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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on heavier weight eggs, unchanged on the balance. Demand into retail channels is mixed, usually light to moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Market activity is at times slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; 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 for next week are 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate at best at retail and food service. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light with offerings mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to 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	78-87	81-84
Large	77-86	79-82
Medium	61-70	63-66

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	70-80	74
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. Next week's asking prices are 9 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail and distributive demands are mostly moderate. Offerings are reported as moderate with supplies light to moderate. Market activity remains moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are mostly moderate for the light demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. 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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Mediums. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light. Light type fowl offerings are adequate 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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes, unchanged on Medium. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate on lighter weights. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings and demand are light. Light hen offerings are sufficient 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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate on Medium. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	105-109
Large	103-107
Medium	75-79

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 7 cents higher for Jumbo, 9 cents higher for Extra Large, 11 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings are moderate for all sizes. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 7 cents higher for Jumbo, 9 cents higher for Extra Large, 11 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady on all sizes. Offerings are light to mostly moderate with demand light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. 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	133
Extra Large	133
Large	122
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	115-126
Extra Large	115-123
Large	99-111
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 higher with whites steady to higher and yolk steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady to about steady for all liquid products. Whole egg offerings are moderate to heavy with white and yolk offerings moderate. Offerings of liquid products for next week are reported as moderate to instances heavy. Demand is fairly good for whole egg and whites with yolk demand light to moderate and price sensitive. 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	45.00 - 53.50	30	45.87	43.00 - 53.00	24	46.71	88	45.44
Whites	40.00 - 49.00	11	41.91	40.00 - 41.00	11	40.82	71	45.10
Yolk	61.00 - 67.00	6	64.67	61.00 - 67.50	7	65.57	8	66.69

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen yolk prices are steady with the remainder of frozen product prices steady to higher. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for all frozen products. Offerings are light to moderate and continue to be held with confidence as freezer stocks are reported as usually minimal. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly 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	70.00 - 75.00	72.00	67.00 - 75.00	70.00	76.00	74.50
Whites	69.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 70.00	62.00 - 75.00	66.00 - 70.00	70.50	72.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	87.00 - 92.00	88.00 - 90.00	84.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 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	70.00 - 75.00	72.00 - 75.00	72.00 - 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

Dried prices are steady to higher on albumen, steady to lower on whole, yolk and blends. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Trading consists of existing contracts and spot orders as buyers watch market developments. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is at times 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	2.50 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.55 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.60	2.58
Yolk	1.74 - 1.95	1.80 - 1.85	1.75 - 1.95	1.75 - 1.80	1.87	1.89
Albumen ^{2/}	4.38 - 4.85	4.55 - 4.60	4.33 - 4.85	4.50 - 4.55	4.72	4.71
Blends ^{3/}	2.09 - 2.25	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 19-MAY-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,407,333	32,783	14,322	7,440	3,574	4,691
PW	1,415,463	32,570	14,738	7,470	3,506	4,794
LY	1,412,543	32,399	14,851	7,674	3,312	4,548
% PW	-1%	1%	-3%	0%	2%	-2%
% LY	0%	1%	-4%	-3%	8%	3%
2012	26,545,722	623,419	275,295	140,704	57,423	91,110
2011	26,401,335	626,246	270,047	137,566	57,476	88,548
% YTD	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.09	42.09	42.10
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.76	38.70	38.88

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	780,169	55.4%	19,254	58.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	780,884	55.2%	19,003	58.3%
LAST YEAR	805,235	57.0%	19,371	59.8%

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 light as the Memorial Day holiday approaches with offerings mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to 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 Mostly prices on breaking stock are higher. Offerings continue light for the light demand. Breaking schedules for next week are reduced for the Memorial Day holiday. Market activity is moderate to slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region are 4 percent higher than a week ago and 6 percent higher than the same week the previous year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-55	52-54
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 18, 2012 – MAY 24, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 117.50****FUTURE LOADS 58.50****TOTAL LOADS 176.00**

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	67.67	74.14	67.50	70.00	--	78.00	54.00	GNR W 1	65.75	79.15	--	--	--	67.00	31.00
GL W J	--	--	85.50	87.00	74.00	--	3.00	GL W J	84.00	--	--	99.50	82.53	88.57	7.00
GL W XL	--	92.25	81.25	93.00	82.74	87.75	27.00	GL W XL	68.00	93.11	--	--	83.07	87.97	17.50
GL W LG	--	87.50	74.67	81.05	73.00	--	42.25	GL W LG	67.60	86.46	--	96.50	86.11	80.92	33.50
GL W MD	--	--	48.53	50.68	43.86	--	21.50	GL W MD	49.00	--	50.00	57.00	--	55.75	12.00
GL W SM	50.00	--	48.87	50.82	--	--	6.75	GL W SM	49.00	--	--	--	46.00	--	2.00
GL BR J	148.00	--	--	152.50	150.00	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	75.00	77.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	50.00	--	--	59.00	54.00	--	2.25								
GL BR SM	45.00	--	--	47.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	60.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	58.00	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	48.00	40.60	43.00	5.00								

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 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	92.00	87.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	87.50	85.50	69.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	64.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	88.50	70.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	89.97	85.50	68.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 19-May-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,705	1,674	3,379
Last Week	2,025	1,598	3,623
Same week yr ago	1,569	1,464	3,033
To-date/2012*	33,579	29,672	63,251
To-date/2011*	29,295	29,379	58,674

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	418	0	418
Last Week	347	0	347
Same week yr ago	450	26	476
To-date/2012*	6,332	36	6,368
To-date/2011*	8,123	179	8,302

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	2,123	1,674	3,797
Last Week	2,372	1,598	3,970
Same week yr ago	2,019	1,490	3,509
To-date/2012*	39,911	29,708	69,619
To-date/2011*	37,418	29,558	66,976

*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)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	48	46	479	481
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	10	64
Total	48	46	489	545

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	248	304	6,219	6,361
Frozen	5	52	383	321
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	253	356	6,602	6,682

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,670	2,040	32,160	30,079
Large	4,680	5,160	69,432	53,526
Medium	1,620	2,880	12,903	15,655
Ungraded	5,760	11,016	51,768	64,844
Misc	0	0	1,620	0
Total	14,730	21,096	167,883	164,104

/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

CHICKENS AND EGGS**April Egg Production Down 1 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.58 billion during April 2012, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 964 million were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2012 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,233 eggs, down slightly from April 2011.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, down slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.98 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2012, averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from May 1, 2011.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Down 8 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2012 totaled 39.7 million, down 8 percent from April 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.0 million on May 1, 2012, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 172 thousand during April 2012, down 40 percent from April 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity					Apr 30, 2012 as a Percent of	
	Mar-31 2011	Mar-31 2012	Apr-30 2011	Apr-30 2012	Apr-30 2011	Mar-31 2012
Frozen Egg						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,676	3,714	3,743	3,369	90%	91%
Yolks	2,007	2,702	1,674	2,672	160%	99%
Whole and mixed	6,565	10,326	6,001	9,655	161%	94%
Unclassified	15,039	16,927	16,263	16,772	103%	99%
Total Frozen Eggs	27,287	33,669	27,681	32,468	117%	96%

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 19-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	199.7	1	-1
East North Central	720.6	9	11
West North Central	295.7	0	18
South Atlantic	127.6	-1	-1
South Central	52.4	0	-3
West	32.9	-1	-40
Total	1428.9	4	7
Matched plants reporting		71	71
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 19-May-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	19.3	16.1	20	10
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	7
Chicago	58.5	60.2	-3	6
Los Angeles	55.4	57.8	-4	9
New Orleans	6.4	6.8	-6	5
New York	34.9	35.7	-2	-9
St. Louis	103.4	91.3	13	26
San Francisco	12.7	12.5	2	-19
Total	293.6	283.4	4	9
4 Week Moving Avg.	277.1			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG		-19	21860	7714
PCT CHG		-1%	14%	21%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS May 22, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	137	127	105	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	132-136	122-126	98-102	85-89
MOSTLY	134-135	124-125	100-101	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	141-145	131-135	104-108	91-95
MOSTLY	141	131	104	91
VERMONT	137	127	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-