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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast prices are 6 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, steady to 2 cents lower on Medium. West Coast prices are 1 cent lower on Large, unchanged on the balance. New York and remaining regions prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate however on the West Coast moderate to heavy. Demand into all channels is light to mostly moderate while retail demand in the Southeast is moderate to instances good. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are at least sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

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 steady. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

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

Iowa-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 unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Current supplies are mostly moderate for needs. Offerings are light. Retail and distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are adequate and demand is light to at times moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for a usually light to moderate demand.

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 steady to 6 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, steady to 2 cents lower on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Demand into the retail channel is moderate to instances fairly good, while distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for immediate needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies in the Eastern region are mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	103.5-123	105-108
Large	102-119	103-106
Medium	79.5-97	80-84

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

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 mostly moderate for current trading purposes. Offerings are light. Demand into all channels is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent lower for Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent lower for Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to 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	134
Medium	114

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	8.2	10.3	16.5	7.2	7.6	4.1	53.9
	% Change	-0.1%	7.3%	4.1%	2.0%	-0.4%	-7.6%	2.1%
Extra Large	This Week	29.9	14.6	36.1	21.9	33.0	9.5	144.8
	% Change	-3.5%	-25.5%	-4.9%	2.6%	1.6%	-5.0%	-4.8%
Large	This Week	76.8	104.3	130.5	85.2	94.8	64.3	556.0
	% Change	-0.5%	-9.4%	6.2%	3.4%	26.0%	6.2%	4.2%
Medium	This Week	11.5	16.0	44.6	22.1	27.6	10.3	131.9
	% Change	-24.2%	-3.0%	-8.5%	8.5%	19.8%	10.1%	-0.8%
Small	This Week	2.7	2.5	11.3	3.7	1.6	2.7	24.4
	% Change	-27.8%	-10.9%	3.3%	-38.8%	-11.4%	72.8%	-8.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.1	12.9	25.6	14.9	5.5	1.5	62.5
	% Change	3.0%	-10.9%	22.9%	10.3%	4.8%	-21.0%	7.7%
Ungraded	This Week	7.2	16.8	91.8	26.9	20.0	14.2	176.8
	% Change	-16.5%	38.6%	22.7%	-6.0%	21.3%	6.5%	14.8%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	138.3	177.3	356.4	181.9	189.9	106.6	1,150.3
	% Change	-5.2%	-6.8%	7.3%	1.4%	17.4%	5.4%	3.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,150.3	3.6%
Breaking Stock	257.0	-3.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,407.3	2.3%

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	8.2	29.2	6.3	5.4	4.7	1.8	55.5
	% Change	-10.9%	6.1%	9.9%	19.4%	22.8%	6.0%	5.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	31.2	9.1	6.2	2.7	49.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.5%	179.4%	27.5%	10.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.2	29.2	37.5	14.5	10.9	4.5	104.7
	% Change	-10.9%	6.1%	1.7%	8.2%	80.5%	18.0%	8.2%

Large: 27.2%
Ungraded: 73.2%
Total: 48.8%

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

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 March 01, 2013 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 22, 2013 were 159,192 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

CASES PURCHASED PRESENT WEEK:	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
	138,691	20,501	159,192

% change from the prior week:
+2 +37 +5

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 moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate. 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	58-62	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 11, 2013
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
	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 22, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 34.25								FUTURE LOADS 13.50				TOTAL LOADS 47.75				
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	76.00	78.00	--	--	14.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	101.21	--	1.75	GL W J	101.00	--	--	--	--	119.00	2.75	
GL W XL	85.00	--	91.00	92.67	83.98	91.00	14.00	GL W XL	91.75	98.00	--	101.50	--	100.23	12.00	
GL W LG	--	--	84.00	86.00	75.00	--	6.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	93.50	94.48	4.75	
GL W MD	--	--	65.00	66.50	61.29	--	4.50	GL W MD	--	--	72.00	--	--	76.86	3.50	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	96.75	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	112.75	.50	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	94.75	--	.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	110.75	.75	

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

National Trading for Feb 18, 2013 – Feb 22, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 128.00								FUTURE LOADS 47.25				TOTAL LOADS 175.25				
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	77.29	80.78	76.00	78.00	--	--	31.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	76.00	78.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	106.60	115.00	--	--	--	118.36	8.00	
GL W J	--	--	91.00	93.00	100.70	--	6.50	GL W XL	91.17	95.22	--	101.50	--	99.12	27.00	
GL W XL	85.00	90.75	86.38	90.78	82.46	87.75	52.25	GL W LG	--	91.25	80.33	--	93.50	90.10	23.00	
GL W LG	--	89.66	80.25	82.70	74.53	--	53.50	GL W MD	62.50	67.00	72.00	--	--	75.21	14.00	
GL W MD	--	72.00	70.40	69.88	60.93	63.00	20.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	119.00	.50	
GL W SM	52.50	56.00	55.50	58.50	48.00	--	5.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	111.25	1.25	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	109.75	3.25	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	95.10	--	1.25									
GL BR LG	--	--	89.00	--	93.94	116.00	4.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	60.00	54.00	--	2.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	62.00	65.00	4.00									

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	02/18/13	02/11/12	02/20/12
PACIFIC COAST	64	73	86
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS Feb 18, 2013

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	126.14
Large	123.04
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