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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 9 cents lower on Jumbo, 5.5 to 11 cents lower on Extra Large, 9 to 12 cents lower on Large and 6 to 10 cents lower on Medium and Small. New York prices are steady. Supplies and offerings range moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Demand into all channels is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are light to moderate; demand is mostly 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 10 cents lower for all sizes. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to weak. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate with supplies moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	106-115	109-112
Large	105-114	107-110
Medium	84-93	86-89
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	113-121	114-116
Large	111-119	112-114
Medium	90-98	91-93

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	87-97	91
Medium	66-70	68
Small	63-69	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents lower on Extra Large, 10 cents lower on Large and 6 cents lower on Medium. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to good with improvements noted. Supplies are mixed, mostly moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are light to moderate for the mostly moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111-125	114-117
Large	106-120	113-115
Medium	91-104	96-98

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5.5 to 7 cents lower on Extra Large, down 9 cents on Large, 4 to 8 cents lower on Mediums. The undertone is steady to weak. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are usually adequate for immediate trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies in the Eastern region are moderate for the light demand. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are reduced due to holidays.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	118.5-138	120-123
Large	117-140	118-121
Medium	94.5-118	95-99

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents lower for Extra Large, 10 cents lower for Large, and 8 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady to weak. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	118.5-127	120-123
Large	116.5-125	118-121
Medium	92.5-101	94-97

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Supplies are light to usually moderate with Large in the lighter position. Demand is mostly moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	120-124
Large	118-122
Medium	103-107

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 9 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 12 cents lower for Large and 10 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 9 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 12 cents lower for Large and 10 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.06.

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	154
Extra Large	152
Large	148
Medium	126

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	5.8	8.2	18.4	8.5	7.6	3.2	51.8
	% Change	-38.1%	-1.8%	-0.9%	32.3%	5.3%	14.6%	-2.0%
Extra Large	This Week	22.8	14.3	41.6	13.7	27.6	6.3	126.3
	% Change	8.4%	-13.9%	12.1%	-19.0%	2.1%	18.1%	1.8%
Large	This Week	54.0	96.2	130.1	80.0	73.2	54.6	488.0
	% Change	4.6%	-1.4%	12.1%	-2.7%	-9.1%	26.7%	3.6%
Medium	This Week	13.8	14.1	55.9	31.2	27.1	11.1	153.2
	% Change	0.9%	-11.6%	19.5%	13.9%	6.1%	-6.8%	8.5%
Small	This Week	3.0	2.8	6.8	1.2	0.6	2.9	17.1
	% Change	90.3%	-18.6%	2.3%	16.0%	-25.6%	105.0%	16.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.8	11.9	36.3	18.0	5.6	2.1	75.7
	% Change	-19.7%	-4.9%	16.0%	8.9%	9.7%	-17.4%	7.8%
Ungraded	This Week	9.2	16.2	70.4	20.6	19.2	11.8	147.3
	% Change	11.6%	131.7%	16.9%	-0.9%	-10.4%	45.5%	17.2%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	110.3	163.6	359.4	173.3	160.8	91.9	1,059.3
	% Change	2.4%	1.4%	13.6%	1.1%	-4.1%	22.3%	6.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,059.3	6.0%
Breaking Stock	288.2	8.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,347.5	6.5%

SPECIALTY SHELL EGG INVENTORY ^{2/}

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	8.8	15.9	4.8	4.3	3.2	2.0	39.0
	% Change	3.2%	-5.6%	-31.9%	5.6%	-5.0%	5.9%	-6.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.7	14.6	3.6	2.3	47.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-3.2%	10.4%	-41.9%	-19.9%	-5.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.8	15.9	31.5	18.9	6.8	4.2	86.2
	% Change	3.2%	-5.6%	-9.1%	9.2%	-28.8%	-9.7%	-5.9%

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

Large:	31.2%
Ungraded:	67.4%
Total:	51.0%

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 January 04, 2013 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 28, 2012 were 193,118 cases which was 20 percent below the prior week and 17 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
168,341 24,777 193,118

% change from the prior week:
-21 -4 -20

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 to barely steady. Demand is light with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

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 58-60
CHECKS 41-47 41-45
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 DEC 17, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

EX
GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL
Data Unavailable Due to Canadian Holiday

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

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GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL
Data Unavailable Due to Canadian Holiday

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

National Trading for Dec 28, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 40.75					FUTURE LOADS 26.00				TOTAL LOADS 66.75						
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	--	--	85.00	87.00	--	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	--	--	102.00	105.00	80.00	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	89.50	97.00	2.50
GL W XL	--	--	96.00	92.44	74.99	81.25	14.00	GL W XL	82.75	87.13	--	--	--	91.30	7.75
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	80.56	--	22.50	GL W LG	--	103.13	--	--	83.00	86.21	19.25
GL W MD	60.00	--	77.00	79.00	--	--	2.00	GL W MD	--	--	66.00	--	68.57	73.23	6.50
GL W SM	--	--	68.00	70.00	--	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	89.50	97.00	.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	80.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for Dec 24, 2012 – Dec 28, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 102.25					FUTURE LOADS 67.25				TOTAL LOADS 169.50						
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	87.00	95.63	89.00	89.33	--	--	44.00	GNR W 1	--	90.75	--	--	--	--	9.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	85.36	90.00	--	--	89.50	97.00	9.25
GL W J	--	--	102.00	104.75	80.00	--	11.00	GL W XL	82.88	86.63	--	--	88.00	91.00	21.50
GL W XL	--	106.39	97.40	95.74	75.23	81.83	48.75	GL W LG	--	103.13	--	--	87.17	87.15	27.25
GL W LG	--	106.38	--	85.30	78.41	92.00	43.75	GL W MD	61.00	--	66.83	--	68.57	74.00	18.50
GL W MD	60.00	--	66.80	79.93	64.55	--	13.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	89.50	97.00	.50
GL W SM	--	--	67.50	70.00	--	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	80.00	--	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	95.00	96.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.50	55.00	3.00								
NRBS - 45	--	54.00	--	--	46.00	--	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	12/25/12	12/17/12	12/26/11
PACIFIC COAST	98	106	94
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

Due to the New Year's Day Holiday, this report will not be released again until Wednesday, January 2, 2012.

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	139.04
LARGE	138.26
MEDIUM	112.86
SMALL	102.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 320	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	180 – 198	181 - 189
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	171 – 189	171 - 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