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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. Regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Demand is at a full range, mostly moderate to good into all channels. Offerings are usually light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Offerings for breaking stock are light; demand is at times moderate to good. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.



PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers are 3 cents higher for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium with Small prices steady. Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are 14 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 16 cents higher for Medium. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to good. Supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy as inventories are built for Easter. Market activity is active. Breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices are steady. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate. 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	94-104	98
MEDIUM	73-76	73
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 firm undertone. Next week's asking prices are 15 cents higher for Extra Large, 16 cents higher for Large and Medium. Retail demand is moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Food service demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Offerings remain light. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is fairly good and good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. 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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sized eggs. Retail demand is good with features in place. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light on Extra Large, Large and Mediums for seasonal trade needs. Market activity is active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to mostly moderate for the good demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Supplies remain light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Medium, moderate on Large. Demand into all channels ranges light to at times good. Market activity is mostly moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to usually good demand. Light hen offerings are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium. Current offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is mostly moderate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	130-134
LARGE	128-132
MEDIUM	105-109

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 16 cents higher for Jumbo, 14 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 16 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to mostly firm. Offerings are light while demand continues fairly good to good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate to active.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 16 cents higher for Jumbo, 14 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 16 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to mostly firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.02.

**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	133
EXTRA LARGE	149
LARGE	145
MEDIUM	122

**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	115-125
EXTRA LARGE	131-139
LARGE	122-134
MEDIUM	102-112

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

**LIQUID EGGS**

All liquid prices are trending higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to mostly firm for whole egg, steady for whites and firm for yolk. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy for whole egg and whites and moderate for yolk. Demand is fairly good to good although buyers are beginning to show some resistance in current whole egg and white pricing. Market activity is 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	56.50 - 60.00	25	57.72	55.00 - 59.00	9	57.44	93	41.40
Whites	47.00 - 55.00	20	48.85	48.00 - 51.00	7	48.43	30	42.47
Yolk	70.00 - 76.00	7	73.00	TFEWR			39	67.18

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices are higher with whites steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for whites and firm on the remainder of frozen products. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and salted yolk, moderate to fairly good for sugared yolk and moderate for whites. Offerings are usually moderate and held with confidence. Sellers continue to report good interest and improved volumes moving into export channels. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	74.00 - 84.00	78.00 - 80.00	67.00 - 76.00	70.00 - 72.00	66.10	68.75
Whites	68.00 - 75.00	71.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 75.00	73.00 - 74.00	73.30	74.13
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	88.00 - 95.00	90.00 - 91.00	85.00 - 91.00		87.90	88.75
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	85.00 - 95.00	86.00 - 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	78.00 - 80.00		74.00 - 75.00		70.50	73.88
Whites	73.00 - 74.00		74.00 - 76.00		74.10	75.25
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		92.90	95.63
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		92.30	95.38

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Prices of dried egg products are higher on whole and albumen, mixed on yolk with blends unchanged. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is fairly good on whole and mostly moderate on yolk and albumen. Offerings are generally moderate and confidently held. Supplies are at times light to moderate. Export quotes and orders continue to increase, while domestic trading is based on LTL and existing contracts. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	2.39 - 2.80	2.45 - 2.55	2.25 - 2.75	2.45 - 2.50	2.49	2.59
Yolk	1.75 - 2.02	1.85 - 1.90	1.66 - 2.10	1.80 - 1.85	1.83	1.88
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.50 - 4.95	4.55 - 4.65	4.40 - 4.85	4.50 - 4.60	4.63	4.70
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.20 - 2.25		2.20 - 2.50		2.28	2.28

<sup>2/</sup> Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup> Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 17-MAR-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,264,943	30,460	12,861	6,524	2,296	4,263
PW	1,312,008	30,998	13,932	6,841	2,442	4,506
LY	1,366,019	32,036	14,080	6,978	2,952	4,466
% PW	-4%	-2%	-8%	-5%	-6%	-5%
% LY	-7%	-5%	-9%	-7%	-22%	-5%
2012	14,351,392	340,303	146,839	75,403	31,040	49,257
2011	14,505,431	342,639	149,984	75,959	33,556	48,948
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-7%	1%

  

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.78	42.89	42.14
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.40	39.46	38.87

**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	690,687	54.6%	17,913	58.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	741,719	56.5%	19,278	62.2%
LAST YEAR	748,455	54.8%	19,388	60.5%

**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** All prices are steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light and somewhat short of current needs as most available eggs are sourced into more attractively priced grading channels. Demand is fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	61-63	
CHECKS	45-54	45-49
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices for breaking stock are unchanged. Offerings are light for the moderate to mostly good demand. Market activity is active. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17-Mar-2012 are 8 percent higher than the previous week and 3 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	54-64	59-62
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	38-48	44
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 March 16, 2012 – March 22, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 127.00****FUTURE LOADS 61.50****TOTAL LOADS 188.50**

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	98.33	98.39	88.30	90.00	--	88.67	67.00	GNR W 1	--	99.96	--	--	--	--	39.00
GNR W 2	--	--	80.00	82.00	--	89.00	3.00	GNR W 2	--	98.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	GL W J	105.00	100.25	--	--	103.50	109.25	13.00
GL W J	--	--	101.00	103.00	92.64	--	11.00	GL W XL	101.00	105.08	--	--	--	111.63	18.25
GL W XL	--	107.12	99.40	106.56	97.19	99.89	59.00	GL W LG	106.83	104.52	--	117.71	--	107.00	33.00
GL W LG	--	103.70	91.00	102.57	95.95	--	49.50	GL W MD	--	92.54	--	94.25	--	97.32	16.75
GL W MD	--	--	75.25	77.63	79.17	78.00	27.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	55.50	.75
GL W SM	42.00	--	38.00	40.00	41.50	45.00	3.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.00	105.00	.50
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	--	--	.25								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	93.00	--	--	.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	73.25	--	--	6.00								
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.

**NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS****LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to 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	107.50	107.00	81.50
SOUTHEAST	110.50	108.50	80.00
MIDWEST	103.50	101.50	78.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.50	112.50	82.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	109.55	107.61	80.70

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 17-Mar-12 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,752	1,332	3,084
Last Week	1,687	1,395	3,082
Same week yr ago	1,423	1,498	2,921
To-date/2012*	16,977	16,549	33,526
To-date/2011*	16,100	16,571	32,671

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	386	0	386
Last Week	334	0	334
Same week yr ago	466	0	466
To-date/2012*	3,200	36	3,236
To-date/2011*	4,253	96	4,349

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	2,138	1,332	3,470
Last Week	2,021	1,395	3,416
Same week yr ago	1,889	1,498	3,387
To-date/2012*	20,177	16,585	36,762
To-date/2011*	20,353	16,667	37,020

\*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)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	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)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	602	333	3,793	3,393
Frozen	10	49	293	163
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	612	382	4,086	3,556

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,920	2,040	8,820	6,189
Large	6,690	4,310	21,606	8,970
Medium	1,620	630	5,820	3,235
Ungraded	1,440	1,133	12,390	10,384
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	11,670	8,113	48,636	28,778

/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

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****February Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.24 billion during February 2012, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs, and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 914 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2012 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2011.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2012 totaled 339 million, down slightly from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.10 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2012, averaged 74.0 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2011.

**Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 5 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2012 totaled 39.3 million, up 5 percent from February 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on March 1, 2012, down 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 238 thousand during February 2012, down 2 percent from February 2011.

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

Commodity

Commodity	Jan-31				Feb 28, 2012	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>Frozen Egg</b>						
			(1,000 pounds)		(percent)	
Whites	3,795	4,166	3,327	4,044	122%	97%
Yolks	1,162	2,179	2,157	2,365	110%	109%
Whole and mixed	7,831	11,303	7,267	10,657	147%	94%
Unclassified	14,000	19,768	15,392	19,207	125%	97%
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>26,788</b>	<b>37,416</b>	<b>28,143</b>	<b>36,273</b>	<b>129%</b>	<b>97%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 17-Mar-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	205.4	0	-2
East North Central	720.9	1	13
West North Central	295.3	0	18
South Atlantic	151.2	-2	9
South Central	49.9	-1	-4
West	60.6	2	3
Total	1483.3	1	10
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 17-Mar-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	16.1	16.9	-5	-5
Boston	2.8	3.3	-15	17
Chicago	54.9	58.2	-6	-4
Los Angeles	66.5	63.8	4	20
New Orleans	6.6	6.0	10	-6
New York	35.8	37.2	-4	14
St. Louis	84.8	90.4	-6	-3
San Francisco	13.9	13.3	5	-30
Total	281.4	289.1	-3	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	273.2			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers (INCL. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed	
				Other Poultry LBS	
AM	03/19/12	3,113	132,390	44,813	
AM	03/01/12	3,175	129,156	47,693	
CHG		-62	3234	-2880	
PCT CHG		-2%	3%	-6%	

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** Mar 20, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	157	155	118	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	150-154	148-152	111-115	85-89
MOSTLY	152-153	150-151	113-114	87-88
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	158-162	156-160	119-123	91-95
MOSTLY	158	156	119	91
<b>VERMONT</b>	157-159	155	118-120	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-