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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate. Current supplies are mixed, generally moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; 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 for all sizes. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. The undertone is steady. Demand at retail and foodservice is moderate on mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are mostly moderate and well balanced, except for Jumbo which are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to instances fully steady. Demand is moderate with offerings light and not as readily available as last week. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-94	87-90
MEDIUM	63-72	65-68

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	94-96
LARGE	91-99	92-94
MEDIUM	69-77	70-72

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	67-77	71
MEDIUM	45-49	47
SMALL	37-43	

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 Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Supplies range light to instances heavy. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region shell egg breaking stock offerings are usually moderate for a light demand. Light hen offerings are moderate for normal schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-105	94-98
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	66-79	71-73

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady to fully steady undertone. Retail demand is moderate, food service demand light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy; processing schedules are normal to reduced. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-101	95-98
LARGE	92-99	93-96
MEDIUM	67.5-75	68-72

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to instances fully steady. Demand is moderate for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
LARGE	95.5-104	97-100
MEDIUM	68.5-77	70-73

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Supplies are mixed, ranging light to at times heavy. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	78-82

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings heavy for Jumbo and moderate on the remainder of sizes. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to instances fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings heavy for Jumbo and moderate for the balance of sizes. Buyers are holding with slightly more confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. Small benchmark price 88 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	128
EXTRA LARGE	135
LARGE	132
MEDIUM	108

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	11.2	8.4	18.7	10.2	17.1	3.4	69.0
	% Change	78.0%	-4.8%	-16.3%	-5.1%	15.4%	-14.5%	3.0%
Extra-large	This Week	22.5	22.9	34.4	18.9	35.1	4.9	138.6
	% Change	12.8%	-1.4%	-2.5%	-4.5%	6.1%	6.1%	2.0%
Large	This Week	58.0	102.9	119.4	93.2	72.5	65.8	511.8
	% Change	11.9%	6.1%	-8.0%	15.5%	10.7%	18.2%	6.5%
Medium	This Week	12.9	16.4	51.9	17.2	25.7	8.7	132.8
	% Change	-20.8%	8.1%	-13.6%	-13.9%	-5.4%	-10.5%	-10.5%
Small	This Week	1.6	5.3	8.3	4.2	2.4	1.5	23.2
	% Change	-40.4%	17.4%	3.1%	117.6%	-26.5%	-15.5%	4.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.9	9.3	24.4	13.5	4.9	1.1	56.1
	% Change	67.6%	2.9%	-6.9%	21.5%	4.5%	62.7%	4.9%
Ungraded	This Week	2.9	11.6	73.8	31.0	12.7	8.5	140.3
	% Change	-25.0%	-20.6%	-2.6%	47.5%	0.5%	89.5%	6.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	111.9	176.7	330.9	188.2	170.3	93.7	1,071.8
	% Change	9.1%	2.6%	-7.5%	13.9%	5.8%	16.1%	3.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,071.8	3.1%
Breaking Stock	283.0	4.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,354.8	3.3%

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	11.2	6.6	3.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	31.3
	% Change	28.9%	-20.1%	-30.1%	55.3%	27.2%	5.4%	5.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	25.1	6.3	0.0	2.4	33.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	40.2%	-24.7%	0.0%	-2.9%	17.6%
Total Specialty	This Week	11.2	6.6	28.3	9.4	3.5	6.1	65.0
	% Change	28.9%	-20.1%	25.7%	-9.3%	27.2%	2.0%	11.2%

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

Large:	35.1%
Ungraded:	33.3%
Total:	34.1%

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 March 02, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 24, 2012 were 165,811 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
139,317 26,494 165,811

% change from the prior week:
+7 +1 +6

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 steady to instances fully steady. Demand is moderate with offerings light and not as readily available as last week. Supplies are light to mostly 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 47-50 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 FEB. 13, 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 February 24, 2012
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 27.75							FUTURE LOADS 71.50			TOTAL LOADS 99.25						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	68.00	--	66.00	69.33	--	--	70.00	GL W J	--	63.00	--	77.50	67.00	73.00	2.75	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	57.50	--	2.00	GL W XL	87.00	85.08	--	--	--	85.80	4.25	
GL W XL	--	83.00	78.00	80.00	74.33	--	10.00	GL W LG	75.00	--	--	--	--	83.00	1.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	64.00	--	62.46	9.75	
GL W MD	--	64.00	49.76	51.00	49.48	--	12.00	NRBS - 45	--	59.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	42.00	45.00	.75									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	47.00	--	1.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for Feb 18, 2012 – Feb 24, 2012
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 134.50							FUTURE LOADS 96.75			TOTAL LOADS 231.25						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	67.33	--	67.58	69.89	62.00	--	87.00	GNR W 1	--	71.00	--	--	--	--	8.00	
GNR BR XL	--	--	--	71.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	66.00	63.00	--	77.50	68.60	73.00	12.50	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	.75	GL W XL	82.20	85.41	--	--	--	86.65	20.25	
GL W J	56.00	--	80.00	82.00	57.26	60.50	9.75	GL W LG	75.75	79.92	--	--	--	80.96	30.25	
GL W XL	--	82.13	76.30	78.10	73.47	81.00	53.50	GL W MD	57.75	--	--	64.00	--	61.53	20.75	
GL W LG	78.00	79.50	70.33	73.50	64.64	71.50	41.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	78.00	.25	
GL W MD	--	64.00	50.10	52.48	50.43	52.00	30.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	94.00	.75	
GL W SM	--	44.00	--	--	38.57	45.00	1.75	GL BR LG	--	86.00	--	--	--	90.00	1.25	
GL BR J	148.00	--	88.00	110.00	62.00	--	1.75	NRBS - 48	53.00	--	--	--	54.00	60.00	4.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	89.00	78.00	--	1.25	NRBS - 45	--	59.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	74.00	--	1.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	45.25	49.00	12.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	47.00	--	1.00									

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	02/20/12	02/13/12	02/21/11
PACIFIC COAST	86	112	2
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher on extra large, 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	114.29
LARGE	113.04
MEDIUM	85.86
SMALL	79.00

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

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