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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 2 cents lower on all sizes. Regional prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. Retail and food service demand are mostly moderate to good. Current supplies are moderate to heavy for seasonal trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings continue light to at times heavy for the mixed demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal to less than 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 are 5 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. Trade sentiment is lower. Offerings are mostly moderate to heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy, trending mostly heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-126	119-122
MEDIUM	94-103	96-99

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	125-133	126-128
LARGE	123-131	124-126
MEDIUM	100-108	101-103

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	99-109	103
MEDIUM	76-80	78
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 5 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents more on Medium. Supplies are mixed, usually moderate to heavy for needs. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; breaking schedules are irregular. Light hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	125-139	125-128
LARGE	119-133	124-128
MEDIUM	94-107	99-102

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The undertone is weak. Demand into the retail channels is good, while moderate to fairly good into food service channels. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy for seasonal trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Spent fowl offerings are at least sufficient; processing schedules are normal to part-time.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	127.5-135	129-132
LARGE	124.5-133	127-130
MEDIUM	96.5-104	97-101

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, Mediums are 3 cents higher. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate for current needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is weak. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	132.5-141	134-137
LARGE	130.5-139	132-135
MEDIUM	98.5-107	100-103

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium. Supplies are moderate to heavy for present needs. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate to at times active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	104-108

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 3 cents higher for Jumbo, 5 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 3 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy with demand moderate to good and best into current ads. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 3 cents higher for Jumbo, 5 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 3 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy with demand moderate to good and best into current ads. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to mostly active. Small benchmark price \$1.21.

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	152
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	164
MEDIUM	141

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	11.4	10.5	23.2	9.1	19.8	3.1	77.0
	% Change	-16.6%	4.4%	5.3%	-6.9%	20.6%	-0.9%	2.7%
Extra-large	This Week	33.0	22.6	36.4	17.1	40.9	7.2	157.1
	% Change	-5.9%	-0.3%	-5.0%	40.5%	-2.2%	-7.8%	-0.4%
Large	This Week	65.4	108.1	135.0	79.2	94.2	64.3	546.2
	% Change	-6.3%	9.1%	-6.3%	16.7%	-15.4%	-2.3%	-2.1%
Medium	This Week	15.5	21.6	55.9	25.3	24.0	10.3	152.6
	% Change	6.9%	-3.1%	13.8%	8.7%	-15.3%	5.4%	3.6%
Small	This Week	2.1	5.4	8.7	1.3	1.7	0.9	20.1
	% Change	6.5%	-13.3%	-23.7%	-17.0%	-34.6%	-13.3%	-19.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	12.7	31.1	10.9	6.0	1.3	64.9
	% Change	41.9%	36.5%	11.4%	-8.4%	5.3%	34.0%	12.2%
Ungraded	This Week	7.9	9.1	57.3	31.3	16.4	9.1	131.1
	% Change	-22.3%	-7.9%	-15.5%	-23.5%	-6.4%	-12.2%	-16.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	138.1	189.8	347.6	174.2	203.0	96.2	1,148.9
	% Change	-6.1%	5.9%	-3.6%	4.0%	-9.3%	-2.7%	-2.4%
		Totals		Cases	Percent Change			
		Shell Egg		1,148.9	-2.4%			
		Breaking Stock		242.6	-2.9%			
		Total Shell Egg		1,391.5	-2.5%			

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	9.4	8.6	0.8	2.6	4.1	3.8	29.2
	% Change	2.8%	11.3%	-95.1%	-10.6%	7.4%	-3.3%	-32.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	21.9	9.1	0.0	1.6	32.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	116.4%	17.6%	0.0%	-4.9%	66.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.4	8.6	22.7	11.8	4.1	5.3	61.8
	% Change	2.8%	11.3%	-12.0%	9.9%	7.4%	-3.8%	-1.3%

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

Large: 35.7%
Ungraded: 42.6%
Total: 39.3%

^{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 April 06, 2012 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 30, 2012 were 201,102 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
174,253 26,849 201,102

% change from the prior week:
-2 -16 -4

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are light to 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 55-65
CHECKS 47-56 47-51
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. 19, 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 30, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				54.50				FUTURE LOADS				12.00				TOTAL LOADS				66.50			
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	97.00	--	--	100.00	83.43	75.83	17.00	GNR W 1	--	99.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	59.00	--	2.00	GL W J	70.00	--	--	--	--	75.00	3.00								
GL W XL	--	81.00	--	111.00	79.75	79.00	6.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	88.00	1.00								
GL W LG	--	--	102.00	104.00	--	--	7.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00								
GL W MD	--	--	65.67	68.33	57.67	--	16.50	GL W MD	--	68.00	--	74.00	--	70.13	11.00								
GL W SM	--	--	49.50	52.50	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 45	--	66.00	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	61.50	50.96	55.35	12.00																
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	1.00																

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

National Trading for March 26, 2012 – March 30, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				103.75				FUTURE LOADS				51.25				TOTAL LOADS				155.00			
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	97.00	107.33	97.58	99.63	85.33	95.07	55.00	GNR W 1	--	113.06	--	--	--	--	19.00								
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	66.50	--	2.00	GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	78.00	2.00								
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	79.00	--	--	.75	GL W J	70.00	--	--	--	78.67	86.20	10.25								
GL W J	--	--	106.50	109.00	72.18	--	9.00	GL W XL	98.00	--	--	--	--	96.90	3.50								
GL W XL	--	112.38	108.00	110.38	86.63	92.33	28.00	GL W LG	93.00	121.13	--	--	--	95.47	23.25								
GL W LG	--	120.13	102.00	109.15	80.04	--	36.00	GL W MD	--	85.00	--	74.00	--	84.07	16.50								
GL W MD	--	--	73.09	77.46	60.65	--	26.00	NRBS - 45	--	66.00	--	--	--	--	1.00								
GL W SM	50.00	--	47.50	50.00	48.00	43.00	8.25																
GL BR MD	64.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	70.43	53.96	63.24	40.00																
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	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	03/26/12	03/19/12	04/04/11
PACIFIC COAST	64	72	17
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower 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	143.60
LARGE	142.05
MEDIUM	113.64
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