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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

West Coast asking prices are higher on Jumbo and lower on all remaining sizes. New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes and steady to lower on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy, however light to moderate on Extra Large in the Northeast region. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are at least 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 Producer prices are 4 cents lower for Large, 2 cents lower for Medium and steady for Small. Midwest delivered prices are steady with asking prices for next week 7 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 2 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand is light to moderate with food service movement moderate. Supplies and offerings continue moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are moderate to 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	51-61	55
Medium	47-51	49
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 5 cents lower for Extra Large, 7 cents lower for Large, and steady for Medium. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and 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 for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to 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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is about steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on Extra Large and Large eggs, unchanged on Mediums. Retail demand is light to at times moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are at least adequate for the light to moderate demand.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on all sizes. Supplies are moderate to mostly heavy on Large, moderate on Medium, light to moderate on Extra Large. Retail demand is light to a times moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are sufficient for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

	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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Current supplies range moderate to heavy for needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	85-89
Large	83-87
Medium	78-82

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Jumbo, 5 cents lower for Extra Large, 7 cents lower for Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Jumbo, 5 cents lower for Extra Large, 7 cents lower for Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. 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.

	RANGE
Jumbo	123
Extra Large	131
Large	121
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.

	Range
Jumbo	105-115
Extra Large	113-121
Large	98-110
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 prices are irregular with white prices steady to lower and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is mostly steady on all liquid egg products. Demand is light to moderate and reported as improving on liquid yolk. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Apr Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	44.00 - 45.50	10	44.30	40.00 - 47.00	44	43.09	88	45.44
Whites	41.00 - 47.00	12	44.00	41.00 - 49.00	29	43.03	71	45.10
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			8	66.69

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are irregular with whites steady and sugared and salted yolk steady to higher. Trade sentiment is about steady for whole egg and whites with frozen yolk products steady to instances fully steady. Offerings are moderate with demand light and centered around previous agreements. Supplies of all frozen products are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	71.00 - 76.00	71.00	67.00 - 80.00	73.00 - 75.00	76.00	74.50
Whites	65.00 - 73.00	70.00 - 73.00	65.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 72.00	70.50	72.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	88.00 - 92.00	89.00 - 90.00	82.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 89.00	89.38	89.25
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 87.00	83.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00	86.75	87.38

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	73.00 - 74.00		73.00 - 75.00		77.75	75.88
Whites	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 72.00		72.50	73.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	93.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	93.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried eggs prices are steady to lower on whole, steady to higher on yolk, mixed on albumen, steady on blends. The undertone is about steady. Demand is light on mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Trading is limited and often completed from 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		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.41 - 2.70	2.55 - 2.60	2.45 - 2.70	2.55 - 2.60	2.60	2.58
Yolk	1.75 - 2.00	1.80 - 1.85	1.70 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.80	1.87	1.89
Albumen ^{2/}	4.48 - 4.88	4.60 - 4.65	4.38 - 5.00	4.60 - 4.65	4.72	4.71
Blends ^{3/}	2.20 - 2.25		2.20 - 2.25		2.23	2.29

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 21-APR-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,385,218	31,467	15,230	7,693	3,492	4,698
PW	1,360,185	31,246	14,543	7,361	2,867	4,717
LY	1,278,497	31,114	12,558	6,363	2,480	4,192
% PW	2%	1%	5%	5%	22%	0%
% LY	8%	1%	21%	21%	41%	12%
2012	20,900,672	493,094	216,182	110,406	44,037	72,217
2011	20,885,057	496,768	213,327	108,388	45,145	70,467
% YTD	0%	-1%	1%	2%	-2%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.66	42.54	42.41
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.26	39.08	39.14

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	759,938	54.9%	18,146	57.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	751,094	55.2%	18,950	60.6%
LAST YEAR	735,455	57.5%	19,170	61.6%

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 All prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 43-47 45-47

CHECKS 29-38 29-33

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 steady to lower. Supplies are sufficient for the light demand. Breaking schedules are normal. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 21-Apr-2012 are 9 percent higher than the previous week and the same as a year ago.

RANGE MOSTLY

BREAKING STOCK 44-50 46-48

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 33-39 -

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 20, 2012 – April 26, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 88.75****FUTURE LOADS 13.25****TOTAL LOADS 102.00**

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	54.50	--	57.00	57.67	--	--	3.00	GL W J	77.00	--	--	89.25	79.00	85.00	7.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.57	--	5.75	GL W XL	70.68	75.80	--	--	--	78.68	16.00
GL W XL	62.00	70.14	66.50	70.87	64.99	--	38.25	GL W LG	58.43	60.75	--	--	--	69.50	19.50
GL W LG	--	--	67.33	63.09	54.58	56.00	32.00	GL W MD	55.38	51.00	--	66.00	--	60.63	8.00
GL W MD	--	53.00	52.75	55.50	50.65	54.50	11.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	85.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	48.00	50.00	--	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	77.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	82.00	70.00	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	86.00	61.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	58.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	87.00	90.00	--	--	1.25								
GL BR MD	--	53.00	--	--	45.00	--	.75								
NRBS - 48	--	45.25	--	51.67	40.00	49.00	9.00								
NRBS - 42	--	41.25	--	--	34.50	--	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 are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. 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, 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	90.50	85.50	74.00
SOUTHEAST	85.50	83.50	73.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.50	86.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.33	83.86	73.05

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 21-Apr-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,969	1,483	3,452
Last Week	1,828	1,402	3,230
Same week yr ago	1,519	1,387	2,906
To-date/2012*	25,981	23,460	49,441
To-date/2011*	22,983	23,487	46,470

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	447	0	447
Last Week	309	0	309
Same week yr ago	411	12	423
To-date/2012*	4,913	36	4,949
To-date/2011*	6,320	133	6,453

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	2,416	1,483	3,899
Last Week	2,137	1,402	3,539
Same week yr ago	1,930	1,399	3,329
To-date/2012*	30,894	23,496	54,390
To-date/2011*	29,303	23,620	52,923

*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)**

Week Ending Apr 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	40	0	382	338
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	40	0	382	338

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

Week Ending Apr 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	201	394	5,577	5,295
Frozen	0	9	352	249
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	201	403	5,929	5,544

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS**U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 14, 2012		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,860	4,830	23,580	20,389
Large	6,311	6,800	51,212	35,940
Medium	120	1,770	10,102	7,525
Ungraded	3,480	3,422	35,688	24,258
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	11,771	16,822	120,582	88,112

/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

CHICKENS AND EGGS**March Egg Production Up Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.86 billion during March 2012, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.80 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 981 million were broiler-type and 78 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2012 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2011.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2012 totaled 341 million, down slightly from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.09 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2012, averaged 75.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2011.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 7 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2012 totaled 40.6 million, down 7 percent from March 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on April 1, 2012, down 5 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 210 thousand during March 2012, down 17 percent from March 2011.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 21-Apr-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.9	2	-5
East North Central	672.6	-3	-5
West North Central	300.8	2	7
South Atlantic	142.1	-9	-5
South Central	50.4	-1	-16
West	41.0	-1	-30
Total	1404.8	-2	-4

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 21-Apr-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	15.9	13.2	20	-29
Boston	2.8	2.5	12	0
Chicago	62.5	58.8	6	-4
Los Angeles	54.3	50.6	7	-10
New Orleans	6.2	6.5	-5	11
New York	38.6	35.6	8	11
St. Louis	77.1	90.7	-15	-20
San Francisco	12.6	10.4	21	-60
Total	270.0	268.3	1	-15
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.0			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
	AM 04/23/12	2,997	151,516
AM 04/01/12	2,858	134,992	37,773
CHG	139	16524	-8512
PCT CHG	5%	12%	-23%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS Apr 24, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	136	128	107	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	129-133	122-126	100-104	85-89
MOSTLY	131-132	124-125	102-103	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	135-139	127-131	106-110	91-95
MOSTLY	135	127	106	91
VERMONT	136-139	128-135	107-110	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-