



EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

MONDAY
MARCH 04, 2013
VOL. 60 NO. 18

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

California prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 1 cent higher on Extra Large, 2 cents higher on Large and 1 cent higher on Medium and Small. New York and remaining regional prices are 1 cent higher on all sizes. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light to instances moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are mixed, mostly moderate to heavy. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type fowl offerings are at least sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

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 1 cent higher for all reported sizes. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher for Large and Medium. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades higher. The undertone is fully steady. Offerings are light to occasionally moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	76-86	80
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	42-48	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher. The undertone is firm. Supplies are mostly moderate to at times heavy. Offerings are light. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings and demand are light. Light hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-118	104-107
LARGE	96-110	101-105
MEDIUM	91-94	86-88

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to 1 cent higher on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, food service demand is moderate. Offerings are generally moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light; demand is light. Light type fowl offerings are at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104.5-123	106-109
LARGE	103-119	104-107
MEDIUM	80.5-97	81-85

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light and confidently held. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to occasionally moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.5-116	109-112
LARGE	103.5-112	105-108
MEDIUM	79.5-88	81-84

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

NEW YORK Prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Offerings are light. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	112-116
LARGE	110-114
MEDIUM	95-99

WESTERN Prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 1 cent higher for Extra Large, 2 cents higher for Large and 1 cent higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light to moderate with demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 1 cent higher for Extra Large, 2 cents higher for Large and 1 cent higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light to instances moderate. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 95 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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	159
EXTRA LARGE	142
LARGE	136

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	10.1	10.4	17.9	7.8	8.7	5.2	60.1
	% Change	23.3%	1.3%	8.0%	8.7%	15.3%	26.3%	11.6%
Extra Large	This Week	26.0	15.6	31.9	18.6	37.6	5.8	135.4
	% Change	-13.1%	7.0%	-11.5%	-15.0%	13.9%	-39.3%	-6.5%
Large	This Week	56.5	112.0	132.4	86.8	108.1	72.3	568.1
	% Change	-26.5%	7.4%	1.4%	1.8%	14.0%	12.4%	2.2%
Medium	This Week	11.2	15.0	38.7	20.4	36.4	8.4	130.1
	% Change	-2.1%	-5.8%	-13.2%	-7.6%	32.0%	-18.6%	-1.4%
Small	This Week	4.4	2.2	10.8	3.2	2.5	2.7	25.8
	% Change	66.3%	-9.0%	-4.2%	-15.5%	58.3%	0.4%	5.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	10.5	25.0	12.4	4.5	1.8	57.0
	% Change	35.6%	-18.5%	-2.2%	-16.8%	-17.7%	14.3%	-8.8%
Ungraded	This Week	7.2	21.4	94.5	27.3	17.5	14.3	182.2
	% Change	0.0%	27.3%	3.0%	1.6%	-12.3%	1.0%	3.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	118.2	187.2	351.2	176.4	215.2	110.4	1,158.6
	% Change	-14.5%	5.6%	-1.5%	-3.0%	13.3%	3.6%	0.7%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,158.6	0.7%
Breaking Stock	262.6	2.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,421.2	1.0%

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	8.2	26.2	6.2	4.4	3.1	1.0	49.0
	% Change	-0.7%	-10.2%	-1.1%	-19.2%	-34.1%	-45.5%	-11.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	33.6	8.6	3.3	2.9	48.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	7.8%	-5.2%	-47.4%	6.7%	-1.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.2	26.2	39.8	13.0	6.4	3.8	97.3
	% Change	-0.7%	-10.2%	6.3%	-10.4%	-41.7%	-13.9%	-7.0%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	25.1%
	Ungraded:	72.2%
	Total:	48.5%

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 March 08, 2013 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 01, 2013 were 164,804 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
143,730 21,074 164,804

% change from the prior week:
+4 +3 +4

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 to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings are light to occasionally moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. 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	61-65	61-62
CHECKS	44-53	44-48
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 18, 2013

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A	Unavailable				

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

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A	2.00	2.00	1.84	1.36	

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for March 1, 2013
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

Current Loads 25.25 Future Loads 39.75 Total Loads 65.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W 1	80.00	--	--	--	--	--	27.00
GNR W 1	79.00	--	79.00	81.50	--	--	25.00	GL W J	104.07	--	--	--	--	119.00	5.75
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	111.89	2.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	3.00	GL W LG	--	98.00	--	--	--	103.50	4.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	105.50	95.00	--	5.75	GL W MD	76.25	--	--	--	81.50	83.62	3.25
GL W LG	--	--	86.50	92.00	88.25	--	11.00								
GL W MD	--	--	--	74.00	69.33	--	3.25								
GL W SM	--	--	49.00	52.00	--	--	1.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for February 25, 2013 - March 1, 2013

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

Current Loads 105.00 Future Loads 68.00 Total Loads 173.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W 1	80.00	84.25	--	--	--	--	42.00
GNR W 1	76.80	82.55	79.00	80.14	--	--	56.00	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	105.65	111.30	--	--	112.00	118.64	11.75
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W XL	--	102.50	--	--	--	106.90	16.75
GL W J	--	--	110.00	112.00	101.10	--	8.25	GL W LG	--	92.85	--	--	93.50	97.90	20.00
GL W XL	--	99.80	90.75	99.08	90.38	--	30.25	GL W MD	71.58	67.50	71.00	--	76.75	79.09	14.75
GL W LG	--	91.29	83.79	86.60	84.34	91.00	44.75	GL W SM	42.00	--	--	--	--	56.00	2.00
GL W MD	--	72.00	68.33	71.75	68.36	--	10.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	119.00	.25
GL W SM	--	51.00	51.80	54.25	44.25	--	10.00	GL BR LG	--	102.89	--	--	--	--	1.75
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	93.43	--	1.75								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	59.00	65.00	.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	62.00	65.00	10.00								

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)

	02/25/13	02/18/13	02/27/12
Pacific w/out Denver	61	64	64
Los Angeles	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are moderate. 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	128.16
Large	125.06
Medium	99.47
Small	83.00

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 - 320	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	180 - 198	181 - 189
Large doz.	230 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	171 - 189	171 - 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