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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 lower on all sizes. Retail demand continues to range light to instances good and best in areas with feature activity. Food service demand is at times light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are mixed; demand is light to good, mostly moderate. Spent hen offerings are adequate with normal processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are 16 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 18 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 6 cents lower for Large and Medium, and steady for Small. Trade sentiment remains lower. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-126	119-122
MEDIUM	94-103	96-99

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

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	83-93	87
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	36-42	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady with a weak undertone. Next week's asking prices are 20 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 18 cents lower for Medium. Retail demand is mixed, light to fairly good with feature activity providing best movement. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate and building. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades lower. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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, & TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is weak. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on heavier weight eggs and Mediums. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light for the usually moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

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, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. The undertone is weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy on Medium and larger eggs. Retail demand is light to fairly good. Distributive demand is moderate to good as re-orders are filled. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are adequate for a light to moderate demand.

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, & VT

**NEW YORK** Prices are steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy on all sizes. Retail demand is light to fairly good. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	117-121
LARGE	115-119
MEDIUM	89-93

**WESTERN** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 16 cents lower for Jumbo, 17 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 18 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy for all sizes with retail and demand moderate to good and best into areas with features in place. Spot buying for future needs is usually moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 16 cents lower for Jumbo, 17 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 18 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Retail demand is moderate to good and best into areas with features. Spot buying for future needs is mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to 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

**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	134-144
EXTRA LARGE	150-158
LARGE	141-153
MEDIUM	121-131

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

**LIQUID EGGS**

Liquid whole egg and white prices are lower with yolk prices too few to report. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak for all liquid products. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy for whole egg and moderate on the balance of liquid products. Demand is light to instances moderate, mostly light due to slightly reduced processing schedules for the upcoming Easter holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Mar Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	48.00 - 55.00	16	51.63	52.50 - 67.00	19	62.34	71	56.88
Whites	47.00 - 55.00	12	50.75	50.00 - 56.00	12	51.92	45	48.82
Yolk	TFEWR			70.00 - 72.00	9	70.44	32	72.00

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg prices are lower with white prices steady to lower and sugared and salted yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is steady to cautiously steady for all frozen products. Demand is light to moderate while potential buyers await future market adjustments and continue to purchase on a as needed basis. Offerings are light to moderate for all frozen products. Supplies are moderate for whole egg, light to moderate for whites and light for frozen yolk products. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	72.00 - 86.00	78.00 - 82.00	74.00 - 87.00	78.00 - 80.00	74.50	66.10
Whites	69.00 - 75.00	71.00 - 75.00	71.00 - 75.00		72.50	73.30
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	88.00 - 93.00	90.00 - 91.00	88.00 - 93.00	90.00 - 91.00	89.25	87.90
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	85.00 - 90.00	86.00 - 88.00	85.00 - 90.00	86.00 - 88.00	87.38	85.30

  

LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	82.00 - 83.00		78.00 - 80.00		75.88	70.50
Whites	74.00 - 75.00		73.00 - 74.00		73.88	74.10
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	92.90
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	92.30

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

**DRIED EGGS**

Prices of dried whole egg and yolk are steady to lower, mixed on albumen, steady on blends. The undertone is steady to cautiously steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate on albumen and light to moderate on the balance of products. Trading consists of limited LTL, contractual orders and increased international inquiries as sellers continue to observe market developments. Supplies are moderate. 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		Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.50 - 2.75	2.60 - 2.70	2.50 - 2.88	2.65 - 2.75	2.58	2.49
Yolk	1.73 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.85	1.75 - 2.00	1.85 - 1.90	1.89	1.83
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.50 - 5.00	4.70 - 4.80	4.58 - 4.95	4.65 - 4.75	4.71	4.63
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.20 - 2.25		2.20 - 2.25		2.29	2.28

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

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 31-MAR-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,245,678	30,467	12,306	6,304	2,127	4,417
PW	1,255,323	29,370	13,259	6,549	2,100	4,351
LY	1,243,315	29,515	12,486	6,613	2,503	4,359
% PW	-1%	4%	-7%	-4%	1%	2%
% LY	0%	3%	-1%	-5%	-15%	1%
2012	16,852,393	400,140	172,404	88,257	35,266	58,025
2011	17,037,368	403,191	175,593	89,105	38,607	57,522
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-9%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.94	42.64	42.61
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.40	39.18	39.10

**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	703,169	56.4%	18,348	60.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	704,414	56.1%	17,936	61.1%
LAST YEAR	713,248	57.4%	18,522	62.8%

**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 with checks lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate for next week's needs with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-55	
CHECKS	38-47	38-42
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 lower on breaking stock, checks and undergrades. Offerings are light for the mostly moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules are normal to less than normal. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 31-Mar-2012 are 1 percent higher than the previous week and 6 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	52-57	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	36-46	
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

**DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**  
(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 30, 2012-APRIL 5, 2012  
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

**CURRENT LOADS 121.25 FUTURE LOADS 34.00 TOTAL LOADS 155.25**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	87.33	101.50	86.33	89.33	83.43	75.83	30.00	GNR W 1	--	103.75	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	57.20	--	5.00	GL W J	64.67	--	--	78.25	69.00	75.00	9.50
GL W XL	--	101.88	96.50	98.00	69.31	71.58	35.00	GL W XL	--	104.00	--	--	--	82.00	4.00
GL W LG	--	109.63	90.00	91.57	57.75	72.50	30.00	GL W LG	--	97.79	--	--	77.00	76.60	19.00
GL W MD	--	--	59.53	66.11	56.28	--	31.25	GL W MD	--	73.00	--	69.75	--	66.35	18.75
GL W SM	--	--	48.67	51.00	--	--	3.00	NRBS - 50	--	63.00	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	--	--	.25	NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	49.00	--	.50	NRBS - 45	--	64.71	--	--	--	--	1.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	65.50	52.34	56.52	36.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	51.86	--	1.75								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	50.00	54.00	3.00								

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.

**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	126.50	126.00	100.50
SOUTHEAST	130.50	128.50	99.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	135.50	133.50	101.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	129.07	127.42	99.70

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT NATIONAL FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal with some operations down due to the Religious holiday. 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.

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

W/E 03-31-12 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,676	1,372	3,048
Last Week	1,809	1,383	3,192
Same week yr ago	1,060	1,301	2,361
To-date/2012*	20,462	19,304	39,766
To-date/2011*	18,650	19,371	38,021

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	346	0	346
Last Week	311	0	311
Same week yr ago	409	25	434
To-date/2012*	3,857	36	3,893
To-date/2011*	5,088	121	5,209

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

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	2,022	1,372	3,394
Last Week	2,120	1,383	3,503
Same week yr ago	1,469	1,326	2,795
To-date/2012*	24,319	19,340	43,659
To-date/2011*	23,738	19,492	43,230

\*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 Mar 24, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
<b>Type</b>				
Liquid	47	49	246	338
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>338</b>

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
<b>Type</b>				
Liquid	549	393	4,807	4,259
Frozen	50	9	347	179
Dried	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,154</b>	<b>4,438</b>

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

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
<b>Type</b>				
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,280	2,070	14,700	10,839
Large	5,500	3,595	34,686	18,300
Medium	0	60	8,321	4,015
Ungraded	864	504	15,378	18,640
Misc	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>6,229</b>	<b>73,085</b>	<b>51,794</b>

/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

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 31-Mar-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.9	-2	-8
East North Central	691.6	-6	3
West North Central	306.2	-1	24
South Atlantic	154.8	2	6
South Central	50.7	0	-3
West	62.3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1463.5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>5</b>
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 31-Mar-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	18.7	17.6	6	-9
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	0
Chicago	59.3	63.0	-6	6
Los Angeles	59.7	48.7	23	8
New Orleans	7.2	6.3	14	1
New York	37.2	39.5	-6	20
St. Louis	86.7	95.2	-9	-3
San Francisco	17.6	13.3	32	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>289.4</b>	<b>286.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.6			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	04/02/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
AM	03/01/12	3,175	129,156	47,693
CHG		-317	5836	-9920
PCT CHG		-10%	5%	-21%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 29, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	382	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	475	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** Apr 03, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	159	157	121	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	152-156	150-154	114-118	85-89
MOSTLY	154-155	152-153	116-117	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	158-162	156-160	120-124	91-95
MOSTLY	158	156	120	91
VERMONT	159-160	157	121-123	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-