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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 10 cents lower on Jumbo, 12 to 24 cents lower on Extra Large, 15 to 27 cents lower on Large and 4 to 18 cents lower on Medium and Small. Prices in New York are unchanged. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances heavy for immediate trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to instances heavy; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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 16 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	93-102	96-99
Large	92-101	94-97
Medium	74-83	76-79

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	100-108	101-103
Large	98-106	99-101
Medium	80-88	81-83

### lowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	74-84	78
Medium	56-60	58
Small	42-48	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 12 to 14 cents lower on Extra Large, 15 cents lower on Large and 4 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is steady. Current supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy for trading purposes. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to at times heavy for a light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	101-117	103-106
Large	95-109	100-104
Medium	80-93	85-87

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 15.5 to 24 cents lower on Extra Large, down 16 to 27 cents on Large, 4 to 18 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate and best where feature activity is noted. Distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy for the light to at times moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are at least adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	103.5-129	105-108
Large	102-125	103-106
Medium	79.5-99	80-84

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 14 cents lower Extra Large, 17cents lower for Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady. Both retail and food service demands are moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy, while supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	106.5-115	108-111
LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady on all sizes with a steady undertone. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for needs. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	109-113
Large	107-111
Medium	92-96

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 10 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate with offerings moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate although building. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are 10 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy while demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate and building. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 94 cents.

### 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	159
Extra large	141
Large	135
Medium	114

**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	8.2	9.6	15.9	7.0	7.6	4.5	52.7
	% Change	8.6%	3.4%	-5.8%	-5.8%	16.6%	6.7%	1.8%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	31.0	19.6	37.9	21.3	32.4	10.0	152.2
	% Change	-8.3%	-5.2%	-5.9%	6.0%	-4.8%	0.6%	-4.2%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	77.2	115.1	123.0	82.4	75.2	60.5	533.5
	% Change	3.6%	-1.9%	-4.2%	-4.9%	-5.7%	6.2%	-1.9%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	15.1	16.5	48.7	20.3	23.0	9.3	133.0
	% Change	-33.6%	-1.6%	-5.2%	-26.4%	-5.7%	3.8%	-12.5%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	3.7	2.8	10.9	6.1	1.8	1.6	26.8
	% Change	-14.2%	9.6%	6.2%	63.7%	7.3%	-19.4%	9.7%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.0	14.5	20.8	13.5	5.2	2.0	58.0
	% Change	-15.3%	-6.6%	0.4%	-18.0%	15.5%	41.3%	-4.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	8.7	12.1	74.8	28.6	16.5	13.3	154.0
	% Change	26.6%	-32.8%	18.9%	11.3%	7.4%	-0.1%	8.3%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	145.8	190.1	332.1	179.3	161.7	101.1	1,110.2
	% Change	-4.1%	-5.0%	0.4%	-4.5%	-2.7%	4.5%	-2.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,110.2	-2.1%
Breaking Stock	265.2	2.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,375.4</b>	<b>-1.2%</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	9.2	27.5	5.7	4.5	3.8	1.7	52.5
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.9%	-16.2%	-11.5%	-1.3%	-58.8%	-11.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	31.1	8.8	2.2	2.1	44.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	16.5%	0.0%	0.0%	10.8%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	9.2	27.5	36.9	13.4	6.1	3.8	96.8
	% Change	-7.4%	-5.9%	-0.4%	5.2%	-0.8%	-6.5%	-2.3%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>29.6%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>70.5%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>48.3%</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 February 22, 2013 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 15, 2013 were 151,417 cases which was 12 percent below the prior week and 12 percent below estimates.

CASES PURCHASED PRESENT WEEK:	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
	136,399	15,018	151,417

% change from the prior week:

	-13	+9	-12
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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 mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are 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	58-62	60-62
CHECKS	43-52	43-47
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 FEB 04, 2013**  
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	Data Unavailable			

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

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	2.00	2.00	1.84	1.36

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

National Trading for Feb 15, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 42.25								FUTURE LOADS 11.50				TOTAL LOADS 53.75				
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	79.00	81.00	--	--	--	--	9.00	GL W J	110.00	--	--	--	--	119.00	3.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	88.00	94.42	--	--	--	97.44	10.25	
GL W XL	--	88.75	--	90.60	81.00	91.00	18.25	GL W LG	--	87.50	--	--	--	90.20	7.75	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	16.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	68.24	4.25	
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	55.53	--	4.25									
GL W SM	--	58.00	--	--	50.00	--	1.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	94.00	116.00	1.00									

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

National Trading for Feb 11, 2013 – Feb 15, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 134.75								FUTURE LOADS 34.75				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	78.44	81.00	78.67	79.75	63.00	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	75.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	55.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	109.75	109.50	--	--	--	119.63	8.25	
GNR W 4	--	--	--	56.00	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	85.31	93.01	--	--	93.75	96.06	31.75	
GL W J	--	--	94.00	96.00	102.47	--	8.25	GL W LG	--	87.03	--	--	--	88.77	25.50	
GL W XL	--	87.67	86.30	88.18	80.43	87.50	64.25	GL W MD	63.81	67.50	--	72.50	74.00	71.80	23.00	
GL W LG	73.00	93.76	81.17	79.97	74.19	--	51.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	119.00	.25	
GL W MD	--	--	67.88	67.60	57.75	--	17.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25	
GL W SM	--	58.00	50.00	52.00	50.00	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	1.75	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	.25									
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	105.50	.25									
GL BR LG	--	--	89.00	--	94.00	110.64	2.75									
GL BR MD	70.00	--	--	--	--	--	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	02/11/13	02/04/12	02/13/12
PACIFIC COAST	73	73	112
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** Feb 18, 2013

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	131.31
Large	128.21
Medium	97.86
Small	83.00

**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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)