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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged in all regions. Retail demand is light to generally moderate, better where ads are in place. Food service demand is at times light to moderate. Supplies are mixed, light to moderate on larger sizes and moderate to heavy on Medium. Market activity is moderate, however slow on the West Coast. Offerings for breaking stock are light to instances moderate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal to less than 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 steady for all sizes. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate for Extra Large and Large, and moderate to heavy for Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light with offerings mostly light to occasionally moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	89-98	92-95
Large	88-97	90-93
Medium	61-70	63-66

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	96-104	97-99
Large	94-102	95-97
Medium	67-75	68-70

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 with a steady undertone. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Both retail and food service demands are moderate. Offering are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light with offerings light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	102.5-111	104-107
Large	97.5-106	99-102
Medium	67.5-76	69-72

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Retail and food service demand are usually moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy on Medium, light to moderate on the balance. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for the light demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	92-105	99-102
Large	88-103	97-100
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 unchanged on all sizes. Current supplies are light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large, moderate to at times heavy on Medium. Retail demand is light. Market activity is mostly moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate for the light demand. Light type hen demand is light for moderate offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	97-116	100-105
Large	91-105	96-100
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. Supplies are light to moderate on larger sizes, mixed on Medium. Retail demand is light, features are limited. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Demand ranges light to fairly good and best into planned ads. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and heavy for Medium. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Demand ranges light to fairly good and better into current ads. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and 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	140
Extra Large	142
Large	133
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	122-133
Extra Large	124-132
Large	110-122
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 and yolk prices steady to lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady for whole egg and yolk and mostly steady for whites. Demand is fairly good for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	40.00 - 46.50	20	44.65	45.00 - 53.50	30	45.87	123	44.56
Whites	40.00 - 43.00	20	41.20	40.00 - 49.00	11	41.91	78	42.00
Yolk	50.00 - 67.00	12	54.17	61.00 - 67.00	6	64.67	36	61.57

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen salted yolk prices are steady to higher with the balance of frozen products steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady for frozen yolk products. Demand is light to moderate for whites and moderate to fairly good on the remainder of products. Offerings are light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	64.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00	70.00 - 75.00	72.00	71.60	76.00
Whites	66.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 70.00	69.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 70.00	70.20	70.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 92.00	86.00 - 90.00	87.00 - 92.00	88.00 - 90.00	89.00	89.38
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 90.00	86.00 - 88.00	84.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00	86.60	86.75

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	74.00 - 75.00		70.00 - 75.00	72.00 - 75.00	73.40	77.75
Whites	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 72.00		71.00	72.50
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 yolk are steady to higher, steady to lower on whole, unchanged on the balance. The undertone is steady to fully steady on yolk, steady to barely steady on whole, steady on albumen and blends. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Trading is based on current contracts and spot orders. Increases in domestic and international inquiries are noted. 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		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.39 - 2.75	2.45 - 2.50	2.50 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.59	2.60
Yolk	1.80 - 1.95	1.80 - 1.85	1.74 - 1.95	1.80 - 1.85	1.86	1.87
Albumen ^{2/}	4.38 - 4.85	4.40 - 4.50	4.38 - 4.85	4.55 - 4.60	4.62	4.72
Blends ^{3/}	2.20 - 2.25		2.09 - 2.25	2.20 - 2.25	2.21	2.23

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 26-MAY-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,367,272	33,380	13,446	6,785	3,110	4,610
PW	1,407,333	32,783	14,322	7,440	3,574	4,691
LY	1,392,898	32,520	14,864	7,520	3,552	4,535
% PW	-3%	2%	-6%	-9%	-13%	-2%
% LY	-2%	3%	-10%	-10%	-12%	2%
2012	27,912,994	656,799	288,742	147,489	60,533	95,720
2011	27,794,233	658,766	284,911	145,086	61,028	93,083
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.58	42.09	42.67
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.21	38.76	39.42

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	755,550	55.3%	19,259	57.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	780,169	55.4%	19,254	58.7%
LAST YEAR	792,816	56.9%	19,625	60.3%

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 remain steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light with offerings mostly light to occasionally moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	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 steady. Offerings are adequate for trade requirements. Demand continues light. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 26-May-2012 are 7 percent lower than the previous week and 1 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

	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 25, 2012 – MAY 31, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 69.00****FUTURE LOADS 34.50****TOTAL LOADS 103.50**

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	69.00	78.70	69.00	76.33	70.17	--	44.00	GNR W 1	--	78.83	--	--	--	--	19.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	1.00	GNR W 3	--	46.50	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	84.00	86.00	71.21	76.50	4.25	GL W J	--	76.25	--	87.50	--	84.00	2.25
GL W XL	--	92.00	--	85.50	68.69	--	19.50	GL W XL	--	82.31	--	--	--	80.64	9.00
GL W LG	--	86.50	75.75	77.71	68.11	--	36.50	GL W LG	73.00	85.54	--	--	--	77.00	31.50
GL W MD	--	--	45.00	47.25	41.68	--	19.25	GL W MD	43.00	50.79	--	56.50	--	--	17.50
GL BR MD	--	--	--	60.25	51.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	60.00	--	--	--	--	67.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	44.78	46.00	2.25	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	70.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	58.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	--	48.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	48.00	41.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	38.50	--	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 no better than steady for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. 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	102.50	98.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	100.50	98.50	69.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	64.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	105.50	100.50	70.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.71	97.26	68.34

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 26-May-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	1,786	1,624	3,410
Last Week	1,705	1,674	3,379
Same week yr ago	1,502	1,389	2,891
To-date/2012*	35,365	31,296	66,661
To-date/2011*	30,797	30,768	61,565

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	269	0	269
Last Week	418	0	418
Same week yr ago	215	24	239
To-date/2012*	6,601	36	6,637
To-date/2011*	8,338	200	8,538

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	2,055	1,624	3,679
Last Week	2,123	1,674	3,797
Same week yr ago	1,717	1,413	3,130
To-date/2012*	41,966	31,332	73,298
To-date/2011*	39,135	30,968	70,103

*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	Week Ending May 19, 2012		Year-To-Date*	
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	48	47	527	528
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	10	64
Total	48	47	537	592

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

Type	Week Ending May 19, 2012		Year-To-Date*	
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	293	331	6,512	6,692
Frozen	50	0	433	321
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	343	331	6,945	7,013

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

Type	Week Ending May 19, 2012		Year-To-Date*	
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,860	2,820	34,020	32,899
Large	5,890	2,340	75,322	55,866
Medium	810	1,740	13,713	17,395
Ungraded	3,600	5,502	55,368	70,346
Misc	0	0	1,620	0
Total	12,160	12,402	180,043	176,506

/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

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 3 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 169 million dozen during April 2012, up 3 percent from April a year ago, but 1 percent below the 171 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 676 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 881 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2011.

April 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. April 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Source: USDA/FSIS/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 26-May-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	194.2	-3	-1
East North Central	714.7	-1	10
West North Central	290.9	-2	12
South Atlantic	127.2	0	-1
South Central	52.7	1	-1
West	33.2	1	-41
Total	1412.9	-1	5
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 26-May-2012

Selected Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	19.9	19.3	3	9
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	7
Chicago	60.5	58.5	3	-1
Los Angeles	46.6	55.4	-16	-17
New Orleans	6.2	6.4	-3	5
New York	38.8	34.9	11	17
St. Louis	90.7	103.4	-12	1
San Francisco	14.8	12.7	17	-29
Total	280.5	293.6	-4	-3
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.1			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

		Frozen	Processed	Processed
		Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	05/28/12	3,143	184,082	40,568
AM	05/01/12	3,061	156,820	36,858
CHG		82	27262	3710
PCT CHG		3%	17%	10%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS May 29, 2012PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	146	136	105	92
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	138-142	128-132	98-102	85-89
MOSTLY	140-141	130-131	100-101	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	145-149	135-139	104-108	91-95
MOSTLY	145	135	104	91
VERMONT	146	136	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-