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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 2 to 12 cents higher on larger sized eggs and steady on Mediums. New York prices are up 2 cents on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Mediums. Retail and food service demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, moderate to at times heavy on Mediums. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies are light to moderate for the generally 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 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for the larger sizes and moderate for Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	78-87	81-84
Large	77-86	79-82
Medium	61-70	63-66
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	85-93	86-88
Large	83-91	84-86
Medium	67-75	68-70

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	61-71	65
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 7 to 12 cents higher on Extra Large, 11 cents higher on Large, unchanged on Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Supplies are light on Extra Large and Large, mostly moderate on Medium. Retail demand is light. 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.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	87-105	90-94
Large	80-94	85-89
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 4.5 to 4.75 cents higher on Extra Large, 2 to 10 cents higher on Large and steady on Mediums. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, moderate to instances heavy on Mediums for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are sufficient; breaking schedules are normal. Light type hen offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	79-96	86-89
Large	75-90	84-87
Medium	66.5-74	67-71

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 7 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is firm for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings continue light for the larger sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate for the light offerings. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	93.5-102	95-98
Large	85.5-94	87-90
Medium	67.5-76	69-72

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Medium. The undertone is steady to firm. Supplies range very light to moderate, lighter on larger sizes. Demand is moderate to light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	98-102
Large	96-100
Medium	75-79

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices 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 to fully steady for Mediums. Demand is light to usually moderate with offerings mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices 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 steady to fully steady for Medium with the larger sizes firm. Offerings are usually moderate with demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. 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	133
Extra Large	133
Large	122
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	9.2	9.7	15.9	6.5	12.4	3.3	56.9
	% Change	2.2%	12.9%	14.7%	-30.1%	41.0%	-5.7%	7.4%
Extra Large	This Week	22.8	22.3	30.9	9.7	42.4	4.4	132.6
	% Change	8.3%	-9.6%	-5.8%	-30.5%	7.6%	-16.4%	-3.4%
Large	This Week	48.8	102.1	107.1	54.1	87.9	43.9	443.9
	% Change	15.0%	-0.3%	0.5%	-22.7%	-7.1%	-13.2%	-4.9%
Medium	This Week	9.5	27.6	69.6	27.7	31.3	13.6	179.4
	% Change	-11.7%	-4.6%	-4.2%	2.4%	-11.8%	38.5%	-2.9%
Small	This Week	3.3	3.4	6.0	2.9	0.7	2.0	18.3
	% Change	5.4%	-20.0%	-1.3%	-1.4%	48.0%	-40.2%	-9.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	14.3	29.6	10.7	4.7	1.1	62.6
	% Change	-9.3%	5.9%	1.8%	2.9%	-9.2%	88.1%	2.4%
Ungraded	This Week	10.3	15.8	87.6	31.9	14.4	11.3	171.3
	% Change	-2.3%	2.1%	-11.9%	93.6%	-17.3%	25.1%	1.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	106.1	195.2	346.7	143.6	193.8	79.6	1,065.0
	% Change	6.8%	-1.3%	-3.8%	-4.4%	-3.7%	-3.1%	-2.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,065.0	-2.4%
Breaking Stock	276.9	-6.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,341.9	-3.2%

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	7.1	9.2	0.7	4.9	3.8	2.6	28.2
	% Change	-13.6%	20.4%	-11.3%	-13.0%	-12.8%	-12.9%	-4.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	16.8	9.9	0.0	2.0	28.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-12.8%	-11.1%	-100.0%	3.1%	-13.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.1	9.2	17.5	14.8	3.8	4.6	56.9
	% Change	-13.6%	20.4%	-12.7%	-11.7%	-28.3%	-6.5%	-9.4%

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

	Large:	34.6%
	Ungraded:	41.1%
	Total:	37.9%

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 25, 2012 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 18, 2012 were 172,844 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	145,777	27,067	172,844

% change from the prior week:	+4	+0	+4
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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 is steady to fully steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to mostly 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.

	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	

CANADIAN EGGS WEEK OF MAY 07, 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 18, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 43.25 FUTURE LOADS 15.00 TOTAL LOADS 58.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	64.00	65.00	--	67.00	--	78.00	15.00	GNR W 1	65.75	72.00	--	--	--	67.00	12.00
GL W XL	--	94.00	78.50	91.17	81.81	87.75	13.00	GL W XL	--	93.00	--	--	89.00	91.40	8.75
GL W LG	--	--	72.00	74.00	71.22	--	16.00	GL W LG	--	85.08	--	93.00	83.00	83.08	12.50
GL W MD	--	--	48.00	50.00	42.00	--	4.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	56.75	--	--	3.00
GL W SM	--	--	49.00	51.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	50.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for May 14, 2012 – May 18, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 164.25 FUTURE LOADS 39.00 TOTAL LOADS 203.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	56.67	61.00	56.25	65.80	68.00	67.57	41.00	GNR W 1	65.75	71.33	--	--	--	67.00	25.00
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	--	86.33	--	--	85.13	86.41	29.75
GL W XL	--	92.50	78.50	85.32	76.07	84.71	43.00	GL W LG	--	76.52	--	93.00	80.14	81.48	33.50
GL W LG	55.00	83.50	62.00	66.13	66.95	77.00	49.00	GL W MD	45.36	--	52.00	56.75	--	58.75	19.00
GL W MD	--	--	49.55	51.28	43.47	47.58	28.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	86.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	49.38	51.63	--	--	4.00								
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	150.00	72.00	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	92.50	85.00	--	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	51.60	--	--	61.00	52.00	--	2.25								
NRBS - 48	--	54.75	--	--	48.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	51.25	57.00	--	--	1.50								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	41.00	44.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	46.25	52.00	42.00	--	1.75								

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	05/14/12	05/07/12	05/16/11
PACIFIC COAST	46	60	55
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small and medium, higher on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is good.

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	113.16
Large	105.41
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.	155 – 189	160 - 178

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