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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 11 cents higher on Jumbo, 12 to 19 cents higher on Extra Large, 13 to 19 cents higher on Large and 6 to 18.5 cents higher on Medium and Small. New York prices are steady. Offerings and supplies vary by region and are light to mostly moderate for trade needs. Supplies in the Southeast region are moderate to at times heavy. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient; demand is light to fair.

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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate and reported as slightly more available with demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	135-144	138-141
LARGE	134-143	136-139
MEDIUM	110-119	112-115

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	142-150	143-145
LARGE	140-148	141-143
MEDIUM	116-124	117-119

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	116-126	120
MEDIUM	92-96	94
SMALL	51-57	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered asking prices are 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate and reported as slightly more available with demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	140-157	141-149
LARGE	134-148	139-143
MEDIUM	111-124	116-118

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 18 to 19 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 16 to 18.5 cents higher on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are sufficient for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are adequate; demand is light to fair.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	139.5-157	146-149
LARGE	135.5-156	144-147
MEDIUM	112-131	114-118

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 15 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 6 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady to steady at best. Both retail and food service demands are light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	149.5-158	151-154
LARGE	146.5-155	148-151
MEDIUM	115.5-124	117-120

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

**NEW YORK** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light. Supplies are mostly moderate. Retail demand light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	148-152
LARGE	146-150
MEDIUM	123-127

**WESTERN** Prices are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand and offerings are light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are 11 cents higher for Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on light to mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.35.

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	183
EXTRA LARGE	189
LARGE	179
MEDIUM	155

**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	9.6	10.1	14.4	9.2	11.1	3.1	57.3
	% Change	23.4%	-3.6%	-1.2%	27.3%	-3.6%	-0.6%	5.1%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	30.0	21.9	38.6	21.4	28.7	4.6	145.2
	% Change	11.8%	11.1%	-0.8%	26.4%	4.8%	-1.1%	8.0%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	47.8	118.2	128.8	90.7	64.0	45.9	495.3
	% Change	6.4%	9.9%	20.3%	0.1%	25.6%	3.4%	11.2%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	16.4	16.9	52.9	30.3	32.9	9.5	158.9
	% Change	5.3%	6.8%	-1.7%	9.8%	20.5%	2.4%	6.4%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	6.0	2.0	5.7	2.2	0.8	1.6	18.3
	% Change	37.6%	-11.5%	-17.8%	43.3%	-22.4%	1.3%	3.3%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	1.2	9.5	20.3	11.5	4.8	1.0	48.3
	% Change	25.0%	-38.1%	10.3%	-18.1%	2.3%	22.4%	-11.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	9.5	6.6	70.3	21.9	21.6	8.0	137.9
	% Change	12.9%	-16.4%	-18.7%	-25.1%	-13.7%	-45.8%	-19.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	120.5	185.2	330.8	187.2	163.9	73.6	1,061.2
	% Change	10.7%	3.4%	1.5%	0.0%	10.8%	-6.3%	3.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,061.2	3.3%
Breaking Stock	227.7	-10.0%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,288.9</b>	<b>0.7%</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	6.1	10.3	5.0	4.4	2.8	2.2	30.7
	% Change	11.7%	35.2%	-16.4%	1.1%	-2.1%	-13.4%	6.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.8	11.1	10.3	2.2	50.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-9.5%	-27.2%	-8.3%	0.9%	-13.5%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	6.1	10.3	31.8	15.5	13.1	4.4	81.1
	% Change	11.7%	35.2%	-10.6%	-20.9%	-7.1%	-6.8%	-6.8%

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

Large:	30.5%
Ungraded:	63.1%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.8%</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 September 28, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 21, 2012 were 160,408 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	137,494	22,914	160,408

% change from the prior week:

	-7	-8	-7
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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 to moderate and reported as slightly more available with demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to 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	96-100	96-98
CHECKS	79-87	79-83
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 SEP 10, 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
	2.45	2.43	2.21	1.74

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS' F.O.B.  
FARM AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG  
PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

**DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

**CURRENT LOADS 30.25 FUTURE LOADS 12.00 TOTAL LOADS 42.25**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	--	114.00	116.00	--	--	8.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	122.00	113.25	--	6.00	124.67	--	--	--	120.00	130.75	4.00
GL W LG	--	--	116.00	118.00	106.00	--	11.25	--	--	--	--	--	127.60	5.00
GL W MD	--	--	90.25	95.00	90.50	--	4.00	116.00	119.00	--	--	--	120.00	16.25
GL W SM	--	--	61.00	64.00	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	--	--	102.33	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	116.00	122.25	1.00	62.00	--	--	--	--	74.75	1.00

**DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2012-SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

**CURRENT LOADS 126.25 FUTURE LOADS 34.25 TOTAL LOADS 160.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	110.83	120.73	112.50	114.20	--	--	44.00	GNR W 1	--	127.89	--	GNR W 1	--	127.89	28.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	126.00	--	GNR W 2	--	126.00	1.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	125.00	--	3.50	GL W J	124.67	--	--	GL W J	124.67	--	10.00
GL W XL	--	--	128.60	132.27	120.31	--	34.00	GL W XL	130.00	142.00	--	GL W XL	130.00	142.00	13.50
GL W LG	123.95	133.67	119.80	122.54	119.80	126.67	66.50	GL W LG	117.04	130.37	--	GL W LG	117.04	130.37	66.00
GL W MD	--	--	93.38	99.04	94.94	--	12.75	GL W MD	--	116.00	--	GL W MD	--	108.00	9.25
GL W SM	63.00	--	62.75	67.10	60.50	--	8.00	GL W SM	62.00	--	--	GL W SM	62.00	--	2.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	125.00	--	.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	GL BR J	--	--	.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	125.00	119.00	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	GL BR XL	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	116.00	--	116.00	122.13	6.50	GL BR LG	--	122.50	--	GL BR LG	--	122.50	2.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	106.00	113.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	79.60	84.40	--	--	2.50								

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 HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS**

Selected Centers	(In Thousands of Pounds)		
	09/17/12	09/10/12	09/19/11
PACIFIC COAST	101	108	50
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on 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.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA-LARGE	159.20
LARGE	158.42
MEDIUM	131.86
SMALL	90.00

**USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS****WHOLESALE****Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons**

(price cents per carton delivered to first receivers)

	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Mostly</b>
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)