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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional and New York prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are tending lower. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is generally slow. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate 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 for next week are 19 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 7 cents lower for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak for larger sizes. Retail demand is light while food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy, mostly heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy while demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-111	105-108
LARGE	101-110	103-106
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81
Prices 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 EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	64-74	68
MEDIUM	49-53	51
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. Next week's asking prices are 20 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 18 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demands are reported as light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is mostly slow to instances moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades lower. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Prices 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, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a barely steady to weak undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on heavier weight eggs and Mediums. Retail demand is light. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to usually heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal to part-time. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices 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. FL. GA. MS. NC. SC. Eastern TN. and Southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on all sizes. Supplies are moderate to heavy on Medium, heavy on larger sizes. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are fully sufficient for a light demand. Light hen offerings are sufficient for mixed processing schedules.

	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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are moderate to heavy, with larger sizes in the heavier position. Retail demand continues light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly slow.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	80-84

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 17 cents lower for Jumbo, 19 cents lower for Extra Large, 20 cents lower for Large and 9 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are heavy for Extra Large and Large and moderate for Jumbo and Medium. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 17 cents lower for Jumbo, 19 cents lower for Extra Large, 20 cents lower for Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy for Extra Large and Large and moderate for Jumbo and Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

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	136
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	147
MEDIUM	123

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	118-128
EXTRA LARGE	133-141
LARGE	124-136
MEDIUM	103-113

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

LIQUID EGGS

All prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak for all liquid egg products. Demand is light to instances moderate as buyers bid lower values for additional spot liquid. Offerings are moderate to heavy for all liquid products. Most observers are reporting interest from the European Union as quiet. 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	45.00 - 48.00	18	46.33	48.00 - 55.00	16	51.63	71	56.88
Whites	43.00 - 53.00	18	45.39	47.00 - 55.00	12	50.75	45	48.82
Yolk	64.00 - 69.00	4	67.63	TFEWR			32	72.00

FROZEN EGGS

All frozen egg prices are steady to lower. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady for all frozen products as liquid and shell egg prices adjust downward and buyers expect the same reaction from frozen egg products. Offerings are moderate with demand usually light. Inquiries for frozen purchases into the third quarter are increasing. Supplies are light to moderate for all frozen egg products. Market activity is mostly slow.

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 - 84.00	77.00 - 79.00		72.00 - 86.00	78.00 - 82.00		74.50	66.10
Whites	68.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 75.00		69.00 - 75.00	71.00 - 75.00		72.50	73.30
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	87.00 - 93.00	89.00 - 90.00		88.00 - 93.00	90.00 - 91.00		89.25	87.90
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 90.00	85.00 - 87.00		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	80.00 - 82.00			82.00 - 83.00			75.88	70.50
Whites	73.00 - 74.00			74.00 - 75.00			73.88	74.10
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	92.00 - 95.00			92.00 - 95.00			93.50	92.90
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	92.00 - 95.00			92.00 - 95.00			93.50	92.30

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried yolk prices are higher and steady on the balance of dried egg products. The undertone is steady to cautiously steady. Offerings are moderate for the mostly light demand. Inquiries increased as buyers continue to monitor the post-holiday market. Orders are limited with trading based on existing contracts and minimal spot orders. Supplies are light to at times moderate on dried products. Market activity is slow.

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 - 2.65		2.50 - 2.75	2.60 - 2.70		2.58	2.49
Yolk	1.75 - 2.05	1.80 - 1.85		1.73 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.85		1.89	1.83
Albumen ^{2/}	4.50 - 5.00	4.65 - 4.75		4.50 - 5.00	4.70 - 4.80		4.71	4.63
Blends ^{3/}	2.20 - 2.25			2.20 - 2.25			2.29	2.28

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 07-APR-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,302,876	30,242	14,005	7,096	2,412	4,777
PW	1,245,678	30,467	12,306	6,304	2,127	4,417
LY	1,288,379	31,663	12,622	6,468	2,004	4,463
% PW	5%	-1%	14%	13%	13%	8%
% LY	1%	-4%	11%	10%	20%	7%
2012	18,155,269	430,382	186,409	95,353	37,678	62,802
2011	18,325,747	434,854	188,215	95,573	40,611	61,985
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%	-7%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	43.07	42.94	42.86
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.41	39.40	39.39

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	730,347	56.1%	17,936	59.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	703,169	56.4%	18,348	60.2%
LAST YEAR	722,668	56.1%	19,402	61.3%

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. Offerings are moderate to heavy while demand continues light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-51	
CHECKS	33-42	33-37
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. Offerings are fully sufficient. Demand is light. Breaking schedules are normal to reduced. Market activity is light. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07-Apr-2012 decreased 2 percent from the previous week and declined 1 percent from the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-54	48-50
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	36-42	-
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 April 06, 2012 – April 12, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 128.75****FUTURE LOADS 25.00****TOTAL LOADS 153.75**

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	72.75	76.00	71.33	74.71	--	--	12.00	GL W J	67.95	67.00	--	78.25	70.97	75.56	10.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	75.00	60.00	65.00	1.50	GL W XL	69.34	72.47	68.00	--	--	75.50	11.50
GL W J	--	--	87.00	89.00	58.93	--	7.75	GL W LG	60.45	63.80	58.04	--	--	67.99	20.25
GL W XL	--	82.00	81.33	80.39	63.94	69.00	30.50	GL W MD	58.50	61.33	58.00	65.50	--	63.81	21.75
GL W LG	--	92.00	74.50	75.53	56.64	64.00	28.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	75.00	.75
GL W MD	--	--	52.50	56.75	50.64	--	24.50								
GL W SM	50.00	44.00	48.33	51.00	40.75	--	6.00								
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	104.50	--	.50								
GL BR MD	61.50	--	--	62.00	57.80	--	2.25								
NRBS - 48	--	48.50	--	62.00	47.39	51.54	27.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	35.00	38.00	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 MARKET**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

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

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	110.50	110.00	83.00
SOUTHEAST	113.50	111.50	82.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	79.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	115.50	113.50	83.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	111.67	110.03	82.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 07-Apr-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	
Head	1,722	1,271	2,993
Last Week	1,676	1,372	3,048
Same week yr ago	1,493	1,392	2,885
To-date/2012*	22,184	20,575	42,759
To-date/2011*	20,143	20,763	40,906

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	
Head	300	0	300
Last Week	346	0	346
Same week yr ago	316	0	316
To-date/2012*	4,157	36	4,193
To-date/2011*	5,404	121	5,525

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

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

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	
Head	2,022	1,271	3,293
Last Week	2,022	1,372	3,394
Same week yr ago	1,809	1,392	3,201
To-date/2012*	26,341	20,611	46,952
To-date/2011*	25,547	20,884	46,431

*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	48	0	294	338
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	48	0	294	338

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	351	286	5,158	4,545
Frozen	5	45	352	224
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	356	331	5,510	4,769

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	4,920	2,110	19,620	12,949
Large	6,035	5,980	40,721	24,280
Medium	1,031	0	9,352	4,015
Ungraded	11,010	1,548	26,388	20,188
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	22,996	9,638	96,081	61,432

/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

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS

AS OF MARCH 31, 2012

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,865,441	-4%	17%
FREE FLOWING	1,841,666	-42%	-57%
SUBTOTAL:	4,707,107	-24%	-30%
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	7,326,627	-4%	16%
SUBTOTAL:	7,326,627	-4%	16%
YOLK			
PLAIN	4,280,234	-4%	27%
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,156,319	-15%	150%
SUBTOTAL:	8,436,553	-9%	67%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,433,161	-18%	-33%
WHITE	1,250	-62%	-93%
YOLK	592,872	12%	14%
SUBTOTAL:	2,027,283	-11%	-24%
TOTAL:	22,497,570	-11%	8%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: MARCH 04, 2012 – MARCH 31, 2012 TOTAL 8,965,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 07-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	194.5	-2	-9
East North Central	713.8	3	8
West North Central	300.9	-2	23
South Atlantic	153.0	-1	2
South Central	51.0	1	-7
West	42.8	-31	-22
Total	1456.0	-1	5
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 07-Apr-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)		Percent Change	
	Last Week	Last Year	Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	21.2	18.7	13	-4
Boston	3.2	3.0	7	10
Chicago	62.3	59.3	5	17
Los Angeles	74.0	59.7	24	35
New Orleans	6.0	7.2	-17	-3
New York	40.7	37.2	9	11
St. Louis	77.6	86.7	-10	-16
San Francisco	19.1	17.6	9	-9
Total	304.1	289.4	5	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.4			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
	AM 04/09/12	3,043	138,974
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG	185	3982	1063
PCT CHG	6%	3%	3%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS Apr 10, 2012

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	153	150	116	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	145-149	142-146	111-115	85-89
MOSTLY	147-148	144-145	113-114	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	152-156	149-153	115-119	91-95
MOSTLY	152	149	115	91
VERMONT	153-155	150-153	116-119	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-