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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate, while moderate to instances heavy on Extra Large and Large in the Northeast region. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to adequate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate; 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 unchanged. Daily producer prices are unchanged. The undertone is 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. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light. 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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy on larger sizes, light on Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings remain moderate for a light demand. Offerings of light hens are moderate for normal processing schedules.

Prices 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, and VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady on all sizes with a steady undertone. Demand into retail channels is moderate, while food service remains light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate; demand is light. Light type hen offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices continue steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate with food service demand light to moderate. Offerings and supplies remain moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. 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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy on larger sizes, light on Medium. Demand ranges light to moderate. Market activity is usually moderate.

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate and reported as adequate for current needs. Demand ranges light to fairly good. Supplies are light to instances heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are mostly moderate and reported as adequate for current needs. Demand ranges slow to fairly good. Supplies continue to range light to instances heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to 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

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	13.5	12.0	20.2	9.2	13.5	2.5	70.8
	% Change	24.1%	2.9%	-1.8%	-9.5%	-15.1%	1.6%	-1.0%
Extra Large	This Week	30.7	21.6	32.7	16.9	30.7	3.0	135.6
	% Change	15.3%	6.5%	-13.4%	25.1%	-5.4%	65.9%	2.4%
Large	This Week	58.3	102.8	133.7	73.2	71.2	42.5	481.7
	% Change	-3.5%	-1.2%	21.3%	28.2%	-8.0%	-1.2%	6.5%
Medium	This Week	13.7	13.2	51.0	22.9	24.8	10.8	136.5
	% Change	-8.0%	-14.0%	9.7%	-15.3%	11.2%	-8.4%	-1.1%
Small	This Week	1.2	6.5	6.7	1.4	2.1	1.9	19.7
	% Change	-49.6%	24.9%	-23.3%	-55.5%	12.4%	-15.0%	-16.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	10.7	27.7	13.7	5.6	1.0	61.2
	% Change	9.9%	-4.5%	-7.4%	-25.0%	-12.3%	-29.7%	-11.9%
Ungraded	This Week	3.5	8.4	53.6	17.5	12.9	6.7	102.5
	% Change	-46.8%	-0.7%	-34.2%	8.7%	44.1%	-15.1%	-20.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.1	175.1	325.5	154.9	160.8	68.6	1,007.9
	% Change	-0.5%	-0.6%	-2.8%	6.5%	-2.7%	-3.2%	-0.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,007.9	-0.8%
Breaking Stock	284.6	1.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,292.5	-0.3%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory ^{1/2}

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	7.9	9.2	2.6	3.1	3.8	5.1	31.7
	% Change	3.4%	15.9%	61.5%	19.4%	55.5%	77.1%	26.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.5	7.0	0.0	0.0	25.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%	-2.8%	0.0%	-100.0%	-5.6%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.9	9.2	21.1	10.1	3.8	5.1	57.2
	% Change	3.4%	15.9%	10.4%	3.1%	55.5%	-1.7%	9.8%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	30.1%
	Ungraded:	34.3%
	Total:	32.0%

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, and WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; **Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 03, 2012 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 27, 2012 were 157,884 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
134,788 23,096 157,884

% change from the prior week:
-8 -13 -8

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. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to 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 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 JAN. 09, 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
		2.39	2.37	2.15	1.58

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

EX	GRADE A	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
		1.90	1.90	1.74	1.26

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for January 27, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 31.50								FUTURE LOADS 16.50				TOTAL LOADS 48.00			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	64.00	--	64.00	66.50	65.00	--	7.00	GL W J	77.75	85.00	--	--	83.00	2.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	66.63	81.00	--	--	75.50	4.00	
GL W XL	--	78.56	71.00	73.38	62.76	--	8.25	GL W LG	64.65	--	--	89.00	72.60	5.50	
GL W LG	--	73.50	--	--	68.19	--	10.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	5.50	
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	51.42	62.00	8.00								
GL W SM	--	--	50.00	53.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 23, 2012 – Jan 27, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 101.50								FUTURE LOADS 57.50				TOTAL LOADS 159.00			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	64.00	72.71	67.75	69.20	65.00	--	43.00	GNR W 1	--	74.50	--	--	14.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.75	GL W J	77.75	82.81	--	87.50	83.00	85.44	12.25
GL W J	--	--	82.33	84.00	69.72	--	12.75	GL W XL	67.00	85.13	--	--	--	76.88	14.75
GL W XL	--	82.02	74.08	76.50	64.39	73.50	42.00	GL W LG	63.48	86.23	--	88.06	--	71.27	28.00
GL W LG	--	78.07	68.50	69.33	68.49	66.50	44.50	GL W MD	59.50	64.25	--	--	--	66.00	8.25
GL W MD	60.00	65.00	63.25	65.00	52.78	62.00	13.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	53.00	51.00	1.25
GL W SM	53.00	--	54.00	54.75	44.38	--	7.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	90.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	111.50	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	99.00	.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	92.00	83.00	--	2.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	85.00	79.40	87.50	2.50	NRBS - 50	70.00	--	--	--	--	77.00	3.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	71.00	62.60	--	1.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.00								

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 MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

	(In Thousands)		
ON HAND	01/23/12	01/16/12	01/24/11
PACIFIC COAST	104	61	43
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	115.36
LARGE	114.59
MEDIUM	95.86
SMALL	92.00

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 at least steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as 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 - 15.5 13.16

(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 steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs are 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.