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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in the Southeast region are 1.25 to 5 cents higher on Extra Large, unchanged to 8 cents higher on Large and steady on Medium. New York and remaining regional prices are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Current offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to heavy on Medium. Market activity is at times slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate with normal to less than 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** All reported prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Cartoned egg sales are moderate with food service demand moderate to fairly good. 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 usually steady. Offerings and demand are light. Supplies are moderate to 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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies vary by plant, but are usually light to moderate on Extra Large, mostly moderate on Large, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are sufficient 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, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 1.25 to 5 cents higher on Extra Large, unchanged to 8 cents higher on Large and steady on Mediums. Demand is mixed, at times light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to instances heavy on Medium. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for Eastern region breaking stock are sufficient for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal to less than normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	97.5-106.25	99-102
Large	96-103	97-100
Medium	66.5-74	67-71

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices remain steady. The undertone is steady. Both retail and distributive demands are moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a usually steady undertone. Demand and offerings are light. Supplies are moderate to 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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are mixed, but mostly moderate for needs. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	105-109
Large	103-107
Medium	75-79

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices 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, mostly light to moderate. 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 EGGS** Benchmark prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Demand is light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are light to mostly 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	140
Extra Large	142
Large	133
Medium	108

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:**

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) <sup>1/</sup>  
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>10.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>52.6</b>
	% Change	7.9%	-11.9%	-14.2%	12.8%	-4.1%	1.9%	-3.8%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>35.9</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>41.9</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>159.8</b>
	% Change	42.5%	-17.8%	7.4%	7.5%	10.0%	-10.7%	9.2%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>61.8</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>434.5</b>
	% Change	38.6%	7.9%	-6.8%	8.8%	-3.8%	24.9%	6.5%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>14.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>176.7</b>
	% Change	21.3%	-9.7%	10.4%	-11.5%	8.0%	-11.8%	3.1%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>23.2</b>
	% Change	29.6%	73.5%	20.7%	-31.2%	-7.0%	-46.3%	11.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>3.2</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>59.0</b>
	% Change	18.2%	-24.0%	-5.8%	-17.9%	15.1%	-11.9%	-9.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>15.2</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>168.2</b>
	% Change	24.9%	72.0%	14.4%	-20.5%	-22.4%	-35.7%	4.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>145.2</b>	<b>169.6</b>	<b>349.1</b>	<b>151.6</b>	<b>193.8</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>1,074.0</b>
	% Change	32.7%	3.2%	3.3%	-4.3%	-0.2%	2.2%	4.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,074.0	4.5%
Breaking Stock	281.1	2.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,355.1</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>2</sup>** Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	11.7	9.7	0.8	2.4	4.2	2.7	31.5
	% Change	48.8%	-7.9%	-6.1%	-26.7%	14.8%	-5.3%	8.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.7	9.4	0.0	1.9	33.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.9%	-0.5%	0.0%	-26.3%	0.4%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>11.7</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>65.4</b>
	% Change	<b>48.8%</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-7.4%</b>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>-15.2%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>37.2%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40.3%</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> 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 June 08, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 01, 2012 were 199,500 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	171,560	27,940	199,500

% change from the prior week:  
+10      +10      +10

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 is usually steady. Offerings and demand are light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

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 21, 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 June 01, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS					FUTURE LOADS					TOTAL LOADS					
SE		NE		MW			SC		NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	--	--	69.00	71.50	--	--	13.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	69.20	79.00	7.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	79.00	85.00	1.50
GL W LG	--	--	71.00	73.00	67.10	--	14.00	GL W XL	75.00	80.50	--	--	77.88	81.96	7.00
GL W MD	--	--	45.50	47.50	38.58	--	14.00	GL W LG	65.50	83.50	--	--	68.00	75.26	12.75
GL W SM	50.00	--	46.00	49.00	39.50	--	4.00	GL W MD	44.00	--	--	53.00	--	51.40	13.25
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	39.00	42.00	2.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	47.00	48.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	39.50	41.00	3.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	31.00	33.00	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for May 28, 2012 – June 01, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS					FUTURE LOADS					TOTAL LOADS					
SE		NE		MW			SC		NW		SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	69.00	75.00	69.00	75.13	83.17	69.00	45.00	GNR W 1	--	75.22	--	--	--	--	15.00
GL W J	--	--	84.00	86.00	70.75	--	3.25	GL W J	--	76.25	--	87.50	79.00	84.60	3.75
GL W XL	--	91.53	--	86.08	68.86	79.00	25.50	GL W XL	75.00	82.02	--	--	77.88	81.54	16.00
GL W LG	--	88.00	75.25	77.00	68.58	--	46.50	GL W LG	67.38	85.75	--	--	68.00	75.58	42.25
GL W MD	--	--	45.20	48.07	39.90	--	25.25	GL W MD	44.00	47.50	--	55.33	--	51.40	17.75
GL W SM	50.00	--	46.00	49.00	39.50	--	4.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	47.00	48.00	2.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	60.25	51.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	70.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	44.78	46.00	2.25	NRBS - 39	--	48.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	58.00	39.00	42.00	3.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	48.00	41.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	39.10	41.00	5.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	31.00	33.00	--	--	1.00								

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	05/28/12	05/21/12	05/30/11
PACIFIC COAST	87	61	35
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	117.64
Large	112.99
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

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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)