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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Regional prices are steady however asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Medium. West Coast asking prices are unchanged on Medium and Small, higher on the balance. Demand is at a full range, mostly moderate. Offerings range very light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to instances heavy on Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to adequate; demand is moderate to at times good. Spent hen offerings are moderate 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 for next week are 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 5 cents higher for Large. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is moderate while distributive demand is fairly good. Offerings are light for the larger sizes and moderate for Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to instances good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is 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	59-69	63
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 firm for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. Next week's asking prices are 7 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large, and unchanged for Medium. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is fairly good to at times good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is 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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes and unchanged on Medium. Demand is light to usually moderate into all channels. Offerings continue light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to at times heavy on Medium. Market activity is moderate. Offerings for Eastern region breaking stock are adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate; demand is light to moderate.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Medium. The undertone is firm on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Offerings are very light to light on Extra Large and Large, mostly moderate on the balance. Retail demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are moderate for a light to moderate demand.

	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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium. The undertone is steady to firm. Offerings are very light to light on larger sizes, light to moderate on Medium, Demand is usually moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	96-100
Large	94-98
Medium	75-79

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 7 cents higher for Extra Large, 11 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm for the larger sizes and steady for Mediums. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and mostly moderate for Mediums. Demand is light to instances fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies are moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 7 cents higher for Extra Large, 11 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm for the larger sizes and steady for Mediums. Demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to instances heavy for Medium. 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.

	RANGE
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.

	Range
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 and yolk prices are higher with whites lower. Trade sentiment is steady to firm for whole egg at current price levels with whites about steady and yolk steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for whole egg and mostly moderate for whites and yolk. Demand is moderate to fairly good for all liquid products with observers reporting good interest for yellow product into export channels. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	43.00 - 53.00	24	46.71	41.00 - 43.00	21	42.43	88	45.44
Whites	40.00 - 41.00	11	40.82	41.00 - 49.00	14	43.14	71	45.10
Yolk	61.00 - 67.50	7	65.57	58.00 - 67.00	8	65.00	8	66.69

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices are steady to lower with white prices mixed and salted yolk steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand is moderate with offerings light to mostly moderate and currently held confidently in most instances. Supplies range light to mostly 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	67.00 - 75.00	70.00	69.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00	76.00	74.50
Whites	62.00 - 75.00	66.00 - 70.00	68.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 72.00	70.50	72.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 90.00	87.00 - 92.00	89.00 - 90.00	89.38	89.25
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	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	72.00 - 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 ^{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

Prices of dried whole egg are higher, mixed on yolks, steady to lower on albumen and steady on blends. The undertone is mixed, but mostly steady. Demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and at times held with confidence. Inquiries increased for the 3rd and 4th quarters. Trading is based on regular commitments and LTL orders. Supplies are 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	2.55 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.40 - 2.70	2.45 - 2.50	2.60	2.58
Yolk	1.75 - 1.95	1.75 - 1.80	1.70 - 2.00	1.75 - 1.80	1.87	1.89
Albumen ^{2/}	4.33 - 4.85	4.50 - 4.55	4.35 - 4.85	4.50 - 4.55	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 12-MAY-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,415,463	32,570	14,738	7,470	3,506	4,794
PW	1,451,064	33,522	15,583	7,948	3,259	4,915
LY	1,387,182	32,730	14,270	7,244	2,852	4,487
% PW	-2%	-3%	-5%	-6%	8%	-2%
% LY	2%	0%	3%	3%	23%	7%
2012	25,138,389	590,637	260,973	133,264	53,849	86,419
2011	24,988,792	593,847	255,196	129,892	54,164	84,000
% YTD	1%	-1%	2%	3%	-1%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.09	42.71	42.34
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.70	39.32	39.10

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	780,884	55.2%	19,003	58.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	814,539	56.1%	19,764	59.0%
LAST YEAR	783,665	56.5%	20,309	62.1%

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 higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to instances good as buyers attempt to secure additional breaking stock at current price levels. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-52	
CHECKS	34-43	34-38
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 higher on breaking stock, checks and undergrades. Supplies are adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Breaking schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 12-MAY-2012 are 10 percent higher than the previous week and unchanged from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-54	50-52
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	37-43	-
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 May 11, 2012 – MAY 17, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 166.00****FUTURE LOADS 25.00****TOTAL LOADS 191.00**

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	50.86	52.83	56.25	65.67	56.00	53.67	35.00	GNR W 1	--	67.50	--	--	--	--	13.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	69.00	71.00	60.00	65.00	2.00	GL W J	87.00	86.75	--	--	--	89.55	3.75
GL W J	--	--	68.25	70.00	74.33	83.00	5.00	GL W XL	--	77.13	--	--	84.00	84.13	28.00
GL W XL	--	91.75	--	83.13	70.78	83.50	37.00	GL W LG	--	71.96	--	--	73.00	79.56	26.25
GL W LG	55.00	82.00	60.45	62.11	62.66	77.00	42.25	GL W MD	43.54	--	52.00	--	--	58.65	25.25
GL W MD	--	--	49.40	51.20	42.52	47.58	30.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	86.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	50.08	52.18	--	--	4.75	NRBS - 50	56.00	--	--	--	--	63.00	3.00
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	72.00	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	92.50	85.00	--	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	52.40	--	--	61.00	52.00	--	2.25								
NRBS - 48	--	52.50	--	--	45.75	--	3.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	51.25	57.00	--	--	1.50								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	41.00	44.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	46.25	52.00	37.50	36.00	2.75								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	28.25	31.50	2.00								

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 mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate 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 12-May-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,025	1,598	3,623
Last Week	1,870	1,511	3,381
Same week yr ago	1,622	1,361	2,983
To-date/2012*	31,874	27,998	59,872
To-date/2011*	27,726	27,915	55,641

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	347	0	347
Last Week	242	0	242
Same week yr ago	542	0	542
To-date/2012*	5,914	36	5,950
To-date/2011*	7,673	153	7,826

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	2,372	1,598	3,970
Last Week	2,112	1,511	3,623
Same week yr ago	2,164	1,361	3,525
To-date/2012*	37,788	28,034	65,822
To-date/2011*	35,399	28,068	63,467

*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 May 05, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Type				
Liquid	0	49	431	435
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	10	64
Total	0	49	441	499

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

Week Ending May 05, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Type				
Liquid	22	242	5,971	6,057
Frozen	8	8	378	269
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	30	250	6,349	6,326

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

Week Ending May 05, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,670	2,430	29,490	28,039
Large	2,690	3,496	64,752	48,366
Medium	90	990	11,283	12,775
Ungraded	4,320	12,582	46,008	53,828
Misc	1,620	0	1,620	0
Total	11,390	19,498	153,153	143,008

/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

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	05/14/12	3,027	171,532	39,513
AM	04/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG		-34	14712	2655
PCT CHG		-1%	9%	7%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 12-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	197.8	0	-2
East North Central	659.3	-8	3
West North Central	296.3	2	17
South Atlantic	129.4	-3	1
South Central	52.2	1	1
West	33.1	-5	-29
Total	1368.1	-4	3

Matched plants reporting

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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 12-May-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	16.1	16.7	-4	-6
Boston	3.0	3.6	-17	3
Chicago	60.2	59.6	1	12
Los Angeles	57.8	50.9	14	-10
New Orleans	6.8	6.3	8	15
New York	35.7	33.6	6	17
St. Louis	91.3	91.2	0	15
San Francisco	12.5	13.0	-4	-19
Total	283.4	274.9	3	5
4 Week Moving Avg.	271.2			

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS May 15, 2012

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	130	119	105	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	124-128	113-117	98-102	85-89
MOSTLY	126-127	115-116	100-101	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	129-133	118-122	104-108	91-95
MOSTLY	129	118	104	91
VERMONT	130	119-120	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-