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## National Egg Market at-a-Glance

New York and regional prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail and distributive channels is light to mostly moderate. Limited feature activity is noted in the western regions. Offerings range light to at times heavy, mostly moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to instances moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are less than normal due to the MLK holiday.

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 for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Daily producer prices are steady for Large and Medium, and 2 cents lower for Small. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light as most breakers are uninterested in additional breaking stock at this time. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	89-98	92-95
Large	88-97	90-93
Medium	73-82	75-78

Delivered to store door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	96-104	97-99
Large	94-102	95-97
Medium	79-87	80-82

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	Range	Mostly
Large	70-80	74
Medium	55-59	57
Small	50-56	

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

**South Central Regional** Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Retail demand is moderate, while food service demand continues light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies moderate to instances heavy. Market activity remains moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
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, & TX

**Southeast Regional** Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Retail demand is moderate to instances fairly good, while food service light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for current trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy; demand is light to at times moderate. Light type hen demand is light to moderate on moderate to heavy offerings.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	95.5-109.5	97-100
Large	94-105.5	95-98
Medium	77.5-85	78-82

Southeast Area: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**Northeast Regional** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are unchanged on all sizes. Offerings are moderate. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy; demand is light to at times moderate. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
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, & VT

**New York** Price remain unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Current offerings are moderate. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Delivered to store door:	Range
Extra Large	103-107
Large	101-105
Medium	88-92

**Western** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with limited feature activity noted. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Sellers are asking higher prices with little or no success. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**California** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for all sizes. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Demand is light to moderate with limited feature activity noted. Sellers are asking higher prices with little or no success. 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.

	Range
Jumbo	138
Extra Large	137
Large	134
Medium	118

**Southern California:** Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, Delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	Range
Jumbo	120-130
Extra Large	119-127
Large	111-123
Medium	98-108

**Weekly National Egg Products - F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.**

**Liquid**

Whole egg and yolk prices are irregular with whites unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment is mostly steady for all liquid products. Offerings and demand are light to moderate for all products. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	33.00 - 38.00	11	34.82	32.50 - 38.50	9	35.81	52	45.78
Whites	40.00 - 42.00	17	40.88	40.00 - 41.50	13	40.85	37	55.14
Yolk	64.00 - 67.00	4	65.50	64.50 - 66.00	5	64.90	5	61.80

**Frozen**

Whole egg and sugared yolk prices are unchanged to lower with whites and salted yolk prices irregular. Trade sentiment continues steady for all frozen products. Offerings are moderate to heavy and reported as adequate for current inquiry. Demand is light to mostly moderate while contractual movement continues to gather the most interest. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	63.00 - 70.00	65.00 - 67.00	63.00 - 74.00	65.00 - 68.00	77.88	84.55
Whites	72.00 - 76.00	74.00 - 76.00	69.00 - 78.00	69.00 - 73.00	76.63	76.80
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	84.00 - 91.00	86.00 - 88.00	84.00 - 94.00	84.00 - 86.00	97.38	104.50
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	84.00 - 88.00	83.00 - 84.00	81.00 - 91.00	83.00 - 85.00	94.00	101.30

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	72.00 - 74.00		74.00 - 75.00		83.13	87.90
Whites	73.00 - 75.00		76.00 - 77.00		77.88	76.70
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	93.00 - 97.00		95.00 - 98.00		100.13	107.20
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	93.00 - 97.00		95.00 - 98.00		100.00	107.20

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**Dried**

Mostly prices are lower on dried whole and yolk, steady on albumen. The undertone is steady to instances weak. Demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. New orders are limited and trading is based on contractual sales. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.30 - 2.85	2.35 - 2.45	2.30 - 2.85	2.50 - 2.55	2.78	2.96
Yolk	1.65 - 2.05	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 2.10	1.75 - 1.80	2.09	2.24
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.40 - 4.95	4.55 - 4.60	4.45 - 5.05	4.55 - 4.60	4.87	5.03
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.25 - 2.35		1.99 - 2.35		2.51	2.62

<sup>2/</sup>Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup>Whole plus sweetener.

**Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**

W/E 14-Jan-2012 (lbs. in thousands) (excludes ingredients)

Total Production	Cases		Liquid				Dried	Inedible
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk				
CW	1,374,673	32,825	13,599	7,226	3,024	4,803		
PW	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424		
LY	1,356,557	32,593	13,408	6,713	3,217	4,682		
% PW	4%	2%	7%	11%	5%	9%		
% LY	1%	1%	1%	8%	-6%	3%		
2012	2,690,783	65,146	26,328	13,743	5,893	9,227		
2011	2,760,489	66,891	27,095	13,094	6,672	9,578		
% YTD	-3%	-3%	-3%	5%	-12%	-4%		

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.52	42.54	42.31
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.03	39.18	38.86

**In Line Production** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
Current Week	754,562	54.9%	19,605	59.7%
Previous Week	753,059	57.2%	19,806	61.3%
Last Year	712,731	52.5%	18,857	57.9%

**Breaking Stock** - Prices in cents/doz., dlvr'd. to breakers, 48 lb. min. net wt. per 30 doz. case, eggs from table egg layers. Pkg. may vary.

**Central Region** - Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light as most breakers are uninterested in additional breaking stock at this time. Supplies are moderate to 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		

**Eastern Region** - Prices are steady. Demand is light to at times moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Jan-2012 are 7 percent higher than last week and 8 percent higher than the same week last year.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	45-50	TFEWR
Checks & Undergrades	30-40	30-34
Eastern States Area: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

**Trailer Load Egg Sales**

Weekly (5-day) Weighted Average  
 National trading for January 13, 2012 – January 19, 2012 (cents/dozen)  
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

**Current Loads 123.75 Future Loads 33.25 Total Loads 157.00**

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	68.75	72.17	21.00	69.38	71.50	--	--	--	21.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	10.50	80.50	83.00	71.68	--	--	10.50	GL W J	76.25	--	--	92.00	84.29	87.91	12.25	
GL W XL	--	83.62	49.75	72.86	75.54	67.51	76.00	49.75	49.75	GL W XL	71.89	81.79	--	--	--	81.41	20.75	
GL W LG	--	82.13	49.75	69.50	67.70	64.26	67.61	49.75	49.75	GL W LG	66.29	81.20	--	--	--	78.04	27.25	
GL W MD	--	63.58	29.25	62.26	65.50	57.12	66.07	29.25	29.25	GL W MD	--	69.33	--	77.50	--	69.04	21.75	
GL W SM	--	--	2.75	60.50	63.50	46.00	--	2.75	2.75	GL W SM	54.25	--	--	--	--	62.50	1.50	
GL BR J	153.00	--	.75	--	155.00	113.50	--	.75	.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	.25	
GL BR XL	--	--	2.50	--	--	87.67	--	2.50	2.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	102.67	1.50	
GL BR LG	--	--	2.75	--	--	88.00	--	2.75	2.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	102.50	2.00	
GL BR MD	--	--	.25	--	73.00	68.00	--	.25	.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	3.00	--	--	--	49.00	3.00	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

**Combined Regional**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	97.50	96.00	82.00
Southeast	98.50	96.50	80.00
Midwest	93.50	91.50	76.50
South Central	101.50	100.50	81.50
Combined Regional	97.91	96.33	80.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**Live Spent Light National Fowl**

Prices are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are less than normal as some operations were down due to the MLK holiday. 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.

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 14-Jan-12 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,818	1,558	3,376
Last Week	1,375	1,365	2,740
Same week yr ago	1,610	1,369	2,979
To-date/2012*	3,193	2,923	6,116
To-date/2011*	2,996	2,707	5,703

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	487	12	499
Last Week	251	0	251
Same week yr ago	356	0	356
To-date/2012*	738	12	750
To-date/2011*	648	12	660

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	2,305	1,570	3,875
Last Week	1,626	1,365	2,991
Same week yr ago	1,966	1,369	3,335
To-date/2012*	3,931	2,935	6,866
To-date/2011*	3,644	2,719	6,363

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Import/Export Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 07, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	51	96	51	96
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	51	96	51	96

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 07, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	152	282	152	282
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	152	282	152	282

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 07, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,250	699	2,250	699
Large	0	0	0	0
Medium	0	0	0	0
Ungraded	912	2,695	912	2,695
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	3,162	3,394	3,162	3,394

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Weekly Commercial Egg Movement W/E 14-Jan-2012**

(Receipts from Producers)	Cases	% Change From	
Regions	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.0	-2	-5
East North Central	724.1	1	15
West North Central	289.9	-1	12
South Atlantic	148.1	-5	3
South Central	48.1	-3	-13
West	56.4	-1	2
Total	1464.6	-1	8

Matched plants reporting 71 71  
 Areas Covered: N. Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)  
 East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)  
 West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)  
 South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)  
 Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**Weekly Movement of Eggs Into Retail Channels W/E 14-Jan-2012**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% Change	
(Cases, in thousands)			LW	LY
Atlanta	19.6	19.1	3	-11
Boston	3.1	2.3	35	-3
Chicago	62.8	58.9	7	14
Los Angeles	57.1	63.6	-10	2
New Orleans	6.6	5.9	12	5
New York	37.3	38.3	-3	-6
St. Louis	91.0	68.7	32	-9
San Francisco	14.0	13.5	4	-29
Total	291.5	270.3	8	-3
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.3			

**Weekly Cold Storage Holdings**

Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands of Pounds)		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
AM	01/16/12	3,195	75,354	47,598
AM	01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG		20	18934	-3582
PCT CHG		1%	34%	-7%

**New England Weekly Shell Egg Report** Jan 17, 2012

Prices paid/doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
Maine	151	148	117	102
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	144-148	141-145	101-114	95-99
Mostly	146-147	143-144	112-113	97-98
Rhode Island	150-154	147-151	116-120	100-105
Mostly	150	147	116	100
Vermont	151-155	148-150	117-118	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

**Monthly Cold Storage Report**

Commodity	Nov-30		Dec-31		Dec 31, 2011 as a Percent of	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	Dec-31 2010	Nov-30 2011
Frozen Egg						
			(1,000 pounds)			(percent)
Whites	2,660	3,906	2,082	3,259	157%	83%
Yolks	846	1,521	1,057	1,956	185%	129%
Whole and Mixed	5,873	8,819	6,483	10,256	158%	116%
Unclassified	13,531	18,721	15,735	20,574	131%	110%
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>22,910</b>	<b>32,967</b>	<b>25,357</b>	<b>36,045</b>	<b>142%</b>	<b>109%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS