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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York shell egg prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents higher on Medium. Remaining regional prices are higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Offerings range very light to moderate. Retail demand is mixed, moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is mostly moderate to good. Market activity is moderate while moderate to active in the Midwest region. Breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light to mostly moderate. Spent hen offerings are about adequate to adequate with 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** Midwest delivered asking prices are 5 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large and Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Offerings are very light. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	94-103	97-100
Large	93-102	95-98
Medium	63-72	65-68
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	101-109	102-104
Large	99-107	100-102
Medium	69-77	70-72

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	77-87	81
Medium	47-51	49
Small	33-39	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 4 to 6 cents higher on Extra Large, 4 cents higher on Large, and steady on Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are very light to moderate on larger sizes and held with increased confidence. Retail demand is mixed. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate; demand is light to mostly moderate. Light hen offerings are about adequate to adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	101-124	106-113
Large	95-109	100-104
Medium	65-78	70-72

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are higher on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Mediums. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal. Light type hen offerings are about sufficient to sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	101-115	104-107
Large	97-108	102-105
Medium	68.5-76	69-73

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 6 cents higher for Extra Large, 5 cents higher for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Both retail and distributive demands are moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light for the light to mostly moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	112.5-121	114-117
Large	103.5-112	105-108
Medium	69.5-78	71-74

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium egg prices are 3 cents higher. Supplies are very light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate on Medium. Retail demand is mixed. Distributive demand is mostly moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	113-117
Large	111-115
Medium	82-86

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 6 cents higher for Jumbo and Extra Large, 5 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light for Jumbo and Extra Large and moderate on the balance of sizes. Demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are 6 cents higher for Jumbo and Extra Large, 5 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Demand is moderate while offerings are light for Jumbo and Extra Large and moderate on the balance of sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is 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	155
Extra Large	152
Large	134
Medium	108

**Weekly Shell Egg Inventory:** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) <sup>1/</sup> (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	4.9	7.8	10.7	8.4	9.9	4.2	46.0
	% Change	-12.1%	7.1%	6.0%	2.3%	-14.8%	-0.9%	-2.4%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	17.8	17.1	25.2	18.5	32.6	3.3	114.5
	% Change	-16.2%	-14.3%	-9.3%	-4.5%	-4.9%	37.3%	-8.4%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	57.0	91.1	97.1	87.7	64.1	31.2	428.2
	% Change	-8.8%	0.0%	8.2%	-11.7%	-17.9%	14.2%	-4.4%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	19.1	23.6	68.9	23.6	33.5	8.5	177.2
	% Change	-10.3%	8.9%	-15.3%	-0.3%	10.0%	-1.9%	-5.3%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	1.8	3.9	9.5	0.9	0.9	2.5	19.6
	% Change	-44.7%	-26.6%	-21.1%	161.8%	7.0%	51.8%	-16.9%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.9	11.0	32.4	8.7	4.7	1.4	61.1
	% Change	50.8%	-1.0%	6.7%	-32.4%	-15.8%	24.5%	-3.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	6.9	14.4	78.0	27.2	26.7	13.6	166.8
	% Change	-23.6%	-15.8%	-6.4%	-20.6%	24.7%	35.5%	-4.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	110.4	169.0	321.8	175.0	172.5	64.8	1,013.4
	% Change	-11.6%	-2.7%	-3.8%	-11.6%	-5.4%	16.7%	-5.2%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,013.4	-5.2%
Breaking Stock	257.3	-9.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,270.7</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>

### Specialty Shell Egg Inventory<sup>12</sup>

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	8.8	12.7	1.2	4.4	2.8	1.7	31.5
	% Change	12.3%	39.1%	3.5%	3.8%	-8.3%	-5.0%	16.2%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	23.4	13.9	12.8	2.5	52.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	-11.6%	49.7%	30.7%	4.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	8.8	12.7	24.6	18.3	15.6	4.2	84.0
	% Change	12.3%	39.1%	-2.1%	-8.4%	34.6%	13.3%	8.8%

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

Large: 35.9%  
Ungraded: 62.2%  
Total: 52.4%

<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, and WV;  
**Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT;  
**Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

### NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 20, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 13, 2012 were 176,050 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	148,395	27,655	176,050

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week:	-10	+30	-05

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

### CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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	54-56	
Checks & Undergrades	38-47	38-42

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 July 02, 2012  
Quebec/Montreal: Wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian Dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.63

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of July 02, 2012 as set by Ontario Egg Producers.

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

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

National Trading for July 13, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 29.00							FUTURE LOADS 11.50				TOTAL LOADS 40.50				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	--	79.50	81.00	--	--	7.00	GL W XL	--	110.50	--	--	108.50	112.71	10.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	117.25	100.89	--	9.00	GL W LG	--	87.00	--	--	--	91.00	11.00
GL W LG	--	--	83.00	85.00	79.70	93.00	16.50	GL W MD	50.00	--	--	--	--	56.50	4.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	46.00	--	1.00								
GL W SM	--	--	39.00	42.00	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for July 07, 2012 – July 13, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 115.75							FUTURE LOADS 26.50				TOTAL LOADS 142.25				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	73.00	80.00	75.20	76.67	--	--	19.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	81.00	4.00
GL W J	--	--	93.00	95.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	108.25	114.00	--	--	109.92	115.58	4.00
GL W XL	--	--	96.33	106.50	97.35	101.54	29.75	GL W XL	102.50	108.00	--	--	106.83	109.56	23.75
GL W LG	--	--	83.57	78.13	78.81	90.00	49.25	GL W LG	91.58	92.08	--	96.00	90.00	90.31	36.25
GL W MD	--	--	49.00	52.20	44.75	51.00	10.00	GL W MD	47.83	--	44.50	--	58.00	53.83	13.00
GL W SM	41.00	--	40.67	43.67	37.00	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR J	--	--	87.50	89.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	60.00	--	--	--	--	68.00	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	74.00	--	2.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	59.25	50.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	45.00	48.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	42.58	45.83	6.00								

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	07/09/12	07/02/12	07/11/11
PACIFIC COAST	69	86	47
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady small, higher on the balance. 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	131.04
Large	122.51
Medium	90.69
Small	74.00

**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)