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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are unchanged on Jumbo, unchanged to higher on Extra Large, higher on Large, and mixed to lower on Medium. New York prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate on larger sizes and mostly moderate to heavy on Medium. Retail demand is light to moderate, however good in spot locations in the Northeast. Food service demand is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate; demand is light.

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 6 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 3 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate at best while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate as breakers assess current needs. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	146-155	149-152
Large	145-154	147-144
Medium	97-106	99-105
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	153-161	154-156
Large	151-159	152-154
Medium	103-111	104-106

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	127-137	131
Medium	79-83	81
Small	52-58	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged to 4 cents higher on Extra Large, 4 cents higher on Large, 3 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate on Medium. Demand is light to occasionally good, mostly light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for a moderate demand. Light hen offerings are adequate to fully adequate for regular processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	150-172	150-161
Large	144-158	149-153
Medium	98-111	103-105

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, mixed on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is at times light to moderate, food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, moderate to instances heavy on Mediums. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate. Light type hen offerings are sufficient to fully sufficient for the unaggressive light demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	155-169.25	160-163
Large	151-164	158-161
Medium	99.5-107.26	100-104

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 7 cents higher for Large, 3 cents lower for Medium, and unchanged for Extra Large. The undertone is steady. Both retail demand and food service demands are mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate on the larger sizes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	161.5-170	163-166
Large	157.5-166	159-162
Medium	102.5-111	104-107

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Supplies are light to moderate on larger sizes, moderate on Medium. Demand is light to moderate, at times good in spot locations. Market activity is moderate to slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	158-162
Large	156-160
Medium	110-114

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged for Jumbo and Extra Large, 6 cents higher for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for Jumbo and Extra Large, 6 cents higher for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for Medium. Demand is moderate with offerings moderate to heavy for Medium, and light to moderate for the larger sizes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.22.

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	197
Extra Large	200
Large	186
Medium	142

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) ^{1/} (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	8.9	8.6	16.3	7.4	8.8	3.8	53.7
	% Change	17.6%	8.1%	15.4%	23.8%	-9.1%	-2.6%	9.3%
Extra Large	This Week	22.8	18.8	33.4	14.1	40.7	5.0	134.8
	% Change	29.1%	20.7%	11.9%	27.2%	7.8%	-10.4%	14.7%
Large	This Week	46.8	92.5	106.6	63.9	81.5	42.1	433.3
	% Change	18.4%	1.5%	23.3%	-2.7%	7.7%	16.6%	9.8%
Medium	This Week	13.9	24.2	60.9	34.2	28.4	10.0	171.5
	% Change	-11.3%	31.4%	4.6%	9.4%	-0.2%	-5.7%	5.5%
Small	This Week	3.3	7.8	9.9	1.3	0.7	1.3	24.3
	% Change	31.1%	30.7%	9.1%	7.7%	-15.7%	-60.7%	5.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	11.5	26.8	10.1	5.5	1.5	58.2
	% Change	-10.5%	-19.2%	-12.4%	-5.3%	2.2%	40.4%	-10.6%
Ungraded	This Week	9.7	11.3	44.4	29.2	25.2	8.5	128.4
	% Change	27.0%	-16.3%	-23.4%	23.4%	-11.1%	-8.7%	-8.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	108.2	174.6	298.3	160.2	190.7	72.3	1,004.3
	% Change	15.5%	4.8%	4.2%	7.2%	2.5%	3.3%	5.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,004.3	5.5%
Breaking Stock	253.4	3.3%
Total Shell Egg	1,257.7	5.0%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{12/}

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	7.3	10.4	2.8	3.6	3.6	1.5	29.3
	% Change	7.7%	-11.8%	-4.1%	4.6%	-9.1%	-5.0%	-4.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.7	16.7	14.5	2.8	56.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	21.3%	-5.2%	0.0%	4.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.3	10.4	25.5	20.3	18.1	4.3	86.0
	% Change	7.7%	-11.8%	1.3%	17.9%	-6.0%	-1.8%	1.5%

Large:	32.2%
Ungraded:	67.0%
Total:	55.1%

^{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, 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 August 10, 2012 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 03, 2012 were 156,141 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
132,048	24,093	156,141

% change from the prior week:

-5	+6	-4
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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 steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate as breakers assess current needs. Supplies are light. 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	85-87	
Checks & Undergrades	69-78	69-73

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 23, 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 23, 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 Aug 03, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 12.50							FUTURE LOADS 3.00			TOTAL LOADS 15.50					
SE		NE		MW			SC			NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	1.75	GL W J	115.00	--	--	--	--	120.00	1.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	102.91	--	4.75	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	120.83	.75
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	4.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	110.43	2.75
GL W SM	55.67	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	76.50	--	72.00	4.00
GL BR MD	59.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for July 30, 2012 – Aug 03, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 99.25							FUTURE LOADS 45.25			TOTAL LOADS 144.50					
SE		NE		MW			SC			NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W XL	--	--	126.00	128.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	137.67	--	--	124.00	126.00	17.00
GNR W 1	124.00	134.93	124.33	126.25	--	133.00	38.00	GL W J	112.50	--	--	--	116.00	118.57	3.50
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	1.00	GL W XL	--	118.33	--	--	--	125.17	6.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	101.00	--	--	--	.50	GL W LG	106.50	147.10	--	--	--	110.69	28.75
GL W J	--	--	146.00	148.00	103.79	--	2.75	GL W MD	60.95	--	--	77.63	--	75.00	26.00
GL W XL	--	151.00	138.00	139.25	124.57	153.00	17.25	GL W SM	47.00	--	--	--	--	57.00	1.00
GL W LG	--	137.18	128.83	129.75	118.80	109.00	48.75								
GL W MD	--	--	65.00	67.00	60.97	--	17.00								
GL W SM	55.67	--	51.50	54.00	52.00	53.67	9.00								
GL BR MD	59.00	--	--	76.25	67.00	--	2.00								
GL BR SM	--	--	50.00	--	--	58.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	80.60	5.00								
NRBS - 39	--	69.25	61.00	81.00	63.70	71.00	17.75								

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	07/30/12	07/23/12	08/01/11
PACIFIC COAST	100	78	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on medium and higher on the balance. 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	179.97
Large	173.09
Medium	117.86
Small	92.00

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