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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast egg prices are steady to lower on Large and Medium sizes, unchanged on Extra Large. New York and remaining regional prices are steady. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate on Extra Large and Large, moderate to heavy on Mediums. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; 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 asking prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate with offerings light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	67-76	70-73
Large	66-75	68-71
Medium	61-70	63-66
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are light to moderate on Extra Large and Large, moderate to heavy on Medium. Demand into all channels 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.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to lower on Large and Mediums, unchanged on Extra Large. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are at times light to moderate on larger sized eggs, moderate to heavy on Mediums for trading purposes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	74.5-91.25	76-79
Large	73-80	74-77
Medium	66.5-74	67-71

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Retail demand remains light to moderate, while food service demand is reported as moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to heavy on Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	83-87
Large	81-85
Medium	75-79

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady for Medium and steady with a firming undertone on the larger sizes. Offerings are light to moderate on the larger sizes and moderate to instances heavy for Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady for Medium and steady with a firming undertone on the larger sizes. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to instances heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	111
Medium	108

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	9.0	8.6	13.8	9.3	8.8	3.5	53.0
	% Change	-18.8%	-11.1%	16.6%	39.4%	-26.2%	7.7%	-2.6%
Extra Large	This Week	21.1	24.6	32.8	14.0	39.4	5.3	137.2
	% Change	-1.8%	0.5%	-11.5%	-6.4%	5.4%	3.7%	-2.3%
Large	This Week	42.5	102.4	106.5	70.1	94.6	50.6	466.6
	% Change	-16.1%	-10.4%	-6.8%	-4.4%	11.0%	-3.3%	-4.8%
Medium	This Week	10.7	29.0	72.7	27.1	35.5	9.8	184.7
	% Change	-26.5%	24.4%	1.7%	17.1%	28.4%	-1.2%	8.7%
Small	This Week	3.1	4.3	6.0	2.9	0.5	3.4	20.2
	% Change	-9.3%	-21.8%	9.8%	251.8%	-59.7%	39.1%	7.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.5	13.5	29.1	10.4	5.2	0.6	61.2
	% Change	8.3%	12.8%	-5.7%	-11.2%	-6.5%	-43.3%	-3.4%
Ungraded	This Week	10.5	15.5	99.5	16.5	17.4	9.0	168.4
	% Change	-12.3%	-14.6%	1.9%	-30.6%	19.2%	-21.9%	-5.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	99.3	197.8	360.4	150.2	201.4	82.2	1,091.3
	% Change	-13.9%	-4.6%	-2.2%	-2.6%	9.7%	-4.0%	-2.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,091.3	-2.1%
Breaking Stock	294.5	1.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,385.8	-1.3%

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	8.2	7.6	0.8	5.6	4.3	3.0	29.5
	% Change	-26.6%	-26.3%	-20.8%	11.3%	32.3%	2.8%	-12.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	19.3	11.2	0.9	1.9	33.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	4.3%	-9.8%	0.0%	-5.8%	1.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.2	7.6	20.1	16.8	5.2	4.9	62.8
	% Change	-26.6%	-26.3%	3.0%	-3.7%	60.9%	-0.8%	-5.7%

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

Large:	36.8%
Ungraded:	45.3%
Total:	41.3%

^{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 18, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 11, 2012 were 166,876 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
139,812	27,064	166,876

% change from the prior week:
-2 +9 -1

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 continues steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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.

BREAKING STOCK	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS	43-46	28-32
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	28-37	28-32
LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF APR 30, 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 May 11, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				45.00				FUTURE LOADS				1.00				TOTAL LOADS				46.00			
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	50.00	52.00	--	--	44.00	--	9.00	GL W XL	--	70.90	--	--	--	77.50	7.00								
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	61.71	--	7.00	GL W LG	--	64.42	--	--	--	79.00	6.25								
GL W LG	--	--	62.50	65.00	55.92	--	10.25	GL W MD	38.82	--	--	--	--	57.00	9.25								
GL W MD	--	--	46.50	48.50	38.60	--	5.75	NRBS - 50	56.00	--	--	--	--	63.00	3.00								
GL W SM	--	--	51.07	52.79	--	--	1.75																
GL BR MD	51.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 48	--	50.25	--	--	43.50	--	1.00																
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	33.00	36.00	1.00																
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	28.25	31.50	2.00																

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

National Trading for May 7, 2012 – May 11, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS				130.50				FUTURE LOADS				5.00				TOTAL LOADS				135.50			
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	49.43	52.00	50.00	51.17	44.00	--	19.00	GL W J	75.75	74.50	--	88.50	--	85.00	5.75								
GL W J	--	--	--	--	69.27	--	3.75	GL W XL	66.82	71.03	--	--	69.00	74.52	23.00								
GL W XL	--	68.00	62.63	67.58	61.57	66.00	35.50	GL W LG	58.33	63.19	--	--	--	68.91	20.50								
GL W LG	--	--	60.00	62.33	53.74	58.25	33.00	GL W MD	38.82	53.50	--	--	--	57.00	10.00								
GL W MD	--	49.00	48.79	52.32	42.39	--	15.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	83.50	88.00	.50								
GL W SM	47.00	--	50.68	52.86	43.50	--	6.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	73.50	78.00	.50								
GL BR MD	51.00	49.00	--	--	41.00	--	1.75	NRBS - 50	56.00	--	--	--	57.00	63.00	4.00								
NRBS - 48	--	50.33	--	--	43.50	--	3.00																
NRBS - 39	--	--	42.00	47.75	33.00	36.00	2.00																
NRBS - 36	--	26.75	--	--	25.50	31.50	3.00																

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	05/07/12	04/30/12	05/09/11
PACIFIC COAST	60	37	81
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	106.02
Large	95.16
Medium	84.86
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