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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional and New York prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes, unchanged on Medium. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy however light to moderate on Medium in the Midwest and West Coast regions. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are sufficient with normal processing schedules.



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 6 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents lower for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is barely steady. Retail demand is light while food service demand is moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy for Extra Large and Large and light to moderate for Medium and Jumbo. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Market activity is slow to 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	58-68	62
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 1 cent lower for Extra Large, 6 cents lower for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is mostly steady. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is reported as moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks lower. The undertone is barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to 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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Asking price for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sized eggs, unchanged on Mediums. Retail demand is light, while food service demand light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on Large and Medium, mixed on Extra Large. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for Eastern region breaking stock are moderate to heavy; demand is moderate. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

	<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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy with Large in the heaviest position. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	<b>RANGE</b>
EXTRA LARGE	92-96
LARGE	90-94
MEDIUM	80-84

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 1 cent lower for Extra Large, 6 cents lower for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for Extra Large and Large and light to moderate for Jumbo and Medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate and better into features planned for next week. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 1 cent lower for Extra Large, 6 cents lower for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate and better into features planned for next week. Offerings continue moderate to heavy for Extra Large and Large and light to moderate for Jumbo and Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 94 cents.

**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.

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

**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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	101-111
EXTRA LARGE	114-122
LARGE	104-116
MEDIUM	94-104

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

**LIQUID EGGS**

Whole egg and white prices are lower with yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak for all liquid egg products. Offerings are heavy for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Demand is moderate to fairly good for all liquid products and reported by most observers as price sensitive. Market activity is active.

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	40.00 - 47.00	44	43.09	45.00 - 48.00	18	46.33	71	56.88
Whites	41.00 - 49.00	29	43.03	43.00 - 53.00	18	45.39	45	48.82
Yolk	TFEWR			64.00 - 69.00	4	67.63	32	72.00

**FROZEN EGGS**

All frozen egg prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady on all frozen products. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies of all frozen products are light to moderate and beginning to build in some locations. 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	67.00 - 80.00	73.00 - 75.00		72.00 - 84.00	77.00 - 79.00		74.50	66.10
Whites	65.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 72.00		68.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 75.00		72.50	73.30
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	82.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 89.00		87.00 - 93.00	89.00 - 90.00		89.25	87.90
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	83.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00		84.00 - 90.00	85.00 - 87.00		87.38	85.30

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	73.00 - 75.00			80.00 - 82.00			75.88	70.50
Whites	70.00 - 72.00			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 egg yolk and whole are lower, albumen steady to lower, blends steady. The undertone is steady to weak. Demand is light. Offerings of albumen are light to moderate and moderate on the balance of products. Supplies are light to moderate. International and 3rd quarter contract inquiries increased. Trading is centered on LTL orders and existing contracts. 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	2.45 - 2.70	2.55 - 2.60		2.50 - 2.75	2.60 - 2.65		2.58	2.49
Yolk	1.70 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.80		1.75 - 2.05	1.80 - 1.85		1.89	1.83
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.38 - 5.00	4.60 - 4.65		4.50 - 5.00	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 14-APR-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,360,185	31,246	14,543	7,361	2,867	4,717
PW	1,302,876	30,242	14,005	7,096	2,412	4,777
LY	1,280,813	30,800	12,554	6,451	2,054	4,290
% PW	4%	3%	4%	4%	19%	-1%
% LY	6%	1%	16%	14%	40%	10%
2012	19,515,454	461,628	200,952	102,714	40,545	67,519
2011	19,606,560	465,654	200,769	102,025	42,664	66,275
% YTD	0%	-1%	0%	1%	-5%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.54	43.07	42.23
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.08	39.41	38.89

**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	751,094	55.2%	18,950	60.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	730,347	56.1%	17,936	59.3%
LAST YEAR	713,849	55.7%	19,314	62.7%

**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 to lower with checks lower. Trade sentiment continues barely steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43-49	46-48
CHECKS	31-40	31-35

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 moderate to heavy for the moderate demand. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under Federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 14-Apr-2012 declined 5 percent from the previous week and decreased 1 percent from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	47-53	48-51
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 13, 2012 – April 19, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 146.75****FUTURE LOADS 18.50****TOTAL LOADS 165.25**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	63.00	65.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	57.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	1.00
GNR W 1	64.25	67.67	58.67	62.67	59.00	61.00	14.00	GL W J	--	74.50	--	86.00	75.94	82.73	11.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	60.00	65.00	1.00	GL W XL	69.21	75.44	--	--	72.50	79.07	26.50
GL W J	--	--	71.00	72.83	67.86	--	10.25	GL W LG	60.28	66.02	--	70.00	62.00	70.19	34.75
GL W XL	71.50	78.00	71.00	73.94	64.57	70.00	43.25	GL W MD	50.00	57.33	--	65.50	--	57.69	9.75
GL W LG	--	58.00	63.00	60.21	56.47	57.71	50.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	79.00	85.00	.50
GL W MD	--	59.00	55.00	60.00	50.68	--	10.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	76.75	2.00
GL W SM	--	44.00	47.00	50.00	38.67	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	69.00	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.25	--	2.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	55.00	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	58.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	49.00	55.50	43.90	46.90	9.00								

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 no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues 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.

**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	93.50	91.50	74.00
SOUTHEAST	93.50	91.50	73.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	95.50	92.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	92.61	90.32	73.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 14-Apr-12

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,828	1,402	3,230
Last Week	1,722	1,271	2,993
Same week yr ago	1,321	1,337	2,658
To-date/2012*	24,012	21,977	45,989
To-date/2011*	21,464	22,100	43,564

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	309	0	309
Last Week	300	0	300
Same week yr ago	505	0	505
To-date/2012*	4,466	36	4,502
To-date/2011*	5,909	121	6,030

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

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,137	1,402	3,539
Last Week	2,022	1,271	3,293
Same week yr ago	1,826	1,337	3,163
To-date/2012*	28,478	22,013	50,491
To-date/2011*	27,373	22,221	49,594

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

<b>U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)</b>				
Week Ending Apr 07, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	48	0	342	338
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	48	0	342	338

<b>U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)</b>				
Week Ending Apr 07, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	218	356	5,376	4,901
Frozen	0	16	352	240
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	218	372	5,728	5,141

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS**

<b>U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)</b>				
Week Ending Apr 07, 2012				
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,100	2,610	21,720	15,559
Large	4,180	4,860	44,901	29,140
Medium	630	1,740	9,982	5,755
Ungraded	5,820	648	32,208	20,836
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	12,730	9,858	108,811	71,290

/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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers (INCL. GOV'T STOCKS)	Frozen		Processed	
	Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 04/16/12	3,058	145,370	37,107	
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773	
CHG	200	10378	-666	
PCT CHG	7%	8%	-2%	

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 14-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)				
Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From		
		Last Week	Last Year	
North Atlantic	193.1	-1	-8	
East North Central	693.8	-3	2	
West North Central	296.1	-2	16	
South Atlantic	156.4	2	7	
South Central	51.0	0	-5	
West	41.4	-3	-26	
Total	1431.8	-2	2	
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 14-Apr-2012				
Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	13.2	21.2	-38	-51
Boston	2.5	3.2	-22	-32
Chicago	58.8	62.3	-6	10
Los Angeles	50.6	74.0	-32	-15
New Orleans	6.5	6.0	8	-4
New York	35.6	40.7	-13	-6
St. Louis	90.7	77.6	17	-7
San Francisco	10.4	19.1	-46	-60
Total	268.3	304.1	-12	-14
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.1			

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** Apr 17, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS

	DELIVERED STORE DOOR			
	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	136	134	107	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	132-136	127-131	100-104	85-89
MOSTLY	134-135	129-130	102-103	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	135-139	133-137	106-110	91-95
MOSTLY	135	133	106	91
VERMONT	136-140	134-139	107-110	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

Commodity					Mar 31, 2012 as a Percent of	
	Feb-28 2011	Feb-29 2012	Mar-31 2011	Mar-31 2012	Mar-31 2011	Feb-29 2012
Frozen Egg	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,327	4,044	3,676	3,714	101%	92%
Yolks	2,157	2,365	2,007	2,352	117%	99%
Whole and mixed	7,267	10,711	6,565	10,326	157%	96%
Unclassified	15,392	19,206	15,039	16,927	113%	88%
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>28,143</b>	<b>36,326</b>	<b>27,287</b>	<b>33,319</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>92%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS