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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 2 to 14 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 3.5 to 12 cents higher on Medium. New York prices are 1 cent higher on larger sizes, 2 cents higher on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges mostly moderate to good. Supplies are mixed, light to instances heavy as inventories in the Midwest build ahead of the Easter holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. Offerings for breaking stock are light for the moderate to good demand. Light type offerings are at least sufficient 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 Producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large and Medium and steady for Small. Midwest delivered prices are 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 12 cents higher for Medium. Trade sentiment is in a full range of steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with demand mixed, mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy as inventories are built in advance of the Easter holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-108	102-105
LARGE	98-107	100-103
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-114	107-109
LARGE	104-112	105-107
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	82-92	86
MEDIUM	59-63	61
SMALL	36-42	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 cents higher on Extra Large, 12 cents higher on Large and 10 cents more on Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Supplies vary by location and are in a range of light to heavy. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to at times moderate for the moderate to good demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for normal schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-120	106-109
LARGE	100-114	105-109
MEDIUM	75-88	80-83

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 3.5 to 14 cents higher on Extra Large, up 3 to 14 cents on Large and Mediums 3.5 to 10 cents higher. The undertone is firm. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to good. Offerings are mostly moderate for seasonal trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light to instances moderate for the moderate to good demand. Spent fowl offerings are at least sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-115	109-112
LARGE	95-113	107-110
MEDIUM	71-85	78-82

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 14 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 11 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is firm. Food service demand is mostly moderate, while retail demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light and continue to be held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is fairly good with offerings light. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112.5-121	114-117
LARGE	109.5-118	111-114
MEDIUM	79.5-88	81-84

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 1 cent higher on larger sizes, 2 cents higher on Medium. Offerings are light to moderate for trading purposes. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	117-121
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents higher for Jumbo, 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 14 cents higher for Medium. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light and confidently held while demand ranges moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 8 cents higher for Jumbo, 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 14 cents higher for Medium and Small. Offerings are light and held with confidence while demand ranges moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies are light to heavy, mostly moderate as many build inventories prior to the upcoming Easter holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.02.

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	133
EXTRA LARGE	149
LARGE	145
MEDIUM	122

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	15.4	9.3	19.6	8.5	11.1	3.0	66.9
	% Change	8.3%	21.3%	27.0%	-4.2%	-20.6%	-22.1%	4.5%
Extra-large	This Week	28.1	23.7	39.7	15.2	40.3	4.7	151.7
	% Change	9.0%	-2.2%	14.9%	-7.9%	-5.2%	12.4%	2.7%
Large	This Week	70.4	105.1	156.2	88.0	96.5	58.7	574.8
	% Change	4.4%	-1.0%	10.2%	-0.1%	28.6%	15.6%	8.6%
Medium	This Week	13.7	25.8	41.7	21.0	28.2	8.8	139.2
	% Change	30.2%	25.0%	-13.0%	-0.5%	-19.5%	-2.1%	-3.5%
Small	This Week	2.2	4.2	8.5	1.7	4.0	0.2	20.8
	% Change	48.6%	-14.9%	-12.8%	-21.1%	34.7%	-86.2%	-8.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.3	12.1	26.5	8.8	6.0	1.5	57.1
	% Change	-16.3%	26.6%	15.0%	-20.7%	-32.8%	-19.7%	-0.1%
Ungraded	This Week	4.7	9.9	82.2	45.1	16.0	11.5	169.3
	% Change	-37.5%	-21.3%	-6.6%	52.8%	-18.8%	-25.8%	-2.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	136.7	190.1	374.4	188.2	202.1	88.4	1,179.8
	% Change	5.5%	2.3%	3.9%	6.2%	2.0%	2.0%	3.7%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,179.8	3.7%
Breaking Stock	265.0	-5.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,444.8	1.8%

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	7.5	7.6	8.0	2.8	3.8	3.7	33.5
	% Change	-12.8%	-3.0%	24.0%	-13.9%	5.3%	5.7%	0.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.4	8.9	0.0	1.8	31.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-11.3%	72.6%	0.0%	1.7%	3.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.5	7.6	28.4	11.7	3.8	5.5	64.5
	% Change	-12.8%	-3.0%	-3.6%	39.2%	5.3%	4.4%	2.1%

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

Large:	25.3%
Ungraded:	39.8%
Total:	32.2%

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 23, 2012 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 16, 2012 were 172,553 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 10 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	141,449	31,104	172,553

% change from the prior week:
-18 +52 -11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	58-60	
CHECKS	42-51	42-46

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 MAR. 05, 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
	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.63

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

	EX			
GRADE A	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

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

National Trading for March 16, 2012

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS				20.50				FUTURE LOADS				8.00				TOTAL LOADS				28.50			
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS		
GNR W 1	--	--	82.50	84.00	--	--	4.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	89.17	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	4.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	4.00
GL W XL	--	104.00	97.00	105.80	92.60	96.00	7.00	GL W LG	--	98.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W LG	--	98.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W LG	--	--	91.00	99.00	88.00	--	4.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	91.25	--	--	2.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	91.25	--	--	2.00
GL W MD	--	--	67.00	69.00	75.00	78.00	4.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	.50	
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	48.00	50.00	1.00																

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

National Trading for March 12, 2012 – March 16, 2012

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS				99.50				FUTURE LOADS				87.50				TOTAL LOADS				187.00			
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS		
GNR W 1	74.50	85.31	75.80	77.71	--	73.48	102.00	GNR W 1	--	91.89	--	--	--	--	45.00	GNR W 1	--	91.89	--	--	--	45.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	70.00	73.00	--	89.00	3.00	GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	67.50	2.00	GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	67.50	2.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	55.00	--	2.00	GL W J	81.50	--	--	--	90.43	95.20	10.00	GL W J	81.50	--	--	90.43	95.20	10.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	93.00	--	--	--	103.00	2.25	GL W XL	--	93.00	--	--	103.00	2.25	
GL W J	--	--	81.00	83.00	80.62	--	7.25	GL W LG	--	92.23	--	--	--	81.50	19.00	GL W LG	--	92.23	--	--	81.50	19.00	
GL W XL	--	105.65	91.93	97.73	86.66	91.33	32.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	91.25	--	75.45	10.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	91.25	--	75.45	10.50
GL W LG	--	105.50	88.69	94.20	82.00	92.63	32.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	.50	
GL W MD	--	--	61.08	61.00	71.33	78.13	16.50	NRBS - 50	--	67.00	--	--	--	.50	NRBS - 50	--	67.00	--	--	--	--	.50	
GL W SM	--	--	47.50	49.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	--	--	.25	NRBS - 45	--	66.27	--	--	--	2.75	NRBS - 45	--	66.27	--	--	--	--	2.75	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	83.00	75.00	--	7.00																
GL BR MD	--	62.00	--	78.00	66.00	--	4.00																
GL BR SM	48.00	--	--	50.00	--	--	.25																
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	.50																
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	62.67	54.40	61.00	11.00																
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	2.75																
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	48.00	50.00	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	03/12/12	03/05/12	03/14/11
PACIFIC COAST	73	55	60
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. 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	128.24
LARGE	125.91
MEDIUM	99.08
SMALL	78.00

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