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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Mediums eggs. New York prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are adequate 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** Midwest delivered asking prices are 19 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium. Producer prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to instances weak. Demand is light while offerings are moderate to mostly heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-91	84-87
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72
Prices delivered to store door:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	90-98	91-93
LARGE	88-96	89-91
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 20 cents lower on Extra Large, 19 cents lower on Large and 9 cents less on Medium. The undertone is barely steady to steady. Supplies are heavy on Large, moderate to heavy on Extra Large and Medium. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to instances moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are fully sufficient for a light demand. Light hen offerings are adequate for mixed processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	92-95
LARGE	84-98	90-93
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. The undertone is barely steady. Retail demand is light, while distributive demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal to less than normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	90.5-109.25	92-95
LARGE	89-106.5	90-93
MEDIUM	70.5-78.26	71-75

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 20 cents lower for Extra Large, 21 cents lower for Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy, while supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is barely steady to instances weak. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-101	94-97
LARGE	89.5-98	91-94
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady. Supplies range moderate to heavy, heavier on larger sizes. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-100
MEDIUM	80-84

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices 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 mostly steady. Offerings are light to moderate for Jumbo and Medium and moderate to heavy on the remainder of sizes. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices 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 mostly steady. Offerings are light to moderate for Jumbo and Medium and moderate to heavy on the balance of sizes. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 94 cents.

### 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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	132
LARGE	127
MEDIUM	114

**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
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>10.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>58.7</b>
	% Change	-6.5%	0.6%	-6.7%	12.6%	-20.3%	-17.1%	-7.3%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>30.7</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>150.5</b>
	% Change	-1.6%	-12.4%	18.2%	-13.8%	13.3%	-27.8%	2.2%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>54.1</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>542.3</b>
	% Change	7.0%	16.4%	10.1%	36.0%	37.7%	9.0%	18.0%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>11.3</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>137.9</b>
	% Change	-10.7%	3.6%	3.9%	-13.6%	34.1%	-10.3%	2.7%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>2.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>17.3</b>
	% Change	-13.7%	-28.5%	12.6%	-36.9%	-34.6%	-6.1%	-11.6%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>2.2</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>53.4</b>
	% Change	1.4%	-11.3%	-2.7%	7.1%	-12.6%	-24.0%	-4.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>141.5</b>
	% Change	50.0%	47.7%	8.3%	-15.0%	-21.4%	-6.5%	3.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>123.6</b>	<b>189.4</b>	<b>367.9</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>168.6</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>1,101.4</b>
	% Change	4.2%	8.0%	8.0%	9.1%	16.4%	1.3%	8.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
<b>Shell Egg</b>	1,101.4	8.4%
<b>Breaking Stock</b>	313.3	12.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,414.7</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory**<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	7.8	10.2	1.0	2.1	3.8	3.4	<b>28.3</b>
	% Change	2.4%	24.8%	13.5%	23.3%	84.9%	9.1%	20.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.1	11.3	0.0	1.9	<b>33.4</b>
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	14.1%	-3.7%	0.0%	-16.6%	5.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>61.7</b>
	% Change	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>24.8%</b>	<b>14.1%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>84.9%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>

<b>Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:</b>	<b>Large:</b>	<b>31.7%</b>
	<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>48.4%</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>40.7%</b>

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, & WV;  
**Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT;  
**Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 20, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 13, 2012 were 181,796 cases which was 37 percent below the prior week and 35 percent below estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
<b>142,274</b>	<b>39,522</b>	<b>181,796</b>

% change from the prior week:  
**-42**      **-13**      **-37**

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 steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to instances weak. Demand is light while offerings are moderate to mostly heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. 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	47-51	49-51
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		

**CANADIAN EGGS** WEEK OF APR 02, 2012  
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-  
GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS)  
AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD  
CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY  
SECTION.

EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
<b>GRADE A</b>	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.63

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS' F.O.B.  
FARM AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG  
PRODUCERS.

EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
<b>GRADE A</b>	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for April 13, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				35.00				FUTURE LOADS				5.25				TOTAL LOADS				40.25			
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	--	--	64.00	66.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	57.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	1.00								
GL W J	--	--	69.00	70.50	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.00	80.00	1.00								
GL W XL	--	--	70.00	73.50	64.80	--	11.50	GL W XL	64.00	75.00	--	--	71.00	79.39	10.50								
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	62.15	61.00	14.75	GL W LG	58.25	65.00	--	70.00	62.00	77.44	13.75								
GL W MD	--	--	49.00	--	51.00	--	3.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	58.38	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	49.00	51.00	44.50	47.50	2.00																

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

National Trading for April 09, 2012 – April 13, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				145.00				FUTURE LOADS				21.00				TOTAL LOADS				166.00			
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	71.00	74.00	66.00	71.00	--	--	11.00	GNR W 1	57.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	1.00								
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	75.00	--	--	.75	GL W J	67.95	67.00	--	78.25	72.98	76.07	10.50								
GL W J	--	--	78.00	79.75	58.93	--	8.75	GL W XL	67.09	72.95	68.00	--	71.00	77.69	22.00								
GL W XL	--	78.50	78.50	77.55	63.58	69.00	41.00	GL W LG	59.79	64.20	58.04	70.00	62.00	70.86	31.00								
GL W LG	--	--	74.50	68.60	59.31	64.67	37.00	GL W MD	58.50	64.00	58.00	65.50	--	62.57	17.75								
GL W MD	--	--	52.29	57.50	50.80	--	19.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	.25								
GL W SM	50.00	44.00	48.00	50.50	40.75	--	5.00																
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	104.50	--	.50																
GL BR MD	61.50	--	--	62.00	57.00	--	1.25																
NRBS - 48	--	48.50	49.00	56.50	47.26	51.04	28.00																
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.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS**

Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/09/12	04/02/12	04/11/11
PACIFIC COAST	95	96	3
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are heavy. 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	116.63
LARGE	114.31
MEDIUM	88.86
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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)