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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



West Coast prices are 4 cents higher on Jumbo, 1 cent lower on Extra Large, 6 cents lower on Large, unchanged on Medium and small sizes. New York prices are unchanged. Remaining regional prices are lower on Extra Large and Large sizes, unchanged to lower on Medium. Retail demand is light to instances moderate. Food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies range moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are 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 prices are 6 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is light to moderate while food service demand is moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to 5 cents lower on Extra Large, 6 cents lower on Large and unchanged on Mediums. Current supplies are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is light while food service demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate to heavy for the moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-103	89-92
LARGE	78-92	84-87
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 and Large, steady to lower on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail and distributive channels is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate to heavy; demand is moderate. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82.5-96.25	84-87
LARGE	81-91.25	82-85
MEDIUM	70.5-78	71-75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent lower for Extra Large, 6 cents lower for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to moderate for the light offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
LARGE	83.5-92	85-88
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged. Supplies are moderate to heavy on Large and Medium, moderate on Extra Large sizes. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	92-96
LARGE	90-94
MEDIUM	80-84

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices 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 with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 1 cent lower for Extra Large, 6 cents lower for Large and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate with demand light to mostly 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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	123
EXTRA LARGE	131
LARGE	121
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
Jumbo	This Week	9.1	8.5	15.6	7.4	12.1	2.9	55.5
	% Change	-13.9%	-2.8%	-12.6%	-1.1%	5.2%	12.1%	-5.4%
Extra Large	This Week	26.2	22.6	38.9	17.4	33.9	4.4	143.4
	% Change	-14.6%	2.1%	-14.0%	12.0%	2.7%	16.2%	-4.7%
Large	This Week	51.7	107.6	150.6	97.6	68.4	60.6	536.6
	% Change	-4.4%	-0.5%	-2.5%	11.1%	-13.7%	3.7%	-1.1%
Medium	This Week	15.4	21.1	51.9	24.0	25.3	7.2	144.9
	% Change	36.6%	-8.5%	0.1%	12.4%	2.7%	26.9%	5.1%
Small	This Week	4.1	5.2	4.9	0.7	1.1	3.2	19.3
	% Change	110.7%	20.4%	-37.9%	2.9%	-2.6%	156.5%	11.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.1	11.9	22.1	12.9	5.4	1.0	55.4
	% Change	-3.2%	13.5%	-3.0%	14.2%	-2.5%	-14.4%	3.7%
Ungraded	This Week	7.9	15.7	70.9	25.0	17.5	10.5	147.5
	% Change	-37.9%	23.9%	4.8%	-1.9%	29.4%	11.2%	4.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	116.7	192.5	355.0	184.9	163.7	89.8	1,102.5
	% Change	-5.6%	1.6%	-3.5%	9.0%	-2.9%	9.1%	0.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,102.5	0.1%
Breaking Stock	289.5	-7.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,392.0	-1.6%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.1	9.1	0.9	4.0	3.9	3.2	29.1
	% Change	3.8%	-11.2%	-13.9%	89.2%	2.6%	-5.0%	3.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	24.2	12.3	0.0	2.3	38.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	20.3%	8.6%	0.0%	18.3%	16.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.1	9.1	25.1	16.3	3.9	5.5	67.9
	% Change	3.8%	-11.2%	18.7%	21.3%	2.6%	3.4%	10.1%

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

Large:	30.6%
Ungraded:	46.7%
Total:	39.8%

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 27, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 20, 2012 were 167,843 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	138,258	29,585	167,843

% change from the prior week:
-3 -25 -8

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 steady to barely steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate as processors assess current needs. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

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	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		

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF APR 09, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-
GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS)
AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY
SECTION.

EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A	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
GRADE A	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

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

National Trading for April 20, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				23.25				FUTURE LOADS				7.00				TOTAL LOADS				30.25			
SE		NE		MW		LDS		SC		NW		SW		LDS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS								
GNR W 1	58.00	--	57.00	59.50	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	89.25	--	--	85.00								
GL W J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	1.75	GL W XL	--	75.00	--	--	--	--	79.33								
GL W XL	--	71.00	--	76.00	64.75	--	10.00	GL W LG	59.00	--	--	--	--	--	66.50								
GL W LG	--	--	81.00	75.00	53.50	--	8.00	GL W MD	55.38	--	--	--	--	--	60.63								
GL W MD	--	--	53.50	56.00	--	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.00								
GL W SM	--	--	48.00	50.00	--	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	77.00								
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	82.00	70.00	--	1.00								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	61.00	--	.25																
GL BR LG	--	--	87.00	90.00	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 42	--	41.25	--	--	34.50	--	1.00																

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

National Trading for April 16, 2012 – April 20, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				135.00				FUTURE LOADS				20.25				TOTAL LOADS				155.25			
SE		NE		MW		LDS		SC		NW		SW		LDS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS								
GNR W XL	--	--	63.00	65.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	74.50	--	87.63	76.23	83.22	12.25								
GNR W 1	63.56	68.00	56.33	61.29	59.00	61.00	14.00	GL W XL	72.42	75.44	--	--	73.00	78.93	20.50								
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	60.00	65.00	1.00	GL W LG	60.39	66.14	--	--	--	64.49	25.75								
GL W J	--	--	72.00	74.00	68.08	--	11.00	GL W MD	51.54	57.33	--	65.50	--	58.81	9.75								
GL W XL	71.50	73.33	72.00	74.08	64.53	70.00	42.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	79.00	85.00	.75								
GL W LG	--	58.00	66.60	61.87	53.98	57.17	47.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	76.78	2.25								
GL W MD	--	59.00	56.50	58.67	50.45	--	8.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	82.00	70.00	69.00	2.00								
GL W SM	--	44.00	47.33	50.00	38.67	--	6.00																
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	.25																
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.11	--	2.50																
GL BR LG	--	--	87.00	90.00	55.00	--	2.00																
GL BR MD	58.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	55.00	43.75	47.20	8.00																

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	04/16/12	04/09/12	04/18/11
PACIFIC COAST	94	95	32
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on medium, steady 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	114.39
LARGE	107.41
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

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