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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Retail demand is moderate to at times good while fair in the Northeast region. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Demand on the West Coast ranges light to fairly good and better in areas with planned ads for next week. Offerings are light to moderate. In the Northeast preparations are under way in anticipation of the approaching storm. Market activity is moderate however slow to moderate on the West Coast. Breaking stock offerings are light to instances moderate; demand is mixed. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy with normal processing schedules.



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 9 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 12 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher Large, 3 cents higher for Medium, and 2 cents higher for Small. The undertone is fully steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	104-113	107-110
Large	103-112	105-108
Medium	87-96	89-92
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111-119	112-114
Large	109-117	110-112
Medium	93-101	94-96

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	94-104	98
Medium	81-85	83
Small	62-68	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is firm. Next week's asking prices are 10 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 13 cents higher for Medium. Offerings are light for Medium and moderate on the balance of sizes and confidently held. Demand is mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Demand is moderate to fairly good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	116.5-125	118-121
Large	115.5-124	117-120
Medium	94.5-103	96-99

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Retail demand is fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate with Large in the lightest position. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to at times moderate; demand is light. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111.5-126	113-116
Large	110-126	111-114
Medium	87-104	93-97

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Medium and larger sizes. The undertone is full steady. Supplies are moderate and offerings are light. Retail demand is fair. Distributive demand is moderate to at times active. Some preparations are under way in anticipation of the approaching storm. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy for a light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-124	110-114
Large	104-118	109-113
Medium	90-103	95-97

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is full steady. Supplies are moderate. Offerings are light. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	127-131
Large	125-129
Medium	115-119

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 10 cents higher for Extra Large, 9 cents higher for Large and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good and better into areas with ads in place for next week. Warehouse demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light for Medium and moderate on the balance of sizes. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 10 cents higher for Extra Large, 9 cents higher for Large, and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good and better into areas with ads planned for next week. Demand into warehouse accounts is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light for Medium and moderate on the balance of sizes. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price is \$1.12.

**California:** Shell egg marketers 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	154
Extra Large	155
Large	148
Medium	132

**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	136-148
Extra Large	137-155
Large	125-137
Medium	112-122

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

**LIQUID EGGS**

Whole egg and yolk prices are higher with white prices steady. Trade sentiment is firm for whole egg and yolk and steady for whites. Offerings are light for whole egg, moderate to heavy for whites and light to moderate for yolk. Demand is fairly good to good for all liquid products. Market activity is moderate.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Sep Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	76.00 - 82.00	10	77.70	75.00 - 79.00	9	77.00	37	84.11
Whites	47.50 - 61.00	19	49.47	47.50 - 61.00	4	51.50	46	51.10
Yolk	134.00 - 137.00	6	135.83	TFEWR			36	125.94

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg prices are irregular with whites steady to lower, sugared yolk higher and salted yolk steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady for whole egg, mostly steady for whites and firm for frozen yolk products. Demand is moderate while offerings are reported as mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Sep Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	96.00 - 107.00	102.00 - 105.00	100.00 - 106.00	102.00 - 104.00	100.75	90.50
Whites	64.00 - 79.00	69.00 - 74.00	66.00 - 79.00	69.00 - 74.00	73.13	74.40
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	146.00 - 153.00	151.00	143.00 - 152.00	148.00 - 150.00	138.88	119.30
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	143.00 - 149.00	146.00 - 148.00	143.00 - 149.00	145.00 - 146.00	136.25	115.70

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Sep Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	104.00 - 105.00		108.00 - 112.00		100.75	90.70
Whites	73.00 - 75.00		74.00 - 75.00		74.50	73.60
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	152.00 - 155.00		148.00 - 152.00		139.13	115.70
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	152.00 - 155.00		148.00 - 152.00		137.50	115.70

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

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are irregular on whole, yolk and albumen with blends higher. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate. Potential buyers are price shopping to complete their holiday and first quarter needs. Offerings are generally moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Sep Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.55 - 3.75	3.65 - 3.70	3.42 - 3.78	3.65 - 3.70	3.60	3.37
Yolk	3.25 - 3.50	3.35 - 3.40	3.03 - 3.85	3.30 - 3.35	3.12	2.61
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	5.10 - 5.55	5.25 - 5.30	5.00 - 5.60	5.20 - 5.25	5.43	5.42
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.90 - 3.35	3.00 - 3.10	2.80 - 3.34	2.95 - 3.05	2.69	2.49

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

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 20-OCT-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	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%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.46	42.66	42.39
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.05	39.23	38.92

**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	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%

**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. Demand is moderate to fairly good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	83-88	85-88
CHECKS	66-74	66-70

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. Supplies are light to instances moderate for the light demand. Breaking schedules are normal to at times reduced. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 20-Oct-2012 are 9 percent higher than a week ago and 3 percent lower than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	80-90	85-88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	69-78	73

EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Oct 19, 2012 – Oct 25, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 134.50****FUTURE LOADS 66.50****TOTAL LOADS 201.00**

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	89.50	94.22	92.67	93.57	--	--	39.00	GNR W 1	--	102.60	--	--	--	--	12.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	95.50	--	--	--	3.00	GL W J	117.92	120.50	--	129.00	126.50	128.24	10.50
GL W J	--	--	103.50	105.00	111.98	--	6.25	GL W XL	112.00	119.08	--	--	--	121.41	33.25
GL W XL	105.00	115.00	105.72	108.82	106.39	116.50	54.50	GL W LG	--	121.89	--	--	--	113.42	61.50
GL W LG	--	121.00	102.00	100.00	100.74	103.00	74.50	GL W MD	102.00	101.00	100.00	110.50	--	107.75	6.50
GL W MD	--	--	91.20	93.40	98.80	--	8.50	GL W SM	63.00	--	--	--	--	75.50	2.00
GL W SM	--	77.00	67.33	70.33	66.78	--	5.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	130.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	113.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	114.00	106.50	4.00	NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	93.50	--	84.13	86.25	8.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	79.25	79.00	2.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	82.00	75.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

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.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKET****LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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.

**SHELL EGGS-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	112.00	111.00	96.00
SOUTHEAST	114.50	112.50	95.00
MIDWEST	108.50	106.50	90.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	119.50	118.50	97.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	113.91	112.44	94.87

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 20-Oct-12

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,106	1,299	2,405
Last Week	1,280	1,545	2,825
Same week yr ago	1,231	1,677	2,908
To-date/2012*	63,631	68,091	131,722
To-date/2011*	57,179	65,456	122,635

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	87	0	87
Last Week	291	0	291
Same week yr ago	75	15	90
To-date/2012*	11,246	36	11,282
To-date/2011*	14,420	413	14,833

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

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,193	1,299	2,492
Last Week	1,571	1,545	3,116
Same week yr ago	1,306	1,692	2,998
To-date/2012*	74,877	68,127	143,004
To-date/2011*	71,599	65,869	137,468

\*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	192	97	1,356	1,790
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	179	139
Total	192	97	1,535	1,929

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	109	114	10,481	12,327
Frozen	15	48	1,013	808
Dried	0	0	0	48
Total	124	162	11,494	13,183

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	4,121	2,070	81,372	70,309
Large	5,430	13,420	173,076	136,554
Medium	750	0	26,070	33,721
Ungraded	16,440	23,040	168,434	149,624
Misc	0	0	1,620	1,440
Total	26,741	38,530	450,572	391,648

/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****September Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.55 billion during September 2012, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.57 billion table eggs, and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 919 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2012 averaged 337 million, up 1 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,241 eggs, up slightly from September 2011.

All layers in the United States on October 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 49.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2012, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from October 1, 2011.

**Egg-Type Chicks Down 6 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during September 2012 totaled 37.5 million, down 6 percent from September 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 37.2 million on October 1, 2012, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 206 thousand during September 2012, down 18 percent from September 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

Commodity

Commodity	Aug-31		Sep-30		Sep 30, 2012	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
Frozen Egg						
			(1,000 pounds)		(percent)	
Whites	3,745	4,587	4,130	3,745	91%	82%
Yolks	1,301	2,445	1,167	2,120	182%	87%
Whole and mixed	8,285	9,567	8,555	9,025	105%	94%
Unclassified	17,678	19,257	18,037	16,477	91%	86%
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>31,009</b>	<b>35,856</b>	<b>31,889</b>	<b>31,367</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>87%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 20-Oct-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases		Percent Change From	
	(In Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year	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:

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 20-Oct-2012

Selected Centers	Current Week		Last Week		Percent Change	
	(Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Last Year	Last Year	Last Year	
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					

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

		Frozen		Processed	
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry	
		LBS	LBS	LBS	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%	

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** October 23, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>102</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>162-166</b>	<b>145-149</b>	<b>114-118</b>	<b>96-100</b>
MOSTLY	164-165	147-148	116-117	98-99
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>169-173</b>	<b>152-156</b>	<b>121-125</b>	<b>103-107</b>
MOSTLY	169	152	121	103
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>168-169</b>	<b>151-155</b>	<b>120</b>	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-