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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in all regions are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged on all sizes. Retail demand is light to moderate and best into areas with planned features. Food service demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, moderate to heavy on Mediums. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.



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 unchanged for next week with producer prices steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate with offerings light to usually moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to mostly heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is mostly moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	67-76	70-73
Large	66-75	68-71
Medium	61-70	63-66

Prices delivered to store door:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	74-82	75-77
Large	72-80	73-75
Medium	67-75	68-70

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Large	48-58	52
Medium	43-47	45
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. The undertone is steady. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Market activity continues slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light for the moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	86.5-95	88-91
Large	73.5-82	75-78
Medium	67.5-76	69-72

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand remains moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region break stock offerings are moderate; demand is light to at times moderate. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	74.5-91.25	76-79
Large	73-80.25	74-77
Medium	66.5-75.26	67-71

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 unchanged. Supplies are mostly light to moderate on Extra Large and Large, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen demand is light to moderate for adequate offerings.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	75-98	80-87
Large	69-83	74-78
Medium	63-76	68-70

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices end the week steady on all sizes. Supplies are usually light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, moderate to heavy on Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity continues slow to mostly moderate.

	<b>RANGE</b>
Extra Large	83-87
Large	81-85
Medium	75-79

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady with a firming undertone. Demand is light to mostly moderate and best into areas with planned features. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to mostly heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady with a firming undertone. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to mostly heavy for Medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate and better into areas with features planned for next week. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 88 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	129
Extra Large	126
Large	111
Medium	108

**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	111-121
Extra Large	108-116
Large	88-100
Medium	88-98

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

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

**LIQUID EGGS**

Whole egg prices are lower with whites steady and yolk mostly lower. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and steady to barely steady for yolk. Demand is moderate to fairly good for all liquid products while offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is 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	41.00 - 43.00	21	42.43	42.00 - 45.50	28	42.86	88	45.44
Whites	41.00 - 49.00	14	43.14	41.00 - 49.00	22	42.64	71	45.10
Yolk	58.00 - 67.00	8	65.00	66.50	3	66.50	8	66.69

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg prices are lower with whites higher, sugared yolk steady to higher and salted yolk steady. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings and demand are mostly moderate with increased export interest noted on frozen yolk products. Supplies of all frozen products are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	69.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 76.00	70.00 - 72.00		76.00	74.50
Whites	68.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 72.00		65.00 - 73.00	69.00 - 72.00		70.50	72.50
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	87.00 - 92.00	89.00 - 90.00		88.00 - 92.00	89.00 - 90.00		89.38	89.25
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	84.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00		84.00 - 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 - 74.00			77.75	75.88
Whites	70.00 - 72.00			70.00 - 72.00			72.50	73.88
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00			92.00 - 95.00			93.50	93.50
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00			92.00 - 95.00			93.50	93.50

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are steady to lower on whole, yolk and albumen, steady on blends. The undertone is steady to barely steady on all products. Demand is light to moderate with improved inquiries noted. Offerings are moderate. Current trading is based on contractual commitments and spot orders. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	2.40 - 2.70	2.45 - 2.50		2.45 - 2.70	2.55 - 2.60		2.60	2.58
Yolk	1.70 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.80		1.75 - 2.00	1.80 - 1.85		1.87	1.89
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.35 - 4.85	4.50 - 4.55		4.48 - 4.85	4.55 - 4.60		4.72	4.71
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.20 - 2.25			2.20 - 2.25			2.23	2.29

<sup>2/</sup>Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup>Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 05-MAY-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,451,064	33,522	15,583	7,948	3,259	4,915
PW	1,371,190	31,450	14,470	7,440	3,047	4,493
LY	1,376,724	32,795	13,991	7,126	3,187	4,507
% PW	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%	9%
% LY	5%	2%	11%	12%	2%	9%
2012	23,722,926	558,067	246,235	125,794	50,344	81,625
2011	23,601,610	561,117	240,926	122,648	51,312	79,514
% YTD	1%	-1%	2%	3%	-2%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.71	42.19	42.43
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.32	38.92	39.16

**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	814,539	56.1%	19,764	59.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	795,250	58.0%	19,336	61.5%
LAST YEAR	780,096	56.7%	20,155	61.5%

**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** Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43-46	
CHECKS	28-37	28-32
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 unchanged. Offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 05-May-2012 are 3 percent higher than the previous week and 7 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43-49	46-48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	32-38	TFEWR
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**  
 Week Ending Apr 28, 2012 Year-To-Date\*

Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	0	0	431	386
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	10	64	10	64
Total	10	64	441	450

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**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS**

**U.S Exports to Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**  
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Extra Large	1,320	1,500	26,820	25,609
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Medium	60	3,060	11,193	11,785
Ungraded	4,080	12,068	41,688	41,246
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	12,230	18,208	141,763	123,510

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**MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS**

AS OF APRIL 30, 2012

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
<b>WHOLE</b>			
PLAIN	2,427,176	-15%	24%
FREE FLOWING	1,380,764	-25%	-67%
SUBTOTAL:	3,807,940	-19%	-37%
<b>WHITE (ALBUMEN)</b>	6,812,391	-7%	21%
SUBTOTAL:	6,812,391	-7%	21%
<b>YOLK</b>			
PLAIN	5,236,096	22%	63%
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,073,912	-2%	143%
SUBTOTAL:	9,310,008	10%	91%
<b>BLENDS 1/</b>			
WHOLE	1,224,466	-15%	-42%
WHITE	7,700	516%	-57%
YOLK	487,462	-18%	35%
SUBTOTAL:	1,719,628	-15%	-30%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>21,649,967</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>13%</b>

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: APRIL 01, 2012 – APRIL 28, 2012 TOTAL 11,818,000 POUNDS.**

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 05-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.5	-2	-1
East North Central	712.9	-1	10
West North Central	291.9	6	7
South Atlantic	133.4	0	5
South Central	51.6	2	10
West	35.0	-33	-24
Total	1422.3	-1	6

Matched plants reporting

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 05-May-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	16.7	17.2	-3	-8
Boston	3.6	2.6	38	38
Chicago	59.6	50.1	19	-2
Los Angeles	50.9	49.6	3	-4
New Orleans	6.3	6.5	-3	24
New York	33.6	34.9	-4	7
St. Louis	91.2	83.9	9	22
San Francisco	13.0	11.8	10	-10
Total	274.9	256.6	7	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	267.5			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 05/07/12	3,039	164,670	37,329
AM 05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG	-22	7850	471
PCT CHG	-1%	5%	1%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** May 08, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	130	119	105	92
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	123-127	112-116	98-102	85-89
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	129-133	118-122	104-108	91-95
VERMONT MOSTLY	130	119-120	105	-

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for May 04, 2012 – MAY 10, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 124.00****FUTURE LOADS 4.00****TOTAL LOADS 128.00**

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	48.33	--	50.00	51.25	--	--	12.00	GL W J	75.17	74.50	--	88.50	85.00	83.48	9.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.48	--	5.75	GL W XL	66.63	70.77	--	--	66.00	72.81	28.00
GL W XL	--	68.00	62.90	67.68	60.43	64.50	38.75	GL W LG	58.00	62.49	--	--	--	64.75	22.25
GL W LG	--	--	57.60	60.50	52.51	58.25	35.75	GL W MD	52.20	53.50	--	--	--	57.00	2.00
GL W MD	--	49.00	50.50	53.75	44.62	--	9.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	85.00	.25
GL W SM	47.00	--	49.50	52.50	43.50	--	6.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	83.50	88.00	.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	69.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	73.50	78.00	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	.50	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	85.00	--	--	.25								
GL BR MD	--	49.00	--	--	41.00	--	.75								
NRBS - 48	--	49.55	--	--	42.70	--	5.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	42.00	47.75	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 36	--	26.75	--	--	20.00	--	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 adequate 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	83.50	76.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	69.00
MIDWEST	71.50	69.50	64.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	76.50	70.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	80.96	74.43	68.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 05-May-12

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,870	1,511	3,381
Last Week	1,998	1,429	3,427
Same week yr ago	1,545	1,563	3,108
To-date/2012*	29,849	26,400	56,249
To-date/2011*	26,104	26,554	52,658

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	242	0	242
Last Week	412	0	412
Same week yr ago	499	0	499
To-date/2012*	5,567	36	5,603
To-date/2011*	7,131	153	7,284

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,112	1,511	3,623
Last Week	2,410	1,429	3,839
Same week yr ago	2,044	1,563	3,607
To-date/2012*	35,416	26,436	61,852
To-date/2011*	33,235	26,707	59,942

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Boston	3.6	2.6	38	38
Chicago	59.6	50.1	19	-2
Los Angeles	50.9	49.6	3	-4
New Orleans	6.3	6.5	-3	24
New York	33.6	34.9	-4	7
St. Louis	91.2	83.9	9	22
San Francisco	13.0	11.8	10	-10
Total	274.9	256.6	7	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	267.5			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

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

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 05/07/12	3,039	164,670	37,329
AM 05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG	-22	7850	471
PCT CHG	-1%	5%	1%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** May 08, 2012

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	130	119	105	92
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	123-127	112-116	98-102	85-89
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	129-133	118-122	104-108	91-95
VERMONT MOSTLY	130	119-120	105	-