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



Regional West Coast egg prices are unchanged on Jumbo and Extra Large, 3 cents lower on Large and 4 cents lower on Medium and Small. Regional prices are unchanged to 5 cents lower on Extra Large, 2 to 7 cents less on Large and 2.74 to 4 cents lower on Medium. New York prices are steady. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate and in the Northeast moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are mixed, mostly moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to instances heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

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 are 3 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service demand is moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	70-73
LARGE	66-75	68-71
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66
DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR: EXTRA LARGE	<b>RANGE</b> 74-82	<b>MOSTLY</b> 75-77

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

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS. CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	48-58	52
MEDIUM	43-47	45
SMALL	36-42	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged to 2 cents lower on Extra large, 2 cents lower on Large and 3 cents less on Medium. Trade sentiment is steady. Supplies vary by plant, are light on Extra Large, mostly moderate on Large, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail demand is light to instances moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-98	80-87
LARGE	69-83	74-78
MEDIUM	63-76	68-70
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, M	1A, MD, ME, NH, eas	tern NJ, eastern NY,
PA, RI, northern VA, & VT		

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices are 3 to 5 cents lower on Extra Large, down 3 to 7 cents on Large, 2.74 to 4 cents lower on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate to at times heavy; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-91.25	76-79
LARGE	73-80.25	74-77
MEDIUM	66.5-75.26	67-71
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GL, GA,	MS, NC, SC, eastern TN	N, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices for whole broiler/fryers are trending firm to higher. Offerings are light for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate to good following the weekend. Market activity is moderate to active. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate for early week business. Prices are trending firm to higher for boneless skinless breast and tenders with good movement. Whole breast are steady to firm and all remaining parts are mostly moderate. Offerings for tenders and boneless skinless breast are light and held with confidence, dark meat items are in good supply and moving well, whole breast are light to moderate and the balance of parts are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86.5-95	88-91
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	67.5-76	69-72
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ	, CO, KS, LA, M	O, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices are steady. Supplies are mixed, usually light to heavy for current needs. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-87
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	75-79

**WESTERN** Prices are unchanged for Jumbo and Extra Large, 3 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate and reported as slightly improved. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are unchanged for Jumbo and Extra Large, 3 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate and reported as slightly improved. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 88 cents.

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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	KANGE
JUMBO	129
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	108

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#### **WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:**

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-donzen cases in thousands) 1/ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	11.1	9.7	11.9	6.7	11.9	3.3	54.4
	% Change	25.2%	7.0%	-9.3%	-12.6%	-10.1%	17.3%	-0.3%
Extra Large	This Week	21.5	24.5	37.1	14.9	37.4	5.1	140.5
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.8%	-16.6%	-15.5%	-2.2%	-5.5%	-9.4%
Large	This Week	50.6	114.2	114.3	73.3	85.2	52.3	489.9
	% Change	17.4%	7.4%	-18.6%	-17.5%	2.4%	-13.3%	-6.2%
Medium	This Week	14.6	23.3	71.5	23.1	27.6	10.0	170.0
	% Change	-4.7%	0.9%	17.0%	7.2%	-6.7%	17.5%	6.9%
Small	This Week	3.4	5.5	5.5	0.8	1.2	2.4	18.9
	% Change	-24.9%	17.2%	-7.1%	93.0%	-16.8%	-34.9%	-9.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.3	11.9	30.8	11.7	5.6	1.0	63.3
	% Change	-18.6%	1.8%	28.4%	28.0%	7.8%	-27.3%	16.7%
Ungraded	This Week	12.0	18.2	97.6	23.8	14.6	11.5	177.6
J	% Change	45.1%	20.7%	-18.7%	21.1%	0.9%	-4.9%	-6.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	115.4	207.2	368.6	154.3	183.5	85.6	1,114.6
	% Change	8.8%	5.8%	-9.9%	-6.4%	-1.0%	-9.1%	-3.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,114.6	-3.5%
Breaking Stock	289.7	-4.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,404.3	-3.8%

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	11.1	10.4	1.0	5.0	3.3	2.9	33.7
	% Change	45.9%	-4.1%	0.0%	69.1%	11.3%	-3.0%	18.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.5	12.4	0.0	2.1	32.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-17.1%	19.5%	0.0%	-4.2%	-5.4%
Total Specialty	This Week % Change	11.1 45.9%	10.4 -4.1%	19.5 -16.4%	17.4 30.6%	3.3 11.3%	4.9 -3.5%	66.6 5.5%

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

Large: 27.6% Ungraded: 53.0% Total: 40.2%

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.

#### **NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 11, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 04, 2012 were 168,034 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 10 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:

143,251 24,783 168,034

% change from the prior week:

-9 -17 -10

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

#### **CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

All prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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 43-46
CHECKS 28-37 28-32
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX,

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF APR 23, 2012 QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

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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

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

#### **DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 04, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 38.50 FUTURE LOADS TOTAL LOADS 38.50

	•	E	NE		MW				,	SC	NVV	3	VV		
	_	_						CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	GL W J	74.00					81.67	3.75
GNR W 1	49.00			52.00			1.00	-							
_	10.00							GL W XL	66.50	69.50			63.00	71.90	12.00
GL W J					67.00		2.00	GL W LG	57.50					63.25	8.00
GL W XL			64.00	68.22	57.76	63.00	10.25								
GL W LG			57.72	61.00	50.57		12.00	GL W MD	52.20					57.00	1.25
					50.57			GL BR J						85.00	.25
GL W SM			49.00	52.00			1.00	OL DITO						00.00	.20
GL BR J					69.00		.25								
NRBS - 48		49.00			42.17		3.00								

### **DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 30, 2012-MAY 4, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 113.50 FUTURE LOADS 5.00 TOTAL LOADS 118.50

	SE		1	NE MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W XL			52.00	54.00			1.00	GL W J	74.88				79.35	82.47	9.50
GNR W 1	49.67		49.75	52.00			11.00	GL W XL	66.03	69.50			64.00	72.01	24.00
GL W J					67.32		4.25	GL W LG	57.67				61.00	66.74	21.00
GL W XL		64.00	64.50	67.21	57.93	63.17	26.75	GL W MD	52.20		52.25			57.96	3.50
GL W LG	75.00	78.00	56.64	58.33	52.98	53.50	32.00	GL BR J						85.00	.25
GL W MD		52.00	50.00	53.50	46.64	48.00	5.75	GL BR XL					65.25	70.00	.50
GL W SM	46.00		48.75	51.50	40.63	43.25	8.00	GL BR LG	60.00				65.25	70.00	1.50
GL BR J				155.00	109.50		.50	NRBS - 50	54.00					61.00	3.00
GL BR XL				85.00			.50								
GL BR LG				85.00			.25								
GL BR MD				59.00	54.00		.25								
NRBS - 48		49.00			42.17		3.00								

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 HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers	(In Thousands of Pounds)		
	04/30/12	04/23/12	05/02/11
PACIFIC COAST	37	37	93
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on medium and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is light.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MIOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	107.59
LARGE	96.73
MEDIUM	84.86
SMALL	78.00

#### **USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS**

#### **WHOLESALE**

## **Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons**

(price cents per carton delivered to first receivers)

	Price Range	Mostly
Extra Large doz.	261- 316 173 - 198	275 - 310 173 - 188
172 0021	176 166	170 100
Large doz.	230 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178

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