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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on all sizes. The undertone is weak. Prices in New York are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock supplies are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; processing schedules are normal to less than normal due to the holiday.

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 16 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 18 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. Trade sentiment is 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. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-111	105-108
LARGE	101-110	103-106
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-117	110-112
LARGE	107-115	108-110
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 16 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, 17 cents less on Medium. The undertone is weak. Supplies are mixed, but usually moderate to heavy. Post-holiday demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Offerings of light type hens are adequate for a light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-123	109-112
LARGE	103-117	108-112
MEDIUM	79-90	82-84

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The undertone is weak. Retail and food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate on larger sizes, moderate to heavy on Mediums for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; breaking schedules are normal to less than normal. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110.5-128	112-115
LARGE	109-124.25	110-113
MEDIUM	79.5-95.26	80-84

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 20 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 18 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is mixed, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings continue moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate and building. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112.5-121	114-117
LARGE	110.5-119	112-115
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

NEW YORK Prices are steady. The undertone is weak. Supplies are usually moderate to heavy. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

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

WESTERN Prices 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. Demand is light to moderate into retail accounts with food service movement moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices 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 with retail demand light to moderate and food service movement moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

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	136
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	147
MEDIUM	123

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	11.3	8.7	19.2	6.6	14.4	3.1	63.3
	% Change	-0.5%	-17.2%	-17.4%	-27.2%	-27.0%	-1.0%	-17.8%
Extra-large	This Week	31.2	25.2	38.3	18.0	29.1	5.3	147.2
	% Change	-5.4%	11.8%	5.4%	5.0%	-28.8%	-26.5%	-6.3%
Large	This Week	50.5	92.9	140.3	64.6	57.6	53.6	459.5
	% Change	-22.7%	-14.0%	3.9%	-18.4%	-38.9%	-16.6%	-15.9%
Medium	This Week	12.7	22.2	50.0	24.7	18.4	6.3	134.2
	% Change	-18.3%	2.9%	-10.6%	-2.3%	-23.5%	-38.3%	-12.0%
Small	This Week	2.3	6.0	7.0	1.1	1.8	1.3	19.5
	% Change	6.1%	11.9%	-19.4%	-15.9%	5.3%	55.3%	-2.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	11.8	23.4	10.5	6.4	1.5	55.8
	% Change	-22.4%	-7.0%	-24.7%	-3.5%	5.7%	9.0%	-14.1%
Ungraded	This Week	8.5	8.6	62.4	29.9	17.2	10.1	136.8
	% Change	7.9%	-5.5%	8.9%	-4.4%	5.1%	11.3%	4.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	118.7	175.4	340.7	155.5	144.8	81.2	1,016.3
	% Change	-14.0%	-7.6%	-2.0%	-10.8%	-28.7%	-15.5%	-11.5%
Totals				Cases	Percent Change			
				Shell Egg	1,016.3	-11.5%		
				Breaking Stock	278.9	15.0%		
				Total Shell Egg	1,295.2	-6.9%		

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	7.6	8.2	0.9	1.7	2.1	3.1	23.6
	% Change	-18.8%	-4.4%	17.1%	-34.4%	-49.5%	-17.8%	-19.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.7	11.8	0.0	2.3	31.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-19.5%	28.7%	0.0%	46.8%	-2.8%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	8.2	18.5	13.5	2.1	5.4	55.3
	% Change	-18.8%	-4.4%	-18.3%	14.6%	-49.5%	1.1%	-10.6%

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

Large: 36.6%
Ungraded: 48.4%
Total: 43.3%

^{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 13, 2012 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 06, 2012 were 289,144 cases which was 44 percent above the prior week and 43 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
243,716 45,428 289,144

% change from the prior week:

+40 +69 +44

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is 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 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

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF MAR. 26, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E 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

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 06, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 18.75 FUTURE LOADS 9.25 TOTAL LOADS 28.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	78.00	--	80.00	81.50	--	--	7.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	69.00	75.00	.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	60.00	65.00	.75	GL W LG	62.00	64.00	--	--	--	76.00	3.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	89.00	83.00	--	2.50	GL W MD	--	60.00	--	65.50	--	--	6.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	57.67	59.00	5.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	75.00	.50
GL W MD	--	--	51.50	55.25	50.00	--	8.00								
GL W SM	--	--	49.00	52.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	58.00	--	1.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 02, 2012-APRIL 06, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 85.50 FUTURE LOADS 31.25 TOTAL LOADS 116.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	81.00	98.00	84.75	85.57	--	--	18.00	GNR W 1	--	100.60	--	--	--	5.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	60.00	65.00	.75	GL W J	62.00	--	--	78.25	69.00	75.00	7.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	56.00	--	3.00	GL W XL	--	104.00	--	--	--	76.00	3.00
GL W XL	--	101.00	96.50	93.60	66.19	70.10	31.50	GL W LG	62.00	92.38	--	--	77.00	76.43	20.00
GL W LG	--	99.20	78.00	85.14	57.72	65.75	29.75	GL W MD	--	64.60	--	65.50	--	65.04	13.75
GL W MD	--	--	56.38	60.78	51.97	--	21.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	75.00	.50
GL W SM	--	--	48.00	50.00	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 50	--	63.00	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	--	--	.25	NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	58.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 45	--	63.00	--	--	--	--	.75
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	49.00	--	.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	52.16	55.61	22.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	49.00	--	.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.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers	(In Thousands of Pounds)		
	04/02/12	03/26/12	04/04/11
PACIFIC COAST	96	64	17
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light.

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	132.26
LARGE	130.71
MEDIUM	97.86
SMALL	78.00

USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS**WHOLESALE****Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons**

(price cents 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