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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

This week, New York prices are steady for Medium and 1 cent higher for the larger sizes. Regional prices are higher. 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 very light in the Northeast and moderate in other areas. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy but held with confidence. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. National light type hen removal costs are steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Processing schedules are mostly reduced to instances normal. 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	112-121	114-117	99-108	101-104
NORTHEAST	113-127	118-122	103-116	107-110
SOUTH CENTRAL	125.5-134	127-130	107.5-116	109-112
SOUTHEAST	113.5-132	121-124	97.5-117	106-110

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

IA-MN-WI	10/30/12	10/23/12	11/01/11
LARGE	94-101	87-97	90-100
MEDIUM	81-85	72-76	78-82

WEEKLY COMBINED REGIONAL 10/26/12
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	112.00	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 SHELL EGG INVENTORY: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

October 29, 2012		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.6	9.6	17.4	6.9	11.4	3.9	59.8
	% Change	9.0%	-1.9%	-14.3%	-3.9%	23.0%	19.5%	0.5%
Extra Large	This Week	38.3	21.2	44.1	21.7	39.1	4.4	168.8
	% Change	8.2%	5.6%	18.2%	26.2%	28.7%	-12.3%	16.1%
Large	This Week	62.3	121.4	131.0	99.0	69.7	58.5	541.9
	% Change	-0.5%	9.1%	21.3%	11.1%	19.6%	-4.8%	10.4%
Medium	This Week	21.2	15.2	48.5	24.2	27.3	11.9	148.2
	% Change	-19.6%	-9.3%	17.5%	27.0%	19.1%	-3.8%	6.9%
Small	This Week	1.6	3.6	5.6	3.7	1.4	2.1	17.9
	% Change	-34.6%	46.7%	44.6%	-33.0%	-36.2%	-30.9%	-7.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.5	11.8	24.0	8.4	4.9	0.9	51.4
	% Change	-19.3%	25.9%	6.0%	-39.3%	-1.4%	-37.9%	-4.8%
Ungraded	This Week	10.1	13.9	91.7	32.3	24.1	7.8	179.9
	% Change	-12.9%	14.1%	14.5%	-11.0%	-0.5%	-0.8%	4.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	145.6	196.6	362.1	196.1	177.9	89.4	1,167.8
	% Change	-3.0%	8.1%	15.6%	4.3%	16.8%	-5.2%	8.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,167.8	8.1%
Breaking Stock	246.3	8.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,414.1	8.1%

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	6.2	10.1	6.3	1.0	2.5	2.0	27.9
	% Change	11.3%	5.8%	78.6%	-67.1%	-5.4%	3.7%	7.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	30.0	13.2	12.2	2.0	57.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%	5.5%	0.0%	-7.8%	3.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.2	10.1	36.3	14.1	14.6	4.0	85.3
	% Change	11.3%	5.8%	12.6%	-8.2%	-0.9%	-2.5%	4.6%

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

	Large:	27.1%
	Ungraded:	72.0%
	Total:	57.3%

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 27-Oct-2012		(Lbs In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,370,258	32,860	13,619	6,888	2,227	4,394
PW	1,384,927	33,967	13,257	6,861	2,641	4,715
LY	1,354,602	34,143	12,275	6,421	1,999	4,599
% PW	-1%	-3%	3%	0%	-16%	-7%
% LY	1%	-4%	11%	7%	11%	-4%
2012*	58,859,320	1,383,689	600,175	304,743	127,230	196,533
2011*	57,970,797	1,374,550	583,720	295,464	124,798	193,712
% YTD	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.15	42.46	42.40
(Inedible Excluded)	38.95	39.05	39.01

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	789,350	57.6%	20,187	61.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	797,127	57.6%	20,925	61.6%
LAST YEAR	761,739	56.2%	20,936	61.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

19 Selected States STATE	Broiler Eggs Set		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	Oct 20	Oct 27	Oct 20	Oct 27
Alabama	25,458	25,755	18,660	19,380
Arkansas	18,329	20,124	18,637	19,258
Delaware	3,162	3,240	4,280	4,280
Florida	1,088	1,353	1,023	1,291
Georgia	28,132	30,168	25,953	26,577
Kentucky	6,707	7,229	5,762	5,950
Louisiana	3,298	3,183	2,700	2,703
Maryland	7,071	6,769	6,331	5,239
Mississippi	16,364	16,365	13,616	14,142
Missouri	7,210	7,867	4,770	5,543
North Carolina	18,305	19,331	15,110	14,998
Oklahoma	6,416	6,622	4,854	4,356
Pennsylvania	3,279	3,369	3,023	3,059
South Carolina	5,654	5,124	4,127	3,850
Texas	12,603	13,200	11,668	11,132
Virginia	5,543	6,195	4,495	4,494
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	8,538	10,477	9,835	10,640
19 State total	177,157	186,371	154,284	156,892
Previous year total	183,537	185,172	151,134	153,311
Percent of previous year	97	101	102	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 08-Dec-12 is estimated at 143.2 million head. This compares to 142.8 million head the previous week and to 143.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 79.59 cents per pound.

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

National trading for 10/25/12 - 10/31/12		Current Lds 112.50		Future Lds 60.75		Total Lds 173.25	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	94.00	101.13	94.67	96.83	--	101.00	57.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	96.50	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	104.58	--	6.00
GL W XL	--	118.76	106.33	114.35	101.27	99.00	36.00
GL W LG	--	122.29	102.50	105.18	103.07	--	63.25
GL W MD	--	--	92.63	97.91	93.00	--	6.75
GL W SM	--	--	70.00	73.00	65.00	--	2.00
GL BR LG	103.00	111.50	--	--	99.00	104.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	95.50	95.22	84.25	87.33	23.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	83.50	--	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	82.00	75.00	83.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	71.00	1.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	73.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-Oct-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		PW		% CHANGE	
	Cases, in thousands	LW	LY	LW	LY	
Atlanta	18.8	18.7	1	-4		
Boston	2.9	2.8	4	7		
Chicago	54.0	54.6	-1	-4		
Los Angeles	53.9	57.2	-6	9		
New Orleans	6.7	6.2	8	8		
New York	35.8	35.6	1	-1		
St. Louis	65.2	86.4	-25	-2		
San Francisco	19.6	17.3	13	17		
Total	256.9	279.3	-8	1		
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.4					

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-Oct-12 (Preliminary)

	Young		Old		Total Turkeys
	Hens	Toms	Breeders	Breeders	
Head	2,446	3,061	41	5	5,553
Avg Wt	17.56	38.78	27.38	29.60	29.34
Last week	1,669	2,747	42	0	4,458
Same wk yr ago	2,143	2,794	41	13	4,991
Avg Wt	17.57	38.15	26.79	35.81	28.76
To-date/2012*	78,007	111,581	1,156	338	191,082
To-date/2011*	79,035	110,947	939	324	191,107
% Change YTD	-1%	1%	23%	4%	0%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	34,361	94,964	853	112	130,290
Last week	30,688	86,681	834	267	118,470
Same wk yr ago	35,412	91,677	348	137	127,574
To-date/2012*	1,054,513	3,554,137	22,879	8,438	4,640,267
To-date/2011*	1,082,151	3,441,263	20,440	7,502	4,551,356
% Change YTD	-3%	3%	12%	12%	2%

Dressing %					
Current week	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 27-Oct-12 (Preliminary)		-----Young turkeys-----		Old Breeders	Total Turkeys
Thousand	Pct chg	Avg Live wt	-Thousand head-		
North East	830	7	26.19	(A)	830
South Atlantic	790	10	35.95	(A)	790
North Central	2,104	-1	32.78	(A)	2,108
South Central	1,014	27	19.34	(A)	1,015
West	769	53	24.57	(A)	769
U.S. total	5,507 (B)	12	29.34	5	5,512
To-date 2012*	189,588 (B)			338	189,926
To-date 2011*	191,484 (B)			324	191,808

(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* 1,156,000; for last year to date* 939,000.
 *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

WEEKLY POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

(Preliminary) Week ending 27-Oct-2012

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Ducks
-----Thousands-----					
Head	153,401	919	1,367	2,286	370
Avg Wt	5.76	3.12	8.06	6.07	6.46
Last week	155,464	1,106	1,299	2,405	418
Same wk yr ago	152,604	1,241	1,657	2,898	436
Avg Wt	5.74	3.17	7.92	5.89	6.80
To-date/2012*	6,566,647	62,525	69,458	134,008	17,775
To-date/2011*	6,808,919	55,948	67,113	125,533	18,560
% Change YTD	-4%	10%	3%	7%	-4%

Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage

	Current week	Last week	Same wk yr ago
Current week	667,110	698,383	656,960
Last week	698,383	698,383	656,960
Same wk yr ago	656,960	698,383	656,960
To-date/2012*	28,399,952	29,106,348	28,399,952
To-date/2011*	29,106,348	29,106,348	28,399,952
% Change YTD	-2%	9%	4%

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 150.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.3 million head, or 4.7 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
09/22	156.1	153.5	102%	5.79
09/29	157.5	152.9	103%	5.76
10/06	156.3	152.9	102%	5.90
10/13	156.9	151.8	103%	5.97
10/20	157.4	150.4	105%	5.86
10/27	155.3	150.6	103%	5.76
Year to date		6646.7	6612.5	101%
11/03		150.1		
11/10		151.1		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

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

Week Ending 03-Nov-12

Class	Current Week 11/03/12 (1)	Previous Week 10/27/12
Broiler/fryer	150,676 (2)	153,519
Light hens	919	988
Heavy hens	1,658	1,660
Total	153,253	157,875

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Nov-12 is 150.6 million head compared to 155.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.0 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 10-Nov-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 10/29/12	3,023	124,803	54,188
AM 10/01/12	3,165	169,682	51,943
CHG	-142	-44879	2245
PCT CHG	-4%	-26%	4%

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS

Frozen Grade A basted equivalent offering prices on a national basis for hens 108.00-115.00 cents f.o.b. and 16-24 lb. toms 110.00- 118.00 cents f.o.b. for current shipments.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

26-Oct-12

Live Spent Heavy

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	9.5-21.0	13.74

(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 27-Oct-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	212.8	-2	0
East North Central	713.4	1	4
West North Central	302.9	3	6
South Atlantic	133.3	1	-1
South Central	52.4	0	3
West	36.7	-2	-2
Total	1451.5	1	3

Matched Plants Reporting Previous Week 69 Last Year 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 29-Oct-2012

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

Los Angeles	105.00	104.00	15	94.28	52
New York	84.00-87.00	85.76	21	86.18	40

Delivered to First Receivers 1/:

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

Chicago	81.00-87.00			85.40	50
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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	10/29/12	Change Last Wk	10/22/12	10/31/11
278	88.83	4.02	84.81	74.55

