# Weekly USDA Certified Organic Poultry and Eggs (Mon)

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## PRODUCTION

### Organic Poultry Slaughtered under Federal Inspection

Live weight in lbs. **Week Ending 04-07-12**

| | Current Week | | Last Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Head | Avg Wght | Head | Avg Wght |
| **CHICKEN** | 386,741 | 5.75 | 388,263 | 5.71 |
| **TURKEY** | 24,247 | 27.93 | 21,939 | 31.56 |

### Estimated Weekly Organic Table Egg Production

(does not reflect all organic production; estimates based on data collected from industry cooperators and other sources.)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Est. Layer Flock Size:** | 8,100,000 hens 1/ |
| **Est. Lay Rate:** | 73.5% |
| **Weekly Egg Production:** | 115,763 30-dozen cases |

### Weekly Organic Shell Egg Inventory

(stocks on hand on Apr-09-2012 to be marketed as Organic)

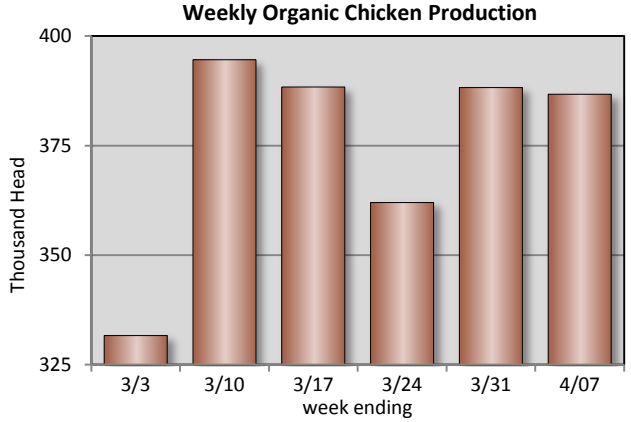
| 30-doz cases in 1,000's | | % Change |
|---|---|---|
| **Large:** | 8.6 | -17.3% |
| **Ungraded:** | 15.3 | 10.1% |
| **Total:** | 23.9 | -1.6% |

Based on a representative sample of U.S. inventory.

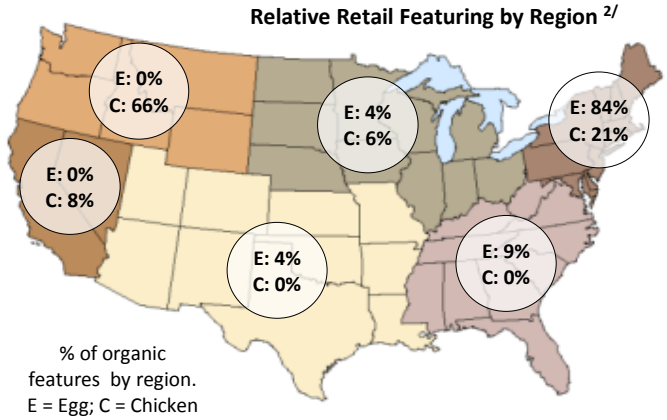
1/: adjusted to reflect latest survey results - Mar 2012.

## GRAPHS

**Weekly Organic Chicken Production**




**Relative Retail Featuring by Region 2/**




% of organic features by region.
E = Egg; C = Chicken

## 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 |

### Organic Young Chicken

(price cents per pound delivered to first receivers)

| | Price Range | Mostly |
|---|---|---|
| **Whole Fryer** | 170 - 307 | 215 - 260 |
| **B/S Breast** | 559 - 841 | 660 - 694 |
| **Bone-in Breast** | 360 - 421 | 367 - 376 |
| **Whole Legs** | 188 - 219 | 199 - 209 |
| **Thighs** | 185 - 245 | 209 - 211 |
| **Whole Wings** | Too few | Too few |

## RETAIL

**Store featuring during the week of 04/13 to 04/19**

### Advertised Prices for Organic Brown Eggs in Cartons

(prices in dollars per dozen carton)

| | Stores | Wtd Avg | Feature Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Extra Large:** | 30 | 3.93 | 13.0% of shell |
| **Large:** | 610 | 3.79 | egg features. |

### Advertised Prices for Organic Young Chicken

(prices $/lb, fresh tray-pack product unless noted)

| | Stores | Wtd Avg | Feature Rate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Whole Fryer | 40 | 3.99 | |
| Bnls/Sknls Breast | 80 | 7.76 | |
| Breast Tenders | 10 | 7.99 | |
| Split, bn-in Breast | | | 0.5% of |
| Whole Wings | | | chicken features. |
| Legs | | | |
| Thighs | 10 | 3.29 | |
| Drumsticks | 50 | 3.19 | |
| Bnls/Sknls Thighs | | | |

**Graph Explanatory Notes:**

2/: percentages reflect feature activity for organic poultry and eggs relative to the sample size of each region. Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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

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