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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Shell egg prices are steady. West Coast asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher on Jumbo, 4 cents higher on Extra Large and unchanged on the balance. Asking prices in remaining regions for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large, steady to higher on Large and higher on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges light to instances good, mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for trading needs. Market activity is moderate, however slow to moderate on the West Coast. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; 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 steady for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light for Jumbo and Extra Large, and mostly moderate for Large and Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light with offerings light to moderate. Most breakers are working from regular commitments and company owned production. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	45-49	47
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 to fully steady undertone. Next week's asking prices are 4 cents higher for Extra Large, 1 cent higher for Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium. Retail demand is reported as moderate to fairly good. Food service demand remains moderate. Offerings are light to moderate, while supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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. The undertone is steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Extra Large and Mediums. Retail demand is at times light to moderate, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on all sizes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate; breaking schedules are normal. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Supplies are short for Extra Large and sufficient for Large and Medium. Demand into all channels is mostly light to moderate entering the weekend. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate; schedules are normal. Spent hen offerings are adequate with a light to moderate demand.

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 unchanged. Supplies are short for Extra Large, but moderate for Large and Medium. Demand into retail and distributive channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	105-109
Large	103-107
Medium	77-81

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Jumbo, 4 cents higher for Extra Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Offerings are moderate for Large and light to instances moderate on the remainder of sizes. Demand is in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate and better into ongoing ads.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for Jumbo, 4 cents higher for Extra Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate for Large and light to instances moderate on the remainder of sizes. Demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies are 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	140
Extra Large	142
Large	129
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	106-118
Medium	88-98

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole egg prices are irregular, mostly higher, with white prices steady and yolk prices steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady for all liquid products. Demand centers around contractual concerns while any whole egg and whites available were being absorbed in a timely fashion. Spot yolk demand is fair at best. Spot offerings are light to moderate on whole egg and whites and moderate to instances heavy 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 - 52.00	16	45.59	45.00 - 47.50	23	46.02	123	44.56
Whites	40.00 - 48.00	21	42.88	TFEWR			78	42.00
Yolk	56.50 - 67.00	7	65.07	57.00 - 67.00	7	65.57	36	61.57

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg and salted yolk prices are steady to higher with whites and sugared yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is steady for all frozen products. Offerings and demand are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate and reported as adequate for current needs. 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 - 77.00	70.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 76.00	72.00 - 74.00	71.60	76.00
Whites	69.00 - 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	87.00 - 90.00	84.00 - 92.00	87.00 - 90.00	89.00	89.38
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 90.00	86.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 89.00	86.00 - 89.00	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		73.00 - 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

Dried egg prices are lower on albumen, steady to lower on the balance. The undertone is steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate. Inquiries increased to secure third and fourth quarter contracts with additional international quotes noted. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate, moderate to instances heavy on yolk. 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	2.35 - 2.75	2.45 - 2.50	2.50 - 2.75	2.55 - 2.60	2.59	2.60
Yolk	1.71 - 1.96	1.75 - 1.80	1.75 - 1.96	1.85 - 1.90	1.86	1.87
Albumen ^{2/}	4.35 - 4.80	4.45 - 4.55	4.47 - 4.87	4.50 - 4.60	4.62	4.72
Blends ^{3/}	2.05 - 2.25	2.20 - 2.25	2.20 - 2.25		2.21	2.23

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-JUN-2012 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,409,462	32,508	14,442	7,334	3,490	4,670
PW	1,422,116	32,302	15,074	7,561	3,422	4,671
LY	1,394,726	30,939	15,268	7,567	3,279	4,487
% PW	-1%	1%	-4%	-3%	2%	0%
% LY	1%	5%	-5%	-3%	6%	4%
2012	32,057,021	751,730	332,062	169,977	70,287	109,453
2011	31,925,552	751,902	329,781	167,348	71,058	106,497
% YTD	0%	0%	1%	2%	-1%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.83	41.91	41.77
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.51	38.63	38.56

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	788,255	55.9%	19,331	59.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	800,308	56.3%	19,513	60.4%
LAST YEAR	746,286	53.5%	17,939	58.0%

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 with offerings light to moderate. Most breakers were working from regular commitments and company owned production. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	51-53	
CHECKS	35-44	35-39
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. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for normal breaking schedules. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Jun-2012 were 3 percent higher than the previous week and 6 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-55	50-54
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 June 15, 2012 – June 21, 2012**CURRENT LOADS 108.75****FUTURE LOADS 57.25****TOTAL LOADS 166.00**

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	70.33	75.00	70.50	72.43	88.50	73.00	29.00	GNR W 1	--	74.00	--	--	--	--	12.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	62.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	92.50	--	--	--	99.10	107.00	8.75
GL W J	--	--	91.00	93.00	96.04	104.75	8.25	GL W XL	86.83	96.00	--	--	--	93.41	9.00
GL W XL	--	91.20	88.00	91.78	83.86	--	25.50	GL W LG	--	85.80	--	--	--	93.48	67.25
GL W LG	--	80.50	72.13	73.14	79.83	79.00	83.75	GL W MD	50.64	--	--	63.50	--	62.65	27.25
GL W MD	--	60.00	50.36	54.44	50.43	55.50	38.25	GL W SM	38.00	--	--	--	--	52.00	3.00
GL W SM	45.00	--	46.40	48.40	42.25	--	5.25	GL BR LG	--	--	76.00	--	--	83.00	1.00
GL BR MD	--	62.00	--	--	54.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	55.00	--	--	--	--	66.00	2.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	51.00	56.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	55.00	2.00								
NRBS - 45	--	52.75	--	--	44.50	46.00	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.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate 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; 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 16-June-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	1,498	1,841	3,339
Last Week	1,596	1,866	3,462
Same week yr ago	944	1,781	2,725
To-date/2012*	39,628	36,539	76,167
To-date/2011*	34,120	35,662	69,782

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
Head	330	0	330
Last Week	336	0	336
Same week yr ago	523	13	536
To-date/2012*	7,327	36	7,363
To-date/2011*	9,531	213	9,744

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	1,828	1,841	3,669
Last Week	1,932	1,866	3,798
Same week yr ago	1,467	1,794	3,261
To-date/2012*	46,955	36,575	83,530
To-date/2011*	43,651	35,875	79,526

*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	48	674	625
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	10	64
Total	49	48	684	689

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	165	93	7,035	7,263
Frozen	0	5	534	448
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	165	98	7,569	7,711

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,730	2,640	41,610	38,689
Large	720	2,400	86,422	66,716
Medium	840	1,380	15,243	19,795
Ungraded	1,920	1,896	60,078	79,670
Misc	0	0	1,620	0
Total	6,210	8,316	204,973	204,870

/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**May Egg Production Down Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.77 billion during May 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.69 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 73 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2012 averaged 338 million, up slightly from last year. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,296 eggs, down slightly from May 2011.

All layers in the United States on June 1, 2012 totaled 338 million, up slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.96 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2012, averaged 74.4 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from June 1, 2011.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 1 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during May 2012 totaled 43.3 million, up 1 percent from May 2011. Eggs in incubators totaled 40.3 million on June 1, 2012, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 302 thousand during May 2012, up 54 percent from May 2011.

Source: USDA/NASS

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity

Frozen Egg	Apr-30		May-31		May 31, 2012 as a Percent of	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	May-31 2011	Apr-30 2012
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,743	3,402	2,300	3,098	135%	91%
Yolks	1,674	2,669	1,992	2,466	124%	92%
Whole and mixed	6,001	9,683	6,303	10,277	163%	106%
Unclassified	16,263	16,774	18,430	18,612	101%	111%
Total Frozen Eggs	27,681	32,528	29,025	34,453	119%	106%

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 16-Jun-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	179.3	0	-6
East North Central	714.1	1	7
West North Central	292.6	1	23
South Atlantic	126.2	-2	-4
South Central	51.8	0	-6
West	40.4	24	-28
Total	1404.4	1	5

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 16-Jun-2012

Selected

Consuming Centers	Current Week (Cases, in thousands)	Last Week	Percent Change	
			Last Week	Last Year
Atlanta	18.6	18.4	1	-4
Boston	2.8	2.5	12	-3
Chicago	55.8	52.4	6	0
Los Angeles	55.7	64.6	-14	2
New Orleans	7.3	6.5	12	7
New York	34.8	34.1	2	7
St. Louis	88.6	100.0	-11	18
San Francisco	13.7	13.9	-1	-30
Total	277.3	292.4	-5	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	282.6			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

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

		Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM	06/01/12	3,157	186,525	41,842
CHG		-2	-2501	1850
PCT CHG		0%	-1%	4%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS June 19, 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	140-144	130-134	99-103	85-89
MOSTLY	142-143	132-133	101-104	87-88
RHODE ISLAND	145-149	135-139	104-108	91-95
MOSTLY	145	135	104	91
VERMONT	146	136	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-