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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. New York prices are unchanged. Demand is light to moderate. Current supplies are mixed, mostly moderate for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to mostly moderate; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy 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 are 15 cents lower for extra large and large, and 6 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand has improved and is noted as moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to instances moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-97	90-93
MEDIUM	73-82	75-78
Prices delivered to store door:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	96-104	97-99
LARGE	94-102	95-97
MEDIUM	79-87	80-82

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
LARGE	70-80	74
MEDIUM	55-59	57
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 11 cents lower on Extra Large, 12 cents lower on Large, and 3 cents less on Medium. The undertone is steady. Supplies are mixed, but mostly moderate for needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is light to moderate for moderate to heavy offerings. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	76.89	81-83

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-109.5	97-100
LARGE	94-105.5	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-85	78-82

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 16 cents lower for Extra Large, 17 cents lower for Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a mostly steady undertone. Demand is light to at times moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Price are unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is usually moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	88-92

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 14 cents lower for Jumbo, 15 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower Large and 6 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are 14 cents lower for Jumbo, 15 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower for Large and 6 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 98 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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	138
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	118

**Weekly Shell Egg Inventory:** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)<sup>1</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>75.2</b>
	% Change	-6.0%	-4.2%	15.5%	17.3%	47.4%	-4.2%	13.0%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>34.9</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>36.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>162.0</b>
	% Change	-6.8%	-11.3%	-13.6%	-13.2%	11.6%	-4.6%	-6.8%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>58.8</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>48.3</b>	<b>512.7</b>
	% Change	0.5%	-8.2%	-11.8%	-22.8%	14.2%	-6.6%	-7.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>14.4</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>128.5</b>
	% Change	-1.1%	-7.3%	-18.0%	-3.8%	16.8%	-4.8%	-6.6%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>18.6</b>
	% Change	-5.7%	6.9%	-8.1%	-21.8%	-10.8%	-51.9%	-16.6%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>1.8</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>69.0</b>
	% Change	19.0%	-3.6%	-0.6%	22.5%	-6.7%	-54.9%	2.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>9.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>132.1</b>
	% Change	-33.5%	-24.9%	10.8%	-3.5%	-2.1%	-0.6%	-0.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>129.6</b>	<b>186.2</b>	<b>383.3</b>	<b>151.8</b>	<b>166.8</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>1,098.1</b>
	% Change	-5.5%	-8.6%	-6.4%	-11.4%	13.9%	-9.3%	<b>-5.1%</b>

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
<b>Shell Egg</b>		1,098.1	-5.1%
<b>Breaking Stock</b>		290.0	1.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>		<b>1,388.1</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>

**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
<b>Large</b>	This Week	12.0	4.6	3.7	2.7	4.8	3.2	<b>30.9</b>
	% Change	27.1%	-22.8%	-0.5%	-12.7%	-4.6%	2.9%	2.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.1	5.2	0.0	2.1	<b>25.4</b>
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	6.4%	-27.5%	0.0%	43.6%	-0.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>12.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>56.3</b>
	% Change	<b>27.1%</b>	<b>-22.8%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>-23.0%</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>36.0%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>35.7%</b>

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 January 20, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 13, 2012 were 167,784 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	143,896	23,888	167,784

% change from the prior week:

	+4	-12	+1
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**Central States Breaking Stock**

Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to instances moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	47-49	--
Checks & Undergrades	31-40	31-35
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 December 26, 2011**

Quebec/Montreal: Wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	2.39	2.37	2.15	1.58

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm, as set by Ontario egg producers

	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	1.90	1.90	1.74	1.26

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for January 16, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 16.25								FUTURE LOADS 2.00				TOTAL LOADS 18.25			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	68.00	--	67.00	70.00	--	--	4.00	GL W J	--	--	--	92.00	88.00 3.00		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	72.00	--	3.00	GL W XL	72.00	78.00	--	--	81.40 2.25		
GL W XL	--	--	72.50	75.50	69.00	80.00	6.00	GL W LG	68.00	--	--	--	75.50 1.25		
GL W LG	--	--	73.00	75.00	--	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	93.00 .25		
GL W MD	--	--	--	64.00	56.00	--	1.00								
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	113.50	--	.50								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	73.00	68.00	--	.25								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 10, 2012 – Jan 16, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 101.75								FUTURE LOADS 35.00				TOTAL LOADS 136.75			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	68.50	74.50	70.67	72.20	--	--	12.00	GL W J	--	73.25	--	92.00	85.00 86.20 8.75		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	94.00	--	--	.75	GL W XL	68.86	75.39	--	--	78.77 29.75		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	70.18	--	8.25	GL W LG	63.85	79.44	--	--	72.70 16.00		
GL W XL	67.00	83.41	75.10	76.20	66.03	70.50	55.25	GL W MD	67.00	66.46	--	--	75.00 8.00		
GL W LG	--	--	74.67	68.33	60.51	65.71	43.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	93.00 .25		
GL W MD	--	63.00	61.17	62.67	61.43	63.81	15.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	99.00 .50		
GL W SM	--	58.00	68.00	71.00	50.00	--	3.00	NRBS - 50	61.00	--	--	--	68.00 1.00		
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	113.50	--	.50								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	83.00	--	.50								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	76.40	68.00	--	1.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	48.20	9.50								

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**

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/09/12	01/02/12	01/10/11
PACIFIC COAST	28	86	31
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is unavailable. 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	117.61
LARGE	116.84
MEDIUM	95.86
SMALL	94.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

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

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	255 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 178

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is light to moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**

Prices in cents per pound. 8.0 - 16.0 13.14

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues to be 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.