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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady. West Coast asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower on Large, unchanged on the balance. Asking prices for next week's deliveries in remaining regions are trending unchanged. Offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate, however in the Midwest region moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate, while slow to moderate on the West Coast. Breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate; 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 are unchanged for next week with producer prices steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with Mediums offerings occasionally heavy. Retail and food service demand continues moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-97	90-93
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66

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

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, & western PA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand is mixed. Offering for the larger sizes are moderate with Mediums moderate to at times heavy. Supplies continue moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

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, & TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Demand into retail and distributive channels is usually moderate. Offerings are moderate on all sizes for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to at times heavy; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are adequate for normal processing schedules.

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, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy for trade needs, heavier on Medium sized eggs. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are mostly moderate to heavy; demand continues light. Light type hen offerings are moderate for normal processing schedules.

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, & VT

**NEW YORK** Prices ended the week steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trading purposes. Retail demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	75-79

**WESTERN** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower for Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower for Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is mostly steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 88 cents.

**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

**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 higher with whites and yolk prices steady to higher. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites and steady to cautiously steady for yolk. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and yolk and light to moderate for whites. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for yolk. Market activity is 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	45.00 - 50.00	25	45.92	40.00 - 46.50	20	44.65	123	44.56
Whites	40.00 - 48.00	20	43.25	40.00 - 43.00	20	41.20	78	42.00
Yolk	58.00 - 67.00	7	64.79	50.00 - 67.00	12	54.17	36	61.57

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices are steady to higher with whites steady and salted yolk steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for all frozen products. Offerings are light to mostly moderate. Demand is light to usually moderate for all products and reported as improving for sugared yolk. 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		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	70.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 71.00	64.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00	71.60	76.00
Whites	66.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 70.00	66.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 70.00	70.20	70.50
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	87.00 - 92.00	88.00 - 90.00	84.00 - 92.00	86.00 - 90.00	89.00	89.38
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	84.00 - 89.00	86.00 - 88.00	84.00 - 90.00	86.00 - 88.00	86.60	86.75

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	73.00 - 75.00		74.00 - 75.00		73.40	77.75
Whites	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 72.00		71.00	72.50
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	93.50
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	92.00 - 95.00		92.00 - 95.00		93.50	93.50

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried whole egg and yolk prices are steady to higher, lower on albumen and unchanged on blends. The undertone is mixed, mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate and centered on contracts and regular commitments. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are at times light to moderate. Market activity is slow to usually 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	2.45 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.39 - 2.75	2.45 - 2.50	2.59	2.60
Yolk	1.80 - 1.98	1.85 - 1.90	1.80 - 1.95	1.80 - 1.85	1.86	1.87
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.35 - 4.80	4.40 - 4.50	4.38 - 4.85	4.40 - 4.50	4.62	4.72
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.20 - 2.25		2.20 - 2.25		2.21	2.23

<sup>2/</sup>Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup>Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 02-JUN-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,312,449	30,122	13,805	7,592	2,842	4,392
PW	1,367,272	33,380	13,446	6,785	3,110	4,610
LY	1,331,597	30,060	14,818	7,179	3,312	4,263
% PW	-4%	-10%	3%	12%	-9%	-5%
% LY	-1%	0%	-7%	6%	-14%	3%
2012	29,225,443	686,921	302,547	155,081	63,375	100,112
2011	29,125,830	688,825	299,729	152,264	64,340	97,346
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.60	42.58	42.29
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.25	39.21	39.09

**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	779,023	59.4%	18,784	62.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	755,550	55.3%	19,259	57.7%
LAST YEAR	777,658	58.4%	18,748	62.4%

**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 remains steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate to occasionally 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 unchanged. Supplies are mostly moderate to heavy for trade needs. Demand is light. Market activity continues slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 02-Jun-2012 declined 16 percent from the previous week and 13 percent from 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

**DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**  
(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 01, 2012-JUNE 07, 2012  
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

**CURRENT LOADS 131.50 FUTURE LOADS 72.75 TOTAL LOADS 204.25**

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	69.25	75.00	69.83	71.92	84.00	69.00	50.00	GNR W 1	--	74.00	--	86.50	--	--	21.00
GL W J	--	--	81.00	83.00	70.82	--	4.50	GL W J	82.00	--	--	92.25	79.00	84.90	8.25
GL W XL	--	85.21	83.33	85.16	69.39	79.38	39.25	GL W XL	75.00	80.73	--	--	74.44	80.29	24.50
GL W LG	--	87.13	72.25	77.29	64.23	--	54.75	GL W LG	65.40	82.94	74.50	--	75.20	73.89	50.25
GL W MD	--	--	45.18	48.41	39.29	44.00	22.50	GL W MD	42.15	--	41.00	53.00	--	49.00	16.25
GL W SM	50.00	48.00	45.75	49.00	39.33	--	12.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	47.00	47.50	4.00
GL BR J	148.00	--	87.00	101.20	71.00	--	1.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	85.00	.25
GL BR MD	55.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 45	47.00	56.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR SM	45.00	--	--	47.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	49.75	--	--	43.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	39.33	42.33	4.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	38.00	41.50	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	39.50	41.00	3.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	31.00	33.00	--	--	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.

**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.

**NATIONAL FOWL**

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT**

Prices are trending generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is light 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;

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

W/E 02-Jun-12 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,169	1,536	2,705
Last Week	1,786	1,624	3,410
Same week yr ago	1,113	1,325	2,438
To-date/2012*	36,534	32,832	69,366
To-date/2011*	31,910	32,093	64,003

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	60	0	60
Last Week	269	0	269
Same week yr ago	266	0	266
To-date/2012*	6,661	36	6,697
To-date/2011*	8,604	200	8,804

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

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,229	1,536	2,765
Last Week	2,055	1,624	3,679
Same week yr ago	1,379	1,325	2,704
To-date/2012*	43,195	32,868	76,063
To-date/2011*	40,514	32,293	72,807

\*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	49	0	576	528
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	10	64
Total	49	0	586	592

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	150	186	6,662	6,878
Frozen	53	82	486	403
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	203	268	7,148	7,281

**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	2,130	1,470	36,150	34,369
Large	6,830	5,170	82,152	61,036
Medium	30	240	13,743	17,635
Ungraded	1,350	3,408	56,718	73,754
Misc	0	0	1,620	0
Total	10,340	10,288	190,383	186,794

/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

**MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS**

AS OF MAY 31, 2012

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
<b>WHOLE</b>			
PLAIN	2,559,457	5%	34%
FREE FLOWING	1,727,614	25%	-62%
SUBTOTAL:	4,287,071	13%	-34%
<b>WHITE</b>			
(ALBUMEN)	7,204,443	6%	20%
SUBTOTAL:	7,204,443	6%	20%
<b>YOLK</b>			
PLAIN	4,717,663	-10%	30%
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,572,569	12%	148%
SUBTOTAL:	9,290,232	0%	70%
<b>BLENDS 1/</b>			
WHOLE	1,655,634	35%	-16%
WHITE	4,800	-38%	-70%
YOLK	601,202	23%	14%
SUBTOTAL:	2,261,636	32%	-10%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>23,043,382</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>13%</b>

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:**

**APRIL 29, 2012 – JUNE 02, 2012 TOTAL 16,291,000 POUNDS.**

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup

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**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 02-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	193.7	0	0
East North Central	698.2	-3	9
West North Central	293.1	1	28
South Atlantic	133.1	5	-3
South Central	51.6	-2	-6
West	33.6	1	-41
Total	1403.3	-1	7

Matched plants reporting

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 02-Jun-2012

Selected Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	21.0	19.9	6	31
Boston	3.0	3.0	0	25
Chicago	59.3	60.5	-2	-3
Los Angeles	56.9	46.6	22	0
New Orleans	6.5	6.2	5	7
New York	34.1	38.8	-12	5
St. Louis	86.8	90.7	-4	16
San Francisco	12.6	14.8	-15	-37
Total	280.2	280.5	0	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.4			

**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		96	29705	4984
PCT CHG		3%	19%	14%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2012 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	496	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	689	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** June 05, 2012

PRICES 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	139-143	129-133	98-102	85-89
MOSTLY	141-141	131-132	100-101	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	145-149	135-139	104-108	91-95
MOSTLY	145	135	104	91
VERMONT	146	136	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-