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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Demand into all channels ranges light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings are light to sufficient; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are adequate 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 for next week are unchanged. Daily producer prices are unchanged. The undertone remains steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues steady. Offerings and demand are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-97	90-93
MEDIUM	73-82	75-78

Prices 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 EGGS

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, and Western PA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Retail demand is seasonal and reported as moderate. Food service ranges light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices 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, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand remains light to moderate. Offerings are moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-85	78-82

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are unchanged. Supplies are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, at least moderate on Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings remain moderate for a light demand. Offerings of spent hens are moderate for normal processing schedules.

	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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK EGGS Extra Large Prices end the week steady on all sizes. Offerings are moderate. Retail and distributive demand ranges light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-107	-
LARGE	101-105	-
MEDIUM	88-92	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for Jumbo and Medium and moderate for Extra Large and Large. Demand is slow to mostly moderate. Supplies range light to instances heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for Jumbo and Medium and moderate for Extra Large and Large. Supplies range light to instances heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate. Small benchmark price 98 cents.

CALIFORNIA: Shell egg marketers 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 EGGS

Whole egg and white prices are higher with yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is steady to mostly fully steady for whole egg and whites and steady for yolk. Offerings are moderate to heavy for whole egg and light for whites and yolk. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg, moderate for whites and light to moderate for yolk. Yolk interest is reported as increasing for next week. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Jan Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	35.00 - 46.50	35	38.37	33.00 - 38.00	11	34.82	83	37.64
Whites	41.00 - 43.00	7	41.43	40.00 - 42.00	17	40.88	44	41.30
Yolk	TFEWR			64.00 - 67.00	4	65.50	14	60.25

FROZEN EGGS

Whole egg and white prices are steady with sugared yolk prices steady to higher and salted yolk prices irregular. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand is light to moderate and improved for frozen whole egg while sellers report increased interest for future needs. Buyers are currently attempting to lock in prices for out front needs and are meeting resistance at current price levels. Offerings and 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		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	63.00 - 70.00	65.00 - 67.00	63.00 - 70.00	65.00 - 67.00	68.75	77.88
Whites	72.00 - 76.00		72.00 - 76.00	74.00 - 76.00	74.13	76.63
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 93.00	86.00 - 87.00	84.00 - 91.00	86.00 - 88.00	88.75	97.38
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	81.00 - 90.00	83.00 - 84.00	84.00 - 88.00	83.00 - 84.00	86.13	94.00

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	72.00 - 73.00		72.00 - 74.00		73.88	83.13
Whites	73.00 - 75.00		73.00 - 75.00		75.25	77.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	93.00 - 95.00		93.00 - 97.00		95.63	100.13
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	93.00 - 95.00		93.00 - 97.00		95.38	100.00

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried whole prices are steady to lower, albumen lower and yolk and blends unchanged. The undertone is steady to at times weak. Offerings are mostly moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Trading interest increased with spot orders and contractual inquiries into 3rd and 4th quarters. 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		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.30 - 2.80	2.35 - 2.40	2.30 - 2.85	2.35 - 2.45	2.59	2.78
Yolk	1.65 - 2.05	1.70 - 1.75	1.65 - 2.05	1.70 - 1.75	1.88	2.09
Albumen ^{2/}	4.32 - 4.90	4.45 - 4.50	4.40 - 4.95	4.55 - 4.60	4.70	4.87
Blends ^{3/}	2.25 - 2.35		2.25 - 2.35		2.28	2.51

^{2/}Spray Dried; ^{3/}Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-Jan-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,331,049	31,137	13,952	7,135	3,147	4,633
PW	1,374,673	32,825	13,599	7,226	3,024	4,803
LY	1,279,063	31,105	12,774	6,332	3,253	4,334
% PW	-3%	-5%	3%	-1%	4%	-4%
% LY	4%	0%	9%	13%	-3%	7%
2012	4,021,832	96,283	40,280	20,878	9,039	13,860
2011	4,039,552	97,996	39,869	19,426	9,925	13,912
% YTD	0%	-2%	1%	7%	-9%	0%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.72	42.52	42.64
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.23	39.03	39.26

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	724,408	54.4%	17,681	56.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	754,562	54.9%	19,605	59.7%
LAST YEAR	690,918	54.0%	18,288	58.8%

BREAKING STOCK - 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.

CENTRAL REGION - Prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues steady. Demand is light as most breakers work from regular commitments and company owned production. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	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. Offerings continue moderate for the light demand. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Jan-2012 are 6 percent less than the previous week and 5 percent higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	45-50	-
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		

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	49	45	100	141
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	49	45	100	141

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	222	246	374	528
Frozen	54	8	54	8
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	276	254	428	536

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	750	0	3,000	699
Large	696	300	696	300
Medium	0	0	0	0
Ungraded	864	2,638	1,776	5,333
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	2,310	2,938	5,472	6,332

/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 COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(Incl. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands of Pounds)		
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
AM 01/23/12	3,210	86,099	51,067
AM 01/01/12	3,175	56,420	51,180
CHG	35	29679	-113
PCT CHG	1%	53%	0%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT W/E 21-Jan-2012

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	201.9	2	1
East North Central	724.7	0	18
West North Central	287.7	-1	14
South Atlantic	146.7	-1	3
South Central	45.5	-5	-6
West	58.5	4	7
Total	1465.0	0	11
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)		

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-Jan-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	19.5	19.6	-1	-19
Boston	3.5	3.1	13	13
Chicago	56.0	62.8	-11	-3
Los Angeles	60.4	57.1	6	-2
New Orleans	6.3	6.6	-5	-18
New York	40.2	37.3	8	14
St. Louis	79.6	91.0	-13	-19
San Francisco	13.7	14.0	-2	-28
Total	279.2	291.5	-4	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Jan 24, 2012

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	150	146	117	102
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	143-147	139-143	110-114	95-99
MOSTLY	145-146	141-142	112-113	97-98
RHODE ISLAND	149-153	145-149	116-120	101-105
MOSTLY	149	145	116	101
VERMONT	150-153	146-150	117-118	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS**December Egg Production Up Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.93 billion during December 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.89 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 973 million were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2011 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,344 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2010.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2012, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from January 1, 2011.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 3 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2011 totaled 38.9 million, up 3 percent from December 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.8 million on January 1, 2012, up slightly from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 277 thousand during December 2011, up 5 percent from December 2010.