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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 19 cents higher on Jumbos, 21 to 25.5 cents higher on Extra Large, up 21 to 25.50 cents on Large, 9 to 23 cents higher on smaller sizes. New York prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with heavier weight eggs in the lighter position. Demand into retail and food service channels is mixed, mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to good. Light type hen offerings are sufficient to fully sufficient for 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 are 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 12 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady with a steady undertone. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are supplies are light. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is moderate to good on light offerings. Supplies are mostly light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	140-149	143-146
Large	139-148	141-144
Medium	100-109	102-105

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	147-155	148-150
Large	145-153	146-148
Medium	106-114	107-109

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	121-131	125
Medium	82-86	84
Small	52-58	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 21 to 22 cents higher on Extra Large, 21 cents higher on Large and 11 cents more on Medium. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large, mixed on Medium. Demand is usually moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for a light and unaggressive demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	146-172	150-161
Large	140-154	145-149
Medium	101-114	106-108

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 21 to 25.50 cents higher on Extra Large, up 23 to 25.50 cents on Large, Mediums 9 to 23 cents higher. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for present trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is irregular. Light type hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135.5-163	151-154
Large	131.5-155	149-152
Medium	97.5-110	103-107

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 23 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 11 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is mostly steady. Retail and distributive demands range moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate with the larger sizes in the tightest position. Market activity is moderate to active. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Supplies are mostly light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	161.5-170	163-166
Large	150.5-159	152-155
Medium	105.5-114	107-110

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Current supplies are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large, moderate on lighter weights. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	154-158
Large	152-156
Medium	113-117

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 19 cents higher for Jumbo, 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 19 cents higher for Jumbo, 22 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 12 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate while demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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.

	RANGE
Jumbo	197
Extra Large	200
Large	180
Medium	145

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.6	7.9	14.1	6.0	9.7	3.9	49.1
	% Change	31.7%	-0.3%	15.0%	-18.0%	-2.5%	6.3%	4.9%
Extra Large	This Week	17.7	15.6	29.9	11.1	37.8	5.6	117.5
	% Change	31.6%	-5.4%	-1.0%	-15.8%	17.3%	7.3%	6.3%
Large	This Week	39.5	91.1	86.5	65.6	75.7	36.2	394.5
	% Change	-8.2%	1.1%	27.4%	1.0%	12.4%	9.0%	7.6%
Medium	This Week	15.7	18.4	58.2	31.3	28.5	10.6	162.6
	% Change	-6.4%	-7.5%	0.7%	39.7%	21.4%	8.4%	8.3%
Small	This Week	2.5	6.0	9.1	1.2	0.8	3.4	22.9
	% Change	-27.5%	51.1%	6.1%	24.5%	-22.4%	25.2%	10.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.2	14.2	30.6	10.7	5.4	1.1	65.1
	% Change	-6.8%	34.3%	-0.3%	10.5%	11.2%	25.3%	8.5%
Ungraded	This Week	7.7	13.5	58.0	23.7	28.3	9.4	140.4
	% Change	10.9%	-5.4%	-5.5%	10.3%	0.6%	-23.7%	-2.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	93.7	166.7	286.3	149.5	186.1	70.0	952.2
	% Change	1.1%	2.1%	6.5%	6.9%	11.5%	3.5%	5.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	952.2	5.9%
Breaking Stock	245.3	-3.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,197.5	3.7%

SPECIALTY SHELL EGG INVENTORY ^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	6.8	11.8	2.9	3.5	4.0	1.6	30.5
	% Change	-7.0%	-10.3%	23.4%	-15.6%	17.1%	0.0%	-4.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.3	13.8	15.3	2.8	54.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.2%	-2.0%	-4.3%	0.0%	-2.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.8	11.8	25.2	17.2	19.3	4.4	84.7
	% Change	-7.0%	-10.3%	0.2%	-5.1%	-0.6%	0.0%	-3.3%

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

Large:	30.1%
Ungraded:	67.3%
Total:	53.9%

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.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 03, 2012 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 27, 2012 were 161,971 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 15 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	139,339	22,632	161,971

% change from the prior week:
-16 -13 -15

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 higher. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is moderate to good on light offerings. Supplies are mostly light. Market activity is 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	83-85	
CHECKS	67-76	67-71
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 JUL 16, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

	EX			
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.

	EX			
GRADE A	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

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

National Trading for July 27, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS					FUTURE LOADS					TOTAL LOADS					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	--	128.00	--	--	--	--	13.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	118.00	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	126.00	132.00	1.75
GL W XL	--	153.00	--	141.33	129.35	132.00	8.50	GL W XL	121.00	140.17	--	--	--	128.00	4.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	81.71	--	6.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	91.58	6.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	69.00	72.00	1.00								

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

National Trading for July 23, 2012 – July 27, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS					FUTURE LOADS					TOTAL LOADS					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	114.50	127.46	122.00	118.80	--	123.00	50.00	GNR W 1	--	134.75	--	--	--	--	15.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	94.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	135.40	--	137.50	125.11	131.69	5.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	119.69	--	3.25	GL W XL	130.53	143.16	--	--	--	133.57	13.00
GL W XL	--	154.50	--	146.56	132.70	131.38	30.75	GL W LG	128.00	139.73	--	--	--	135.40	25.00
GL W LG	--	140.50	125.31	125.50	139.46	132.00	43.00	GL W MD	99.95	91.67	--	97.75	--	92.55	20.50
GL W MD	--	--	78.33	80.67	83.14	--	18.50	GL W SM	56.50	64.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	50.00	54.00	47.33	43.00	60.00	61.71	5.75								
GL BR XL	--	--	115.50	118.25	--	--	2.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	108.00	110.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	51.00	99.00	--	--	87.00	--	2.00								
GL BR SM	63.00	--	--	65.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	81.00	--	--	76.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	80.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	64.00	--	69.00	72.22	7.25								
NRBS - 36	--	--	57.24	60.69	60.00	60.00	9.75								

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	07/23/12	07/16/12	07/25/11
PACIFIC COAST	78	69	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are light. Retail demand is good.

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	170.23
Large	160.15
Medium	120.86
Small	92.00

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.	155 – 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