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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York shell egg prices are 3 cents higher on larger sizes, 2 cents higher on Medium. Regional prices are 23 cents higher on Jumbo, 9 to 27 cents higher on Extra Large, 9 to 24 cents higher on Large and 6 to 25 cents higher on smaller sizes. The undertone is firm. Offerings range very light to moderate. Demand is moderate to good, however retail demand in the Northeast is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to adequate with normal breaking schedules. Spent fowl offerings are about adequate; demand is light to moderate.

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 24 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 25 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents higher for all reported sizes. The undertone is higher. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Supplies are light to instances light to moderate. Offerings are light for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment remains firm. Offerings are light on good demand. Supplies are light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	118-127	121-124
Large	117-126	119-122
Medium	88-97	90-93

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	<b>Range</b>	<b>Mostly</b>
Extra Large	125-133	126-128
Large	123-131	124-126
Medium	94-102	95-97

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	<b>Range</b>	<b>Mostly</b>
Large	102-112	106
Medium	73-77	75
Small	43-49	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 24 to 26 cents higher on Extra Large, 24 cents higher on Large and 25 cents more on Medium. The undertone remains firm. Supplies are very light to light on Extra Large and Large, light to moderate on Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to at times good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings are about adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	125-150	130-139
Large	119-133	125-128
Medium	90-103	95-97

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 9 to 27 cents higher on Extra Large, up 9 to 24 cents on Large and 6 to 25 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is firm. Retail demand remains fairly good to good, while distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for current trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are about sufficient; demand is mostly light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	110-142	128-131
Large	106-132	126-129
Medium	74.5-101	94-98

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 26 cents higher for Extra Large, 24 cents higher for Large, and 25 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is firm. Both retail and distributive demand range moderate to fairly good. Offerings remain light. Supplies are light for the larger sizes and light to moderate for Medium. Market activity is moderate to active. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is good with offerings light. Supplies are light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large	138.5-147	140-143
Large	127.5-136	129.132
Medium	94.5-103	96-99

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are 3 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium egg prices are 2 cents higher. Current supplies are light on heavier weight eggs, light to moderate on Medium. Demand is moderate to instances good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	<b>RANGE</b>
Extra Large	139-143
Large	137-141
Medium	107-111

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 23 cents higher for Jumbo, 26 cents higher for Extra Large, 24 cents higher for Large and 25 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light to instances moderate and held with confidence. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are 23 cents higher for Jumbo, 26 cents higher for Extra Large, 24 cents higher for Large and 25 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light to instances moderate and held with confidence. Demand is moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.13.

### 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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
Jumbo	178
Extra Large	178
Large	158
Medium	133

**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	5.7	7.9	12.3	7.3	9.9	3.6	46.8
	% Change	18.4%	1.3%	14.6%	-13.1%	0.2%	-14.2%	1.9%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	13.4	16.5	30.2	13.1	32.2	5.2	110.6
	% Change	-24.7%	-3.7%	19.7%	-29.1%	-1.1%	57.7%	-3.4%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	43.0	90.1	67.9	65.0	67.3	33.2	366.5
	% Change	-24.5%	-1.1%	-30.2%	-25.9%	5.0%	6.3%	-14.4%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	16.8	19.9	57.8	22.4	23.5	9.7	150.1
	% Change	-12.3%	-15.7%	-16.1%	-5.1%	-30.1%	14.9%	-15.3%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	3.5	4.0	8.5	0.9	1.1	2.7	20.7
	% Change	89.1%	1.3%	-10.5%	5.6%	16.3%	7.1%	5.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	3.4	10.6	30.7	9.7	4.8	0.9	60.0
	% Change	17.4%	-3.9%	-5.2%	11.0%	1.5%	-36.5%	-1.8%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	6.9	14.2	61.4	21.5	28.1	12.3	144.4
	% Change	0.7%	-1.4%	-21.3%	-21.0%	5.4%	-10.1%	-13.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	92.7	163.2	268.7	139.8	166.9	67.6	899.0
	% Change	-16.0%	-3.4%	-16.5%	-20.1%	-3.2%	4.4%	-11.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	899.0	-11.3%
Breaking Stock	255.3	-0.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,154.3</b>	<b>-9.2%</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	7.3	13.2	2.4	4.1	3.4	1.6	31.9
	% Change	-17.0%	4.0%	100.9%	-6.0%	22.4%	-7.0%	1.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.8	14.1	16.0	2.8	55.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	1.2%	24.9%	13.0%	5.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	7.3	13.2	25.1	18.2	19.4	4.4	87.5
	% Change	-17.0%	4.0%	2.2%	-0.5%	24.5%	4.8%	4.1%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>31.5%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>64.7%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>52.6%</b>

1/ 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.

2/ 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 July 27, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 20, 2012 were 191,194 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
165,300	25,894	191,194

% change from the prior week:  
+11      -6      +9

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 remains firm. Offerings are light on good demand. Supplies are light to instances 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.

BREAKING STOCK	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS	69-71	53-57
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 JUL 09, 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 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 20, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 51.25							FUTURE LOADS 18.00			TOTAL LOADS 69.25						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	
GNR W 1	--	--	105.00	107.00	--	--	7.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	128.00	130.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	127.00	--	--	122.75	128.00	4.00	
GL W XL	--	141.67	--	136.00	127.89	--	11.00	GL W XL	124.00	139.56	--	--	--	134.50	6.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	120.00	--	9.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	131.44	6.25	
GL W MD	75.00	--	71.85	85.00	68.59	--	25.00	GL W MD	64.50	--	--	82.25	--	86.00	16.00	
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.25	60.00	3.00	GL W SM	56.50	64.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	108.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	1.00	GL BR LG	--	101.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	

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

National Trading for July 16, 2012 – July 20, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 137.25							FUTURE LOADS 49.00			TOTAL LOADS 186.25						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	
GNR W 1	84.00	97.33	92.67	85.40	--	105.67	33.00	GNR W 1	--	110.40	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL W J	--	--	116.50	118.50	111.50	--	3.00	GL W J	116.13	127.00	--	--	122.80	125.57	8.00	
GL W XL	--	131.78	125.00	132.82	122.34	132.00	38.25	GL W XL	124.00	132.61	--	--	121.38	128.87	19.00	
GL W LG	--	95.70	99.00	103.79	105.75	114.00	50.00	GL W LG	121.00	118.44	--	--	106.00	117.02	32.00	
GL W MD	75.00	--	70.39	73.29	78.25	--	32.00	GL W MD	67.00	--	--	79.75	--	82.00	22.00	
GL W SM	50.00	54.00	48.00	51.13	52.95	56.75	8.00	GL W SM	56.50	64.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	108.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	92.00	96.75	86.67	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	101.00	--	--	--	96.00	4.00	
GL BR MD	51.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	60.00	67.50	--	--	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 48	--	57.00	--	--	53.00	68.00	2.00	GL BR LG	--	101.00	--	--	--	96.00	4.00	
NRBS - 39	--	--	59.00	--	54.63	60.97	10.00									
NRBS - 36	--	41.00	--	--	37.00	--	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	07/16/12	07/09/12	07/18/11
PACIFIC COAST	69	69	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is higher on all sizes. Supplies are light. 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	152.44
Large	142.36
Medium	114.86
Small	86.00

**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)