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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 4.74 to 5 cents lower on Medium sizes, steady on Extra Large and Large. New York prices are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges very light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for present trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light to mostly 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 steady for Extra Large and Large, and 5 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-97	90-93
MEDIUM	68-77	70-73
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-104	97-99
LARGE	94-102	95-97
MEDIUM	74-82	75-77

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	70-80	74
MEDIUM	50-54	52
SMALL	44-50	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower on Medium, unchanged on Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady to weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Demand is very light to moderate. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for a light to at times moderate demand. Light hen offerings are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	71-84	76-78

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 Mediums, unchanged on Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking offerings are moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	72.5-80.26	73-77

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower for Medium and unchanged for Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate on the larger sizes and mixed for mediums, usually moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	73.5-82	75-78

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Current supplies are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Demand into all channels ranges very light to moderate. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	83-87

WESTERN REGIONAL Benchmark prices are 1 cent lower for Jumbo, steady for Extra Large and Large, and 5 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment continues steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price is 93 cents.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent lower for Jumbo, steady for Extra Large and Large, and 5 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment continues steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price is 93 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	137
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	113

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	8.6	9.7	22.6	9.4	17.3	4.1	71.6
	% Change	-35.2%	-9.4%	12.3%	34.3%	-5.1%	8.8%	-1.9%
Extra-large	This Week	26.2	19.8	34.0	19.9	30.5	4.6	134.9
	% Change	-13.8%	-12.4%	-0.6%	17.9%	1.9%	24.3%	-2.0%
Large	This Week	49.2	111.6	108.8	77.4	60.2	45.9	453.1
	% Change	-17.8%	9.9%	-11.3%	6.7%	-14.7%	18.0%	-2.8%
Medium	This Week	17.6	16.7	60.3	19.5	24.1	8.8	147.0
	% Change	42.7%	17.9%	7.7%	-11.2%	-14.6%	-14.0%	2.9%
Small	This Week	2.7	6.1	6.7	2.3	2.9	1.0	21.7
	% Change	161.5%	-3.2%	-2.2%	17.6%	49.5%	-52.8%	7.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.6	9.5	31.0	12.1	5.8	1.0	62.0
	% Change	-5.9%	-21.6%	7.0%	6.3%	5.6%	21.7%	0.8%
Ungraded	This Week	4.3	13.5	93.7	19.3	12.4	5.6	148.6
	% Change	28.4%	3.1%	26.7%	14.9%	68.1%	-21.5%	22.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	111.1	186.9	357.1	159.8	153.2	71.0	1,038.9
	% Change	-9.6%	3.5%	4.2%	7.7%	-5.3%	6.5%	1.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,038.9	1.6%
Breaking Stock	262.3	-4.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,301.2	0.2%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{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	11.1	7.6	3.2	2.1	4.1	5.8	33.8
	% Change	50.9%	-12.1%	3.9%	-37.6%	5.7%	8.3%	6.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.6	9.6	0.0	0.0	30.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	8.8%	0.0%	0.0%	10.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	11.1	7.6	23.8	11.7	4.1	5.8	63.9
	% Change	50.9%	-12.1%	10.8%	-4.1%	5.7%	8.3%	8.8%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:	Large:	33.3%	33
	Ungraded:	34.6%	32
	Total:	36.5%	33

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 17, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 10, 2012 were 185,957 cases which was 33 percent above the prior week and 34 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
161,255 24,702 185,957

% change from the prior week:
+38 +10 +33

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 mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. 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 47-49
CHECKS 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. 30, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL 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 February 10, 2012
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 38.50								FUTURE LOADS 18.50				TOTAL LOADS 57.00				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	71.00	73.00	69.00	71.00	64.00	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	61.00	--	1.00	GL W J	65.00	--	--	--	68.00	75.09	2.75	
GL W XL	--	--	71.59	74.52	65.00	68.00	8.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	64.00	9.00	
GL W LG	--	--	49.00	53.00	50.00	--	10.00	GL W MD	--	49.50	--	--	--	58.00	9.75	
GL W MD	--	--	55.00	58.00	42.72	--	10.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	47.00	.75	
GL W SM	--	46.00	43.00	46.00	36.71	--	2.75	NRBS - 45	--	55.00	--	--	--	--	4.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50									
GL BR MD	--	59.25	--	--	51.00	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	4.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen)National Trading for Feb 06, 2012 – Feb 10, 2012
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 100.50								FUTURE LOADS 49.75				TOTAL LOADS 150.25				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	69.67	73.00	69.00	70.80	64.00	--	23.00	GNR W 1	--	74.00	--	--	--	--	8.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	51.00	52.50	47.50	--	4.00	GNR W 3	--	58.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	.75	GL W J	65.00	80.00	--	85.25	70.80	76.57	7.25	
GL W J	--	--	79.00	81.00	63.25	--	6.00	GL W XL	--	89.00	--	--	--	70.00	5.25	
GL W XL	--	84.92	70.90	73.42	61.95	68.00	28.75	GL W LG	--	87.25	--	--	--	64.00	26.00	
GL W LG	--	82.68	49.00	53.00	60.70	65.26	42.75	GL W MD	--	49.50	--	--	--	59.26	17.25	
GL W MD	--	--	54.60	56.71	48.07	56.11	27.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	47.00	.75	
GL W SM	48.00	47.00	42.33	45.33	37.91	--	6.75	NRBS - 50	70.00	--	--	--	--	77.00	3.00	
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--	.25	NRBS - 45	--	55.00	--	--	--	--	4.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	1.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	80.33	--	79.00	2.25									
GL BR MD	--	59.25	--	--	53.20	67.00	1.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.00	22.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	4.00									

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

Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/06/12	01/30/12	02/07/11
PACIFIC COAST	43	79	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. 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	115.36
LARGE	114.59
MEDIUM	90.86
SMALL	86.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

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

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 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