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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large, steady on the balance, however unchanged on all sizes in Southeast and Midwest regions. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to instances fairly good. Offerings range light to heavy, mostly moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are adequate; processing schedules are normal.



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 for all reported sizes. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. The undertone is mostly steady. Retail demand is moderate while food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is 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	36-42	

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. Next week's asking prices are 2 cents higher for Extra Large, while remain unchanged for Large and Medium. Retail demand is moderate. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies continue moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is mostly moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is 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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand is at time light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type fowl demand is light to moderate on adequate offerings.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large, steady on balance of sizes. Supplies are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large and heavy on Medium. Retail demand remains light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light to moderate. Demand for light type hens is light for moderate offerings.

	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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Offerings are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large, mostly heavy on Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-106	-
LARGE	100-104	-
MEDIUM	77-81	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents lower for Jumbo, 1 cent higher for Extra Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is slow to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents lower for Jumbo, 1 cent higher for Extra Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy and reported as readily available. Demand is slow to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 88 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	128
EXTRA LARGE	135
LARGE	132
MEDIUM	108

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	110-120
EXTRA LARGE	117-125
LARGE	109-121
MEDIUM	88-98

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS - F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole egg prices are higher with whites too few to report and yolk prices irregular. Trade sentiment is fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites and fully steady to firm for yolk. Offerings are light for all liquid products. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk and exceeds current available spot loads at this time. A number of liquid buyers were attempting to secure additional needs for next week with limited success. White demand is slow. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Feb Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole Whites	44.00 - 51.00	7	48.00	40.00 - 48.00	10	42.40	93	41.40
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			30	42.47
	62.50 - 71.00	13	67.81	65.00 - 70.00	10	67.90	39	67.18

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are steady with whites irregular and sugared and salted yolk prices steady to higher. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for all frozen products. Demand is mostly moderate with improved interest noted into export channels. Offerings are mostly moderate to instances heavy. Supplies range light to instances heavy, mostly moderate for current needs. Contractual pull is reported as seasonally normal to slightly better for frozen yolk products. Market activity is moderate.

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

TRUCKLOT	Current Week			Last Week			Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	64.00 - 69.00	66.00 - 68.00		64.00 - 69.00	65.00 - 68.00		66.10	68.75
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	72.00 - 75.00	72.00 - 74.00		69.00 - 76.00	72.00 - 74.00		73.30	74.13
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	86.00 - 91.00	88.00		80.00 - 91.00	86.00 - 89.00		87.90	88.75
	84.00 - 88.00			83.00 - 88.00	84.00 - 88.00		85.30	86.13

LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT	Current Week			Last Week			Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	69.00 - 72.00			69.00 - 72.00	70.00 - 72.00		70.50	73.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	73.00 - 74.00			73.00 - 74.00			74.10	75.25
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	90.00 - 95.00			90.00 - 93.00			92.90	95.63
	90.00 - 95.00			90.00 - 93.00			92.30	95.38

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried egg prices are steady to higher on yolk and blends, higher on whole and albumen. The undertone is mixed, mostly steady to instances firm. Demand is moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Trading is centered around contractual movement and limited spot orders. International inquiries are noted. 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			Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole Yolk	2.35 - 2.70	2.40 - 2.45		2.15 - 2.65	2.30 - 2.40		2.49	2.59
Albumen ^{2/}	1.75 - 1.95	1.75 - 1.80		1.56 - 1.95	1.75 - 1.80		1.83	1.88
Blends ^{3/}	4.45 - 5.00	4.60 - 4.75		4.15 - 4.80	4.55 - 4.60		4.63	4.70
	2.25 - 2.50			2.25 - 2.30			2.28	2.28

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 25-FEB-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,264,314	30,208	12,642	6,642	2,330	4,461
PW	1,304,490	30,206	13,615	6,984	3,050	4,489
LY	1,322,498	30,803	13,948	7,361	2,798	4,429
% PW	-3%	0%	-7%	-5%	-24%	-1%
% LY	-4%	-2%	-9%	-10%	-17%	1%
2012	10,488,632	247,834	107,308	55,640	23,733	36,124
2011	10,450,318	248,144	107,285	54,212	24,386	35,688
% YTD	0%	0%	0%	3%	-3%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.67	42.39	42.75
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.14	38.95	39.40

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	680,807	53.80%	17,716	58.60%
PREVIOUS WEEK	709,286	54.40%	17,911	59.30%
LAST YEAR	744,899	56.30%	19,291	62.60%

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 Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	47-51	48-51
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		

EASTERN REGION Prices are steady on breaking stock, checks and undergrades. Current demand is light to moderate. Supplies remain moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 25-FEB-2012 are 1 percent less than the previous week, however 2 percent higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	45-50	47-49
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 Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for February 17, 2012 – February 23, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 122.25****FUTURE LOADS 32.25****TOTAL LOADS 154.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	68.33	71.00	67.60	70.38	62.00	68.00	93.00	GNR W 1	--	72.14	--	--	60.00	--	14.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR XL	--	--	--	71.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	64.00	63.00	--	77.50	69.67	73.36	10.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	.50	GL W XL	81.00	88.20	--	--	79.00	85.00	18.00
GL W J	--	--	76.00	78.00	57.11	--	8.00	GL W LG	75.00	81.82	--	--	74.00	77.33	20.00
GL W XL	--	85.36	81.08	84.62	76.87	81.13	45.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	64.00	57.00	62.24	20.00
GL W LG	--	80.00	73.00	79.29	69.69	76.88	27.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	39.00	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	64.00	50.14	53.00	51.03	--	23.25	NRBS - 45	--	59.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	39.00	42.00	39.00	42.25	37.43	45.00	7.75								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	75.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	61.40	53.00	--	1.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	46.00	49.20	9.00								
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.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains 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.

SHELL EGGS-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	96.00	95.00	72.00
SOUTHEAST	96.50	94.50	70.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	99.50	98.50	71.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.79	94.32	70.04

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 25-Feb-12 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,302	1,457	2,759
Last Week	1,574	1,615	3,189
Same week yr ago	1,510	1,865	3,375
To-date/2012*	12,192	12,371	24,563
To-date/2011*	11,512	12,087	23,599

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	182	0	182
Last Week	0	0	0
Same week yr ago	250	25	275
To-date/2012*	2,062	36	2,098
To-date/2011*	2,866	71	2,937

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

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,484	1,457	2,941
Last Week	1,574	1,615	3,189
Same week yr ago	1,760	1,890	3,650
To-date/2012*	14,254	12,407	26,661
To-date/2011*	14,378	12,158	26,536

*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 Feb 18, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	0	0	151	240
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	151	240

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending Feb 18, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	400	335	2,186	2,438
Frozen	10	6	214	82
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	410	341	2,400	2,520

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

U.S Exports to Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)				
Week Ending Feb 18, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	570	1,140	5,250	2,439
Large	630	300	2,196	1,415
Medium	1,560	870	3,300	1,825
Ungraded	1,344	216	7,806	8,255
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	4,104	2,526	18,552	13,934

/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)				
	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS	
AM 02/27/12	3,167	127,019	48,950	
AM 02/01/12	3,146	101,459	52,594	
CHG	21	25560	-3644	
PCT CHG	1%	25%	-7%	

CHICKENS AND EGGS**January Egg Production Down Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.78 billion table eggs, and 1.05 billion hatching eggs, of which 972 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2012 averaged 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,319 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2011.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2012 totaled 337 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 284 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.97 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2012, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from February 1, 2011

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 3 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2012 totaled 40.3 million, down 3 percent from January 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.4 million on February 1, 2012, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 263 thousand during January 2012, up 20 percent from January 2011.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 25-Feb-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	201.0	2	4
East North Central	704.1	-1	5
West North Central	288.8	-3	15
South Atlantic	151.8	2	13
South Central	48.2	0	1
West	59.3	8	27
Total	1453.2	0	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)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Week ending 25-Feb-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	16.8	18.5	-9	9
Boston	2.7	3.0	-10	-13
Chicago	57.8	62.3	-7	4
Los Angeles	54.4	60.2	-10	-16
New Orleans	6.6	6.8	-3	-28
New York	34.1	37.1	-8	6
St. Louis	73.1	88.3	-17	-9
San Francisco	13.3	14.0	-5	-29
Total	258.8	290.2	-11	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	276.5			

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS Feb 28, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	148	145	113	98
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	141-145	138-142	106-110	91-95
MOSTLY	143-144	140-141	108-109	93-94
RHODE ISLAND	147-151	144-148	112-116	97-101
MOSTLY	147	144	112	97
VERMONT	148-150	145-149	113-115	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Down Slightly Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 170 million dozen during January 2012, down slightly from January a year ago, and 1 percent above the 168 million broken last month.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

January 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. January 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.