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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



West Coast prices are 6 cents higher on Jumbo, 5 cents lower on Extra Large, 7 cents lower on Large and 2 cents lower on Medium and Small. Regional prices are unchanged to 7 cents lower on Extra Large, 4 to 7 cents lower on Large and steady to 2 cents lower on Medium. New York prices are steady. Demand into retail channels is light to moderate while food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies in the Northeast are light to moderate on Extra Large, moderate to heavy on the balance. In remaining regions, supplies range moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are at least adequate 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 are 7 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand is light to moderate while food service demand is moderate. Supplies and offerings are mostly moderate with instances moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues steady to barely steady. Demand is light while offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	70-79	73-76
Large	69-78	71-74
Medium	65-74	67-70

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	77-85	78-80
Large	75-83	76-78
Medium	71-79	72-74

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5 to 7 cents lower on Extra Large, 7 cents lower on Large and 2 cents less on Medium. The undertone is barely steady to steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy on Large and Medium, light to moderate on Extra Large. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Offerings a of spent hens are at least adequate for normal slaughter schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	77-98	80-87
Large	71-85	76-80
Medium	66-79	71-73

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged to 5 cents lower on Extra Large, 4 to 5 cents lower on Large and steady on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Current supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for Eastern region breaking stock are sufficient for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are at least adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	77.5-96.25	79-82
Large	76-87.25	77-80
Medium	70.5-78	71-75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL 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. Trade sentiment continues steady to barely steady. Demand is light while offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	86.5-95	88-91
Large	76.5-85	78-81
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 on all sizes. Supplies range moderate to heavy on Large and Medium, light to moderate on Extra Large. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	85-89
Large	83-87
Medium	78-82

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices 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 cautiously steady for Large and steady on the balance of sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices 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 cautiously steady for Large and steady on the balance of sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 92 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	129
Extra Large	126
Large	114
Medium	112

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	8.9	9.0	13.1	7.7	13.2	2.8	54.6
	% Change	-2.9%	6.6%	-16.3%	4.2%	9.3%	-3.5%	-1.6%
Extra Large	This Week	23.2	26.0	44.5	17.7	38.2	5.4	155.0
	% Change	-11.7%	15.3%	14.4%	1.5%	12.9%	21.8%	8.1%
Large	This Week	43.1	106.3	140.4	88.8	83.2	60.3	522.2
	% Change	-16.6%	-1.2%	-6.7%	-9.0%	21.6%	-0.5%	-2.7%
Medium	This Week	15.3	23.1	61.1	21.6	29.6	8.5	159.1
	% Change	-1.0%	9.5%	17.6%	-10.1%	17.1%	17.3%	9.8%
Small	This Week	4.6	4.7	5.9	0.4	1.5	3.7	20.8
	% Change	10.9%	-10.6%	20.9%	-40.3%	30.7%	17.3%	7.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	11.7	24.0	9.1	5.2	1.4	54.3
	% Change	30.8%	-1.6%	8.6%	-29.0%	-4.6%	50.5%	-2.0%
Ungraded	This Week	8.3	15.1	120.1	19.6	14.5	12.1	189.6
	% Change	4.2%	-3.8%	69.5%	-21.4%	-17.4%	14.9%	28.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	106.1	195.9	409.1	164.8	185.4	94.2	1,155.5
	% Change	-9.1%	1.8%	15.3%	-10.8%	13.2%	4.9%	4.8%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		1,155.5	4.8%
Breaking Stock		304.1	5.0%
Total Shell Egg		1,459.6	4.9%

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	7.6	10.8	1.0	3.0	2.9	3.0	28.3
	% Change	-5.9%	19.3%	16.1%	-25.7%	-24.9%	-7.5%	-2.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.3	10.4	0.0	2.2	34.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-7.9%	-15.9%	0.0%	-4.9%	-10.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	10.8	23.3	13.3	2.9	5.1	63.1
	% Change	-5.9%	19.3%	-7.1%	-18.3%	-24.9%	-6.4%	-7.1%

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

Large:	28.2%
Ungraded:	49.8%
Total:	40.1%

^{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 May 04, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 27, 2012 were 186,854 cases which was 11 percent above the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	157,136	29,718	186,854

% change from the prior week:
+14 +0 +11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues steady to barely steady. Demand is light while offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to 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	43-47	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	

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF APR 16, 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 27, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				18.25				FUTURE LOADS				1.00				TOTAL LOADS				19.25			
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW		LDS						
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	51.00	--	52.00	54.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	71.80	--	--	88.50	--	--	85.00	2.25							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	1.00	GL W XL	67.61	69.25	--	--	--	--	74.28	6.25							
GL W XL	--	--	64.50	68.00	59.50	63.00	7.00	GL W LG	57.50	--	--	--	--	--	65.50	.75							
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	52.00	55.00	2.00	GL W SM	35.00	--	--	--	--	--	45.00	1.00							
GL W MD	--	52.00	54.00	56.00	48.00	--	2.00																

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

National Trading for April 23, 2012 – April 27, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				83.75				FUTURE LOADS				7.25				TOTAL LOADS				91.00			
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW		LDS						
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	51.00	--	52.00	54.00	--	--	3.00	GL W J	74.11	--	--	88.50	79.00	85.00	7.75								
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.50	--	5.00	GL W XL	69.30	72.63	--	--	--	77.52	18.25								
GL W XL	62.00	69.03	65.83	69.48	63.38	63.00	35.25	GL W LG	58.04	60.75	--	--	--	69.71	18.25								
GL W LG	--	--	60.50	60.67	54.56	55.67	30.00	GL W MD	--	51.00	--	66.00	--	--	6.00								
GL W MD	--	52.43	53.00	55.50	50.26	55.57	12.25	GL W SM	35.00	--	--	--	--	45.00	1.00								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	86.00	--	--	.75	NRBS - 50	58.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	3.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25																
GL BR MD	--	53.00	--	--	45.00	--	.75																
NRBS - 48	--	45.25	--	52.50	40.00	49.00	7.00																

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	04/23/12	04/16/12	04/25/11
PACIFIC COAST	37	94	48
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small and medium, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. 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	107.59
Large	99.06
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