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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are higher for all sizes. Regional prices are unchanged. Next week's regional asking prices are trending higher for both the heavier and lighter weight eggs. The undertone is firm. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and confidently held. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are to higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light and confidently held. 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	103-112	105-108	87-96	89-92
NORTHEAST	104-118	109-113	90-103	95-97
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.5-124	117-120	94.5-103	96-99
SOUTHEAST	110-126	111-114	87-104	93-97

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

IA-MN-WI	10/23/12	10/16/12	10/25/11
LARGE	87-97	84-94	90-100
MEDIUM	72-76	61-65	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	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 22, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.7	9.8	20.3	7.1	9.3	3.3	59.5
	% Change	28.5%	-4.2%	-4.5%	-1.7%	2.8%	-19.0%	0.2%
Extra Large	This Week	35.4	20.1	37.3	17.2	30.4	5.1	145.4
	% Change	3.8%	-12.9%	-18.1%	-15.2%	1.3%	-21.3%	-8.8%
Large	This Week	62.7	111.3	108.0	89.2	58.3	61.4	490.8
	% Change	0.5%	2.6%	-3.3%	-11.6%	3.5%	2.3%	-1.8%
Medium	This Week	26.4	16.7	41.3	19.1	22.9	12.3	138.7
	% Change	20.4%	5.6%	2.6%	-37.7%	-9.3%	-0.8%	-5.2%
Small	This Week	2.5	2.4	3.9	5.5	2.2	3.0	19.4
	% Change	-6.1%	13.1%	-24.0%	309.0%	-24.1%	62.0%	21.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.9	9.4	22.6	13.8	4.9	1.4	54.0
	% Change	64.0%	-22.2%	-8.1%	-11.1%	3.3%	55.6%	-8.5%
Ungraded	This Week	11.6	12.2	80.0	36.2	24.3	7.9	172.2
	% Change	-5.6%	-8.4%	13.5%	39.3%	33.4%	16.4%	17.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	150.1	181.9	313.3	188.1	152.3	94.3	1,080.0
	% Change	5.7%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-6.8%	3.9%	2.0%	-0.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,080.0	-0.6%
Breaking Stock	227.8	-1.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,307.8	-0.8%

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	9.5	3.5	2.9	2.6	1.9	26.0
	% Change	-11.4%	-6.4%	-28.7%	-47.5%	-11.2%	-7.8%	-18.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.7	12.5	12.2	2.2	55.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	7.6%	27.9%	-20.7%	9.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.6	9.5	32.2	15.4	14.8	4.1	81.5
	% Change	-11.4%	-6.4%	0.7%	-10.3%	18.6%	-15.2%	-1.6%

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

	Large:	29.5%
	Ungraded:	72.3%
	Total:	58.7%

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 20-Oct-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,384,927	33,967	13,257	6,861	2,641	4,715
PW	1,410,189	34,550	13,697	7,079	2,867	4,829
LY	1,344,396	33,504	12,481	6,333	2,414	4,672
% PW	-2%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-8%	-2%
% LY	3%	1%	6%	8%	9%	1%
2012*	57,489,062	1,350,829	586,556	297,856	125,003	192,139
2011*	56,616,195	1,340,408	571,446	289,043	122,799	189,113
% YTD	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.46	42.66	42.39
(Inedible Excluded)	39.05	39.23	38.92

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	797,127	57.6%	20,925	61.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	829,288	58.8%	21,693	62.8%
LAST YEAR	756,307	56.3%	20,301	60.6%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 13	Oct 20
Alabama	25,966	25,458	19,760	18,660
Arkansas	17,697	18,329	18,906	18,637
Delaware	3,158	3,162	3,509	3,720
Florida	1,353	1,088	935	1,023
Georgia	31,261	28,089	27,779	25,957
Kentucky	7,554	6,707	6,718	5,732
Louisiana	3,304	3,298	2,845	2,700
Maryland	7,471	7,071	6,386	6,331
Mississippi	16,558	16,349	13,545	13,616
Missouri	7,606	7,210	5,327	4,770
North Carolina	17,722	18,305	14,325	15,110
Oklahoma	6,287	6,416	4,782	4,854
Pennsylvania	3,647	3,279	2,675	3,023
South Carolina	4,924	5,654	3,704	4,127
Texas	13,014	12,603	10,735	11,668
Virginia	6,019	5,543	4,877	4,495
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	9,599	8,538	9,045	9,835
19 State total	183,140	177,099	155,853	154,258
Previous year total	181,852	183,537	155,108	151,134
Percent of previous year	101	96	100	102

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 01-Dec-12 is estimated at 142.8 million head. This compares to 142.6 million head the previous week and to 143.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 114.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.10 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 10/18/12 - 10/24/12						
Current Lds 132.75		Future Lds 51.00		Total Lds 183.75		
SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	88.00	92.13	92.00	92.40	--	--
GNR BR 1	--	--	95.50	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	103.50	105.00	110.47	--
GL W XL	105.00	116.50	104.14	107.23	105.96	116.50
GL W LG	--	121.00	100.50	99.20	99.87	103.00
GL W MD	--	--	90.93	91.48	98.80	--
GL W SM	--	77.00	66.75	69.75	66.78	--
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	114.00	106.50
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	73.00	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	90.00	--	80.00	81.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	75.00	79.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	73.00	77.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-Oct-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands		% CHANGE	
	LW	LY	LW	LY
Atlanta	18.7	18.4	2	10
Boston	2.8	2.2	27	-3
Chicago	54.6	61.0	-10	4
Los Angeles	57.2	58.6	-2	-8
New Orleans	6.7	6.6	2	12
New York	35.6	40.4	-12	-1
St. Louis	86.4	101.3	-15	7
San Francisco	17.3	16.7	4	8
Total	279.3	305.2	-8	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	289.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-Oct-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		
Head	2,143	2,794	41	13	4,991
Avg Wt	17.90	38.78	26.77	27.04	29.68
Last week	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Same wk yr ago	2,326	2,681	30	29	5,066
Avg Wt	17.55	38.99	26.73	28.70	29.02
To-date/2012*	75,561	108,520	1,115	333	185,529
To-date/2011*	76,892	108,153	898	311	186,116
% Change YTD	-2%	0%	24%	7%	0%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	30,688	86,681	834	267	118,470
Last week	22,288	85,551	834	0	108,673
Same wk yr ago	32,662	83,633	613	637	117,545
To-date/2012*	1,020,152	3,459,173	22,026	8,326	4,509,977
To-date/2011*	1,046,739	3,349,586	20,092	7,365	4,423,782
% Change YTD	-3%	3%	10%	13%	2%
Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%	76.0%	76.0%	

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

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 17-Oct-12 (Preliminary)						
-----Young turkeys-----			Old Breeders	Total	Turkeys	
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg			-Thousand head-	Avg
North East	777	22	25.24	(A)	777	25.24
South Atlantic	719	7	36.57	(A)	719	36.57
North Central	2,136	-1	31.80	(A)	2,149	31.80
South Central	801	18	19.63	(A)	801	19.63
West	503	78	25.78	(A)	503	25.78
U.S. total	4,936 (B)	12	29.68	13	4,949	29.68
To-date 2012*	184,081 (B)			333	184,414	
To-date 2011*	185,943 (B)			311	186,254	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 41,000; for the current year to date* 1,115,000; for last year to date* 898,000.

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

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 20-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	155,464	1,106	1,299	2,405	418
Avg Wt	5.95	3.21	7.93	5.76	6.89
Last week	154,969	1,280	1,545	2,825	458
Same wk yr ago	155,241	1,231	1,677	2,908	401
Avg Wt	5.81	3.27	7.93	5.96	6.83
To-date/2012*	6,413,246	62,525	68,091	131,722	17,405
To-date/2011*	6,656,315	55,948	65,456	122,635	18,124
% Change YTD	-4%	11%	4%	7%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

Current week	698,383	1,917	6,747	8,664	2,059
Last week	685,629	2,309	8,258	10,567	2,256
Same wk yr ago	676,463	2,133	8,777	10,910	1,972

To-date/2012*	27,732,842	107,644	355,703	463,347	84,107
To-date/2011*	28,449,388	97,787	339,094	436,881	88,171
% Change YTD	-3%	10%	5%	6%	-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 150.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.4 million head, or 7.0 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
9/15	156.8	152.9	103%	5.79
9/22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.76
9/29	157.5	152.9	103%	5.90
10/6	156.3	152.9	102%	5.97
10/13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.86
10/20	157.4	150.4	105%	5.95
Year to date	6491.4	6461.9	100%	
10/27		150.6		
11/3		150.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 27-October-12

Class	Current Week 10/27/12 (1)	Previous Week 10/20/12
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	153,519 (2)	155,110
Light hens	988	1,233
Heavy hens	1,660	1,532
Total	156,167	157,875

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Oct-12 is 150.4 million head compared to 154.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.8 million head or 3.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 03-Nov-12 the estimated available is 150.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 10/22/12	3,058	133,862	49,077
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943
CHG	-107	-35820	-2866
PCT CHG	-3%	-21%	-6%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 107.00-114.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 110.00-115.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

19-Oct-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 20-Oct-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	217.2	0	3
East North Central	709.4	1	3
West North Central	294.1	-9	1
South Atlantic	132.1	4	-3
South Central	52.2	0	2
West	37.6	11	-4
Total	1442.6	-1	2

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 22-Oct-2012

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:	Grade A		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Load	Wtd Avg
Los Angeles	105.00	101.93	21	88.54
New York	81.00-84.00	82.80	20	83.74

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

Chicago	Whole Body 2/:		Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
75.00-83.00			80.31	60

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	10/22/12	Change Last Wk	10/15/12	10/26/11
318	84.81	1.38	83.43	74.93

