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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Northeast prices are 1 cent lower on Medium, steady on Extra Large and Large. New York and remaining regional prices are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to instances good. Supplies vary by location, mostly moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate to at times active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to good. Light type hen offerings are moderate 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 remain unchanged for all reported sizes. Daily producer prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is fairly good to instances good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-94	87-90
MEDIUM	63-72	65-68
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: EXTRA LARGE	<b>RANGE</b> 93-101	<b>MOSTLY</b> 94-96

#### **IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS**

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	67-77	71
MEDIUM	45-49	47
SMALL	36-42	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady on larger sizes, 1 cent less on Medium. The undertone is steady. Supplies vary by location, but are usually moderate for trading purposes. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock demand is moderate to good for light offerings. Spent hen offerings are light; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	65-78	70-72
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME	, NH, Eastern N.	J, Eastern NY,
PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices are unchanged on all sizes with a steady undertone. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; processing schedules are normal. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

moderate demand.		
Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-101	95-98
LARGE	92-99	93-96
MEDIUM	67.5-75	68-72
SOUTHEAST AREA AL EL GA MS NO S	C Fastern TN and	Southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Retail demand remains moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Breaking stock prices are steady, while checks and undergrades are higher. The undertone is fully steady. Offerings are light on fairly good to at times good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	95.5-104	97-100
MEDIUM	68.5-77	70-73
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,L	A,MO,NM,OK, and T	X

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are mixed, but are usually moderate. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	77-81

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

<u>CALIFORNIA EGGS</u> Benchmark prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is mostly moderate to instances fairly good while offerings remain moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. Small benchmark price 88 cents.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Shell egg marketer's 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.

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JUMBO	125
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	132
MEDIUM	108

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-donzen cases in thousands) (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	14.2	7.7	15.5	8.8	14.0	3.8	64.0
	% Change	34.0%	-10.0%	-0.8%	-5.5%	-21.4%	9.1%	-2.1%
Extra-large	This Week	25.8	24.2	34.5	16.5	42.5	4.2	147.7
	% Change	8.5%	12.5%	-9.7%	-1.8%	11.4%	-14.3%	3.0%
Large	This Week	67.4	106.2	141.7	88.1	75.1	50.8	529.1
_	% Change	12.1%	-1.4%	-4.0%	-11.2%	2.4%	-23.6%	-4.5%
Medium	This Week	10.5	20.7	47.9	21.1	35.0	9.0	144.2
	% Change	-15.3%	15.9%	-6.4%	-16.4%	-15.9%	8.8%	-7.9%
Small	This Week	1.5	5.0	9.7	2.1	3.0	1.5	22.7
	% Change	-7.0%	-11.4%	-12.3%	-28.5%	90.4%	-27.5%	-8.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	9.5	23.1	11.1	9.0	1.8	57.2
	% Change	-4.3%	-5.9%	2.7%	17.0%	82.4%	60.5%	12.2%
Ungraded	This Week	7.5	12.5	88.0	29.5	19.6	15.5	172.7
_	% Change	107.1%	1.7%	-15.1%	-2.9%	15.2%	54.6%	-2.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	129.6	185.8	360.4	177.2	198.1	86.6	1,137.7
-	% Change	12.8%	1.2%	-7.6%	-8.3%	1.9%	-10.1%	-3.0%
	<u> </u>	Totals		Cases	Percent Chang	ge	•	
	-	Shell Egg		1,137.7	-3.0%			
		Breaking Stocl	<	281.0	2.4%			

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory**<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.7	7.9	6.5	3.2	3.6	3.5	33.3
	% Change	-20.8%	3.4%	143.8%	20.4%	-4.5%	-35.6%	0.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	23.0	5.2	0.0	1.7	29.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-7.4%	-25.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-6.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.7	7.9	29.4	8.4	3.6	5.2	63.2
	% Change	-20.8%	3.4%	7.2%	-13.0%	-4.5%	-4.0%	-2.6%

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

**Total Shell Egg** 

Large: 31.5% Ungraded: 37.4% Total: 34.3% 35

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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, and WV;

Midwest = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; South Central = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT;

Southwest = CA and NV; Northwest = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY

### **NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 16, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 09, 2012 were 192,948 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

**CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**Cases purchased present week:

172,476 20,472 192,948

% change from the prior week:

·12 -18 +8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

### **CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is fairly good to instances good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

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.

RANGE MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK 52-55 53.5-55
CHECKS 36-45 36-40
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF FEB. 27, 2012 QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL 2.34 2.32 2.10 1.63

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS' F.O.B. FARM AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

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GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL
1.85 1.85 1.69 1.21

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## TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for March 09, 2012

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

	CURREN	IT LOAI	OS 38	8.00		FUT	URE LO	ADS 10.00		Т	OTAL L	OADS	48.00		
	;	SE		NE	M	IW			5	SC SC	N	W	SI	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	68.00		70.00	71.50			7.00	GNR W 1							4.00
GNR BR 1							1.00	GL W J		68.00				80.00	5.00
GL W J	56.00			60.00	60.10		6.00	GL W XL	72.00	85.13				78.00	3.00
GL W XL		92.00	79.75	87.67	78.21	82.00	10.00	GL W LG		72.00					3.00
GL W LG		77.00	76.25	80.00	64.00		8.00	GL W MD		59.00		65.00		66.50	13.00
GL W MD			47.00		50.67		13.00	GL W SM					29.00		1.00
GL W SM		36.00	35.00	38.00			2.00								

# TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for March 05, 2012 – March 09, 2012 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

	CURREN	IT LOAD	DS 12	20.50		FUTU	JRE LO	ADS 35.00		TC	OTAL LO	DADS	155.50	)	
		SE		NE	М	W			S	C	N'	W	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	68.50	71.00	69.33	71.57		68.00	58.00	GNR W 1		73.60					9.00
GNR W 2							1.00	GNR W 2		65.00					1.00
GNR BR 1							1.00	GL W J	70.00	67.69			71.00	78.74	9.00
GL W J	56.00			60.00	60.83	70.00	8.25	GL W XL	72.06	87.82				79.75	13.25
GL W XL		88.40	81.88	85.94	78.19	82.00	41.50	GL W LG		83.33				77.50	22.50
GL W LG		66.00	75.33	79.89	66.24	71.17	33.75	GL W MD	48.00	59.36		64.25		61.55	28.00
GL W MD			47.44	52.00	49.69		30.00	GL W SM	40.00				29.00		2.00
GL W SM		38.50	34.50	37.00	33.00		4.00	NRBS - 48		62.00			54.50		.50
GL BR J	148.00			150.00			.25	NRBS - 45		60.00			52.50		1.00
GL BR XL							.50								
GL BR SM	48.00			50.00			.25								
NRBS - 50					50.50	55.00	1.00								
NRBS - 48					51.88	54.14	15.00								
NRBS - 39					39.25	43.00	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.

# COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/05/12	03/27/12	03/07/11
PACIFIC COAST	55	64	42
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

# NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is moderate.

Prices weighted average, in small lots, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, nearby retail outlet, cents per dozen.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.36
LARGE	113.04
MEDIUM	85.86
SMALL	78.00

### ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 178

Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit the National Organic Program at

www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome

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