texas	12,786	13,655	10,801	11,209
Virginia	6,032	5,426	4,889	4,647
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,413	9,627	10,581	9,346
19 State total	187,438	185,805	158,947	154,432
Previous year total	187,841	181,765	157,901	154,383
Percent of previous year	100	102	101	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 10-Nov-12 is estimated at 144.3 million head. This compares to 147.1 million head the previous week and to 150.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.84 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 09/27/12 - 10/03/12		Current Lds 163.50		Future Lds 30.50		Total Lds 194.00	
		SE		NE		MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	100.20	109.00	95.00	95.00	--	--	15.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	91.13	--	4.75
GL W XL	88.50	90.00	97.00	98.27	86.56	96.58	50.50
GL W LG	--	97.00	91.70	94.29	88.62	--	63.75
GL W MD	--	--	69.00	71.53	64.37	69.17	19.00
GL W SM	--	--	56.33	59.58	60.00	--	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	91.50	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	116.00	4.00
GL BR MD	76.50	--	--	89.25	80.00	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	85.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	61.00	64.50	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	60.55	56.00	80.00	55.10	59.50	17.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Sep-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY			
Atlanta	18.1	18.2	-1			1
Boston	2.8	2.8	0			-13
Chicago	52.5	61.0	-14			-4
Los Angeles	50.4	57.2	-12			-11
New Orleans	6.6	6.9	-4			5
New York	34.8	37.0	-6			-13
St. Louis	95.1	95.7	-1			26
San Francisco	18.2	17.6	3			-2
Total	278.5	296.4	-6			2
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.6					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 29-Sep-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Turkeys	
Head	1,703	2,728	13	6	4,450
Avg Wt	18.19	38.28	25.27	28.18	30.54
Last week	1,805	2,815	31	6	4,657
Same wk yr ago	1,969	2,678	11	9	4,667
Avg Wt	17.07	38.13	26.89	24.93	29.19
To-date/2012*	69,989	100,116	963	312	171,380
To-date/2011*	70,622	100,249	812	268	171,951
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	19%	16%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	24,779	83,533	248	128	108,688
Last week	24,671	85,816	633	189	111,309
Same wk yr ago	26,889	81,690	228	173	108,980
To-date/2012*	943,471	3,199,749	19,242	7,836	4,170,298
To-date/2011*	960,990	3,105,104	18,364	6,405	4,090,863
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	5%	22%	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 29-Sep-12 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg	Breeders			
Head	PW	Live wt	-Thousand head-			
North East	594	-8	26.61	(A)	596	26.61
South Atlantic	623	-11	35.56	(A)	624	35.56
North Central	2,324	0	33.54	(A)	2,325	33.54
South Central	663	-10	19.31	(A)	664	19.31
West	240	-5	29.2	(A)	241	29.20
U.S. total	4,444 (B)	-4	30.54	6	4,450	30.54
To-date						
2012*	171,068 (B)			312	171,380	
To-date						
2011*	171,683 (B)			268	171,951	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date* 963,000; for last year to date* 812,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 29-Sep-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	155,614	1,576	1,828	3,404	394
Avg Wt	5.90	3.36	7.72	5.70	6.90
Last week	154,230	1,507	2,046	3,553	401
Same wk yr ago	156,437	1,377	1,557	2,934	422
Avg Wt	5.87	3.24	7.84	5.68	6.81
To-date/2012*	5,948,371	59,861	63,645	123,506	16,124
To-date/2011*	6,197,163	53,247	60,280	113,527	16,845
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	6%	9%	-4%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	693,183	2,859	9,667	12,526	1,971
Last week	670,715	2,401	11,142	13,543	1,834
Same wk yr ago	684,122	2,365	7,812	10,177	2,069
To-date/2012*	25,652,706	100,922	332,965	433,887	77,782
To-date/2011*	26,444,158	91,052	312,397	403,449	81,948
% 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 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.5 million head, or 4.6 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
Aug 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
15	156.8	152.9	103%	5.79
22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.76
29	157.5	152.9	103%	5.90
Year to date		6020.8	6006.8	100%
Oct 6		152.9		
13		151.8		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 06-October-12

Class	Current Week 10/06/12(1)	Previous Week 09/29/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	159,660(2)	157,410
Light hens	1,477	1,627
Heavy hens	1,583	1,759
Total	162,720	160,796

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Oct-12 is 152.9 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.0 million head or 7.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Oct-12 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

		(INCL GOVT STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Poultry	Other Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943	
AM	09/01/12	2,964	190,065	57,675	
CHG		201	-20383	-5732	
PCT CHG		7%	-11%	-10%	

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

Frozen Eggs	38	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	495	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	590	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 104.00-114.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 107.00-114.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

28-Sep-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5-21.0	13.73
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 29-Sep-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	217.4	2	5
East North Central	694.2	-1	4
West North Central	327.9	3	15
South Atlantic	127.0	-2	-8
South Central	53.1	0	3
West	33.9	1	-14
Total	1453.5	0	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 01-Oct-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg Loads

Los Angeles	105.00	102.47	16	85.88	57
New York	80.00-83.00	81.64	22	82.32	43

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg Loads

Chicago	67.00-78.00			75.47	63
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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	10/01/12	Change Last Wk	09/24/12	10/03/11
317	82.56	-.18	82.74	72.30

