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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are slightly higher for the larger sizes and higher for Mediums. Regional prices are unchanged. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and food service demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and confidently held. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are to higher with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Demand is fairly good for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Processing schedules range 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	109-126	110-113	84.5-102	85-89

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

IA-MN-WI	10/16/12	10/09/12	10/18/11
LARGE	84-94	84-94	89-99
MEDIUM	61-65	61-65	78-82

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL

10/12/12
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	112.50	110.00	88.00
SOUTHEAST	113.50	111.50	87.00
MIDWEST	107.50	105.50	82.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	117.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	112.97	111.45	86.86

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 15, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.6	10.2	21.2	7.3	9.0	4.1	59.4
	% Change	-22.6%	10.1%	13.8%	-5.5%	-2.6%	3.6%	1.3%
Extra Large	This Week	34.1	23.0	45.6	20.3	30.0	6.4	159.4
	% Change	-0.3%	-8.2%	-13.8%	18.7%	-12.3%	23.2%	-5.5%
Large	This Week	62.4	108.6	111.7	100.8	56.3	60.0	499.7
	% Change	-4.5%	-10.6%	-19.7%	-9.6%	-11.1%	-5.8%	-11.4%
Medium	This Week	21.9	15.8	40.2	30.7	25.2	12.4	146.3
	% Change	8.6%	-23.7%	-14.6%	7.4%	5.5%	3.7%	-4.1%
Small	This Week	2.6	2.1	5.1	1.3	3.0	1.8	16.0
	% Change	-24.1%	-11.6%	-3.6%	-42.0%	-9.8%	0.0%	-14.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.1	12.1	24.6	15.5	4.8	0.9	59.0
	% Change	-28.3%	24.9%	6.8%	-0.8%	189.7%	-9.1%	12.2%
Ungraded	This Week	12.3	13.3	70.5	26.0	18.2	6.8	147.1
	% Change	-1.9%	16.3%	10.5%	4.5%	3.1%	-15.8%	6.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	142.0	185.1	318.9	201.9	146.5	92.4	1,086.8
	% Change	-3.4%	-7.4%	-8.9%	-2.8%	-4.4%	-3.4%	-5.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,086.8	-5.8%
Breaking Stock	231.7	-2.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,318.5	-5.2%

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	6.3	10.2	4.9	5.6	2.9	2.1	31.9
	% Change	8.6%	-11.6%	14.7%	27.2%	-14.8%	-0.5%	1.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.1	11.6	9.5	2.8	50.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	10.6%	8.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.3	10.2	32.0	17.2	12.4	4.8	82.9
	% Change	8.6%	-11.6%	-1.4%	15.5%	1.6%	0.8%	1.5%

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

	Large:	31.2%
	Ungraded:	69.5%
	Total:	54.7%

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 13-Oct-2012	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,410,189	34,550	13,697	7,079	2,867	4,829
PW	1,448,650	34,652	14,354	7,449	2,999	4,956
LY	1,345,862	34,803	12,191	5,990	2,460	4,644
% PW	-3%	0%	-5%	-5%	-4%	-3%
% LY	5%	-1%	12%	18%	17%	4%
2012	56,104,135	1,316,862	573,299	290,995	122,362	187,425
2011	55,271,799	1,306,903	558,965	282,710	120,385	184,441
% YTD	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.66	42.39	42.82
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.23	38.97	39.37

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	829,288	58.8%	21,693	62.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	829,478	57.3%	21,781	62.9%
LAST YEAR	747,430	55.5%	20,670	59.4%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-Oct-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW		% Change	
	(Cases in thousands)		LW	LY		
Atlanta	18.4		17.9		3	-5
Boston	2.2		2.7		-19	-21
Chicago	61.0		59.7		2	11
Los Angeles	58.6		54.0		9	6
New Orleans	6.6		6.5		2	2
New York	40.4		37.2		9	8
St. Louis	101.3		101.4		0	46
San Francisco	16.7		16.9		-1	-10
Total	305.2		296.3		3	16
4 Week Moving Avg.	294.1					

BROILER HATCHERY

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Oct 06, 2012	Oct 13, 2012	Oct 06, 2012	Oct 13, 2012
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	27,144	25,966	18,901	19,760
AR.....	20,310	17,697	18,701	18,906
DE.....	3,161	3,152	4,118	3,830
FL.....	1,351	1,353	935	935
GA.....	30,771	30,588	26,749	27,770
KY.....	7,550	7,554	5,690	6,770
LA.....	3,287	3,304	2,952	2,845
MD.....	6,654	7,471	5,440	6,031
MS.....	16,511	16,587	14,301	13,543
MO.....	7,823	7,606	4,874	5,327
NC.....	19,099	17,722	14,664	14,325
OK.....	6,936	6,287	4,465	4,782
PA.....	3,672	3,592	2,902	2,747
SC.....	4,792	4,924	4,601	3,704
TX.....	13,220	13,014	10,867	10,735
VA.....	5,909	5,945	4,228	4,832
CA, TN, & WV.....	9,860	9,599	9,462	9,045
19 State Total.....	188,050	182,361	153,850	155,887
Prev. Year Total.....	186,317	181,852	148,802	155,108
Pct. of Prev. Year.....	101	100	103	101

Source: NASS, USDA
*Revised

(5-DAY) WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD SHELL EGG SALES

NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 11, 2012-OCT 17, 2012 (CENTS/DOZEN)
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 187.50		FUTURE LOADS 42.75		TOTAL LOADS 230.25	
	SE		NE		MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	83.75	87.75	83.13	86.00	--	--
GNR BR 1	--	--	92.00	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.07	--
GL W XL	98.00	103.00	97.71	104.19	98.45	104.25
GL W LG	--	104.67	89.81	89.13	90.72	94.42
GL W MD	--	--	77.50	79.40	79.36	78.00
GL W SM	69.00	--	63.00	65.80	69.00	70.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	92.50	--
GL BR XL	--	--	100.00	102.00	98.50	102.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--
GL BR MD	--	--	--	90.25	81.00	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	87.50	87.00	73.00	--
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	68.50	73.00
NRBS - 39	--	63.75	--	--	57.50	--

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

Week Ending 13-Oct-2012 (Preliminary)

-Thousand Head-	Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg	Breeders	Avg		
	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--	Live wt		
North East	639	4	25.79	(A)	639	25.79
South Atlantic	671	-15	37.52	(A)	671	37.52
North Central	2,148	-2	31.16	(A)	2,148	31.16
South Central	676	-14	18.40	(A)	676	18.40
West	282	-13	26.21	(A)	282	26.21
U.S. total	4,416 (B)	-6	30.48	0	4,416	30.48
To-date						
2012*	180,176 (B)			320	180,496	
To-date						
2011*	180,822 (B)			282	181,104	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 42,000; for the current year to date* 1,074,000; for last year to date* 868,000.
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week Ending 13-Oct-2012 (Preliminary)

	Young		Breeders		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Young	Old	
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Avg Wt	16.69	38.93	26.12	0.00	30.48
Last week	1,760	2,863	69	8	4,700
Same wk yr ago	1,970	2,597	24	5	4,596
Avg Wt	16.44	38.43	25.39	31.17	28.93
To-date/2012*	73,418	105,726	1,074	320	180,538
To-date/2011*	74,566	105,472	868	282	181,188
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	24%	13%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	22,288	85,551	834	0	108,673
Last week	23,705	87,192	1,416	223	112,536
Same wk yr ago	25,909	79,842	466	119	106,336
To-date/2012*	989,464	3,372,492	21,492	8,059	4,391,507
To-date/2011*	1,014,077	3,265,953	19,479	6,728	4,306,237
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	10%	20%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 24-Nov-12 is estimated at 142.6 million head. This compares to 142.0 million head the previous week and to 143.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.77 cents per pound.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 13-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Avg Wt	5.86	3.34	8.16	5.98	6.89
Last week	154,442	1,384	1,602	2,986	405
Same wk yr ago	150,088	1,249	1,710	2,959	434
Avg Wt	5.86	3.22	7.77	5.85	6.74
To-date/2012*	6,257,782	62,525	66,792	129,317	16,987
To-date/2011*	6,501,074	55,948	63,779	119,727	17,723
% Change YTD	-4%	12%	5%	8%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	685,629	2,309	8,258	10,567	2,256
Last week	696,124	2,496	7,733	10,229	2,010
Same wk yr ago	659,637	2,132	8,769	10,901	2,106

To-date/2012*	27,034,459	105,727	348,956	454,683	82,048
To-date/2011*	27,772,925	95,654	330,317	425,971	86,199
% Change YTD	-3%	11%	6%	7%	-5%

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 151.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.9 million head, or 5.1 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 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
13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.86
Year to date	6334.0	6311.5	100%	
Oct 20		150.4		
27		150.6		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 20-October-12

Class	Current Week 10/20/12 (1)	Previous Week 10/13/12
Broiler/fryer	155,110 (2)	155,849
Light hens	1,233	1,438
Heavy hens	1,532	1,530
Total	157,875	158,817

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Oct-12 is 150.4 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 27-Oct-12 the estimated available is 150.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 10/15/12	3,081	142,260	50,068
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943
CHG	-84	-27422	-1875
PCT CHG	-3%	-16%	-4%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 105.00-114.00 cents fob and 16-24 lb. toms 110.00-114.00 cents fob for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

12-Oct-12

Live Spent Heavy	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	9.5-21.0	13.75
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 13-Oct-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	217.6	1	5
East North Central	702.7	1	5
West North Central	321.8	-1	9
South Atlantic	127.4	1	-12
South Central	52.4	0	2
West	33.8	1	-16
Total	1455.7	0	4

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)

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 15-Oct-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	105.00	102.47	16	86.75
New York	80.00-83.00	81.67	21	82.59

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Chicago	71.00-78.00			78.04

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	10/15/12	Change Last Wk	10/08/12	10/17/11
315	83.43	.58	82.85	75.60

