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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York prices are steady for all egg sizes this week. Earlier in the week, regional prices declined sharply on both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. Next week's regional asking prices are trending steady for the larger and smaller sized eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demands range light to mostly moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. National light type hen removal costs continue steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced to 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	102-111	104-107	79-88	81-84
NORTHEAST	103-117	108-112	82-95	87-89
SOUTH CENTRAL	114.5-123	116-119	86.5-95	88-91
SOUTHEAST	109-137	110-113	84.5-109	85-89

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

IA-MN-WI	10/09/12	10/02/12	10/11/11
LARGE	84-94	103-113	89-99
MEDIUM	61-65	76-80	78-82

## WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

10/05/12  
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	135.00	133.00	106.00
SOUTHEAST	137.50	135.50	105.00
MIDWEST	131.50	129.50	102.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	142.50	141.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	136.92	135.20	105.35

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)

October 09, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.8	9.3	18.7	7.7	9.3	3.9	58.6
	% Change	6.1%	-15.5%	-6.8%	-10.8%	-4.9%	8.6%	-5.8%
Extra Large	This Week	34.2	25.1	52.9	17.1	34.2	5.2	168.6
	% Change	8.0%	7.6%	7.4%	-25.3%	0.1%	-9.1%	1.0%
Large	This Week	65.3	121.4	139.1	111.5	63.3	63.7	564.3
	% Change	-0.2%	-7.9%	-5.7%	7.8%	-8.0%	12.0%	-1.7%
Medium	This Week	20.2	20.8	47.1	28.5	23.9	12.0	152.5
	% Change	3.9%	6.6%	-13.6%	-12.6%	-7.7%	-0.8%	-7.0%
Small	This Week	3.5	2.4	5.3	2.3	3.3	1.8	18.6
	% Change	-40.6%	31.5%	-9.3%	89.3%	66.8%	8.2%	1.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.6	9.7	23.0	15.7	1.7	1.0	52.6
	% Change	19.5%	-23.2%	25.5%	10.5%	-39.8%	-3.9%	4.7%
Ungraded	This Week	12.6	11.4	63.8	24.9	17.6	8.0	138.4
	% Change	31.1%	60.0%	-25.1%	12.5%	0.3%	11.4%	-7.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	147.0	200.0	349.9	207.6	153.3	95.7	1,153.5
	% Change	3.2%	-3.4%	-8.1%	1.3%	-4.8%	8.4%	-2.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,153.5	-2.6%
Breaking Stock	237.5	-1.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,391.0</b>	<b>-2.5%</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	5.8	11.5	4.3	4.4	3.5	2.1	31.5
	% Change	4.5%	-6.3%	1.2%	-11.7%	5.2%	-18.5%	-4.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.2	10.5	8.8	2.7	50.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	31.6%	0.0%	32.4%	10.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.8	11.5	32.4	14.9	12.3	4.8	81.6
	% Change	4.5%	-6.3%	5.0%	15.0%	1.4%	4.1%	4.2%

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

	Large:	30.5%
	Ungraded:	74.8%
	Total:	57.7%

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 06-Oct-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,448,650	34,652	14,354	7,449	2,999	4,956
PW	1,403,752	33,017	14,322	7,466	2,597	4,517
LY	1,406,034	34,612	13,232	6,628	2,185	4,643
% PW	3%	5%	0%	0%	15%	10%
% LY	3%	0%	8%	12%	37%	7%
2012*	54,693,946	1,282,312	559,601	283,916	119,494	182,596
2011*	53,925,937	1,272,101	546,774	276,720	117,925	179,797
% YTD	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.39	42.26	42.04
(Inedible Excluded)	38.97	39.04	38.74

  

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	829,478	57.3%	21,78	62.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	822,914	58.6%	21,27	64.4%
LAST YEAR	791,846	56.3%	20,41	59.0%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Sept 29	Oct 06	Sept 29	Oct 06
Alabama	26,059	27,144	19,464	18,901
Arkansas	20,187	20,310	17,313	18,700
Delaware	3,142	3,161	4,261	4,118
Florida	1,351	1,351	1,215	935
Georgia	30,722	30,771	25,970	26,726
Kentucky	7,018	7,550	5,679	5,747
Louisiana	3,122	3,287	2,970	2,952
Maryland	7,121	6,654	5,262	5,440
Mississippi	16,447	16,511	14,355	14,301
Missouri	6,914	7,823	5,797	4,874
North Carolina	19,370	18,927	14,737	14,634
Oklahoma	6,829	6,936	4,893	4,465
Pennsylvania	3,608	3,518	2,935	2,925
South Carolina	5,300	4,792	4,424	4,601
Texas	13,675	13,220	11,266	10,867
Virginia	5,426	5,909	4,647	4,228
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,581	10,250	9,352	9,469
19 State total	185,872	188,114	154,540	153,883
Previous year total	181,765	186,317	154,383	148,802
Percent of previous year	102	101	100	103

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 17-Nov-12 is estimated at 142.0 million head. This compares to 144.3 million head the previous week and to 147.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 75.07 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 10/04/12 - 10/10/12		Current Lds 129.00		Future Lds 28.50		Total Lds 157.50	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	85.50	88.00	83.00	85.83	--	--	12.00
GL W J	85.00	--	--	--	91.12	--	7.50
GL W XL	96.30	98.55	95.88	97.50	91.29	100.33	41.75
GL W LG	--	93.00	87.50	87.75	85.89	--	53.25
GL W MD	--	--	67.56	70.24	67.67	70.50	16.00
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	61.00	--	--	5.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	97.00	100.50	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	113.00	--	1.00
GL BR MD	90.00	93.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	84.50	87.00	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	72.00	76.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	62.88	67.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	78.00	67.50	71.50	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 06-Oct-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands		PW	% CHANGE	
	LW	LY			
Atlanta	17.9	18.1		-1	-32
Boston	2.7	2.8		-4	8
Chicago	59.7	52.5		14	7
Los Angeles	54.0	50.4		7	-10
New Orleans	6.5	6.6		-2	-2
New York	37.2	34.8		7	0
St. Louis	101.4	95.1		7	25
San Francisco	16.9	18.2		-7	-2
Total	296.3	278.5		6	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.8				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 6-Oct-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old	Total
	Hens	Toms		
Head	1,760	2,863	69	8
Avg Wt	16.84	38.07	27.01	36.75
Last week	1,703	2,728	13	6
Same wk yr ago	1,974	2,626	32	9
Avg Wt	17.21	38.56	26.51	29.63
To-date/2012*	71,749	102,979	1,032	320
To-date/2011*	72,596	102,875	844	277
% Change YTD	-1%	0%	22%	16%

  

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage				
Current week	23,705	87,192	1,416	223
Last week	24,779	83,533	248	128
Same wk yr ago	27,178	81,007	649	204
To-date/2012*	967,176	3,286,941	20,658	8,059
To-date/2011*	988,168	3,186,111	19,013	6,609
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	9%	22%

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

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 06-Oct-12 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt	-Thousand head-			
North East	615	4	26.56	(A)	617	26.56
South Atlantic	787	26	34.44	(A)	789	34.44
North Central	2,181	-6	33.42	(A)	2,183	33.42
South Central	783	18	19.12	(A)	784	19.12
West	326	36	28.15	(A)	327	28.15
U.S. total	4,692 (B)	6	29.95	8	4,700	29.95
To-date 2012*	175,760 (B)			320	176,080	
To-date 2011*	176,315 (B)			277	176,592	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 69,000; for the current year to date\* 1,032,000; for last year to date\* 844,000.

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

**WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(Preliminary) Week ending 06-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	154,442	1,384	1,602	2,986	405
Avg Wt	5.97	3.34	7.37	5.50	6.94
Last week	155,614	1,576	1,828	3,404	394
Same wk yr ago	153,823	1,452	1,789	3,241	444
Avg Wt	5.80	3.21	7.75	5.72	6.71
To-date/2012*	6,102,813	61,245	65,247	126,492	16,529
To-date/2011*	6,350,986	54,699	62,069	116,768	17,289
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	5%	8%	-4%
<b>Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage</b>					
Current week	696,124	2,496	7,733	10,229	2,010
Last week	693,183	2,859	9,667	12,526	1,971
Same wk yr ago	669,130	2,470	9,151	11,621	2,145
To-date/2012*	26,348,830	103,418	340,698	444,116	79,792
To-date/2011*	27,113,288	93,522	321,548	415,070	84,093
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	6%	7%	-5%
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Dressing %	75.5%	54.0%	65.5%		71.5%

(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 156.3 million head, or 3.4 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
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
Oct 6	156.3	152.9	102%	5.97
Year to date	6177.1	6159.7	100%	
Oct 13		151.8		
Oct 20		150.4		

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

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

Week Ending 13-October-12

Class	Current Week 10/13/12(1)	Previous Week 10/06/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	155,849(2)	159,660
Light hens	1,438	1,477
Heavy hens	1,530	1,583
Total	158,817	162,720

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Oct-12 is 151.8 million head compared to 151.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.2 million head or 4.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 20-Oct-12 the estimated available is 150.4 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

		(INCL GOVT STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed Other Poultry	
		LBS	LBS	LBS	
AM	10/08/12	3,162	162,817	50,449	
AM	10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943	
CHG		-3	-6865	-1494	
PCT CHG		0%	-4%	-3%	

**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**

05-Oct-12

Live Spent Heavy	Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
	Prices in cents per pound.	9.5-21.0	13.72

(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 06-Oct-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	215.7	-1	4
East North Central	697.7	1	4
West North Central	326.7	0	13
South Atlantic	125.8	-1	-11
South Central	52.4	-1	3
West	33.5	-1	-15
Total	1451.8	0	4

Matched plants reporting

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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 08-Oct-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	105.00	102.47	16	87.43
New York	80.00-83.00	81.57	21	82.70

**Delivered to First Receivers 1/:**

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
66.00-78.00			76.38	57

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	10/08/12	Change Last Wk	10/01/12	10/10/11
311	82.85	.29	82.56	72.29

