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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 12 to 13 cents higher on Extra Large, 13 to 14 cents higher on Large, steady to 7.5 cents higher on Medium and Small. Supplies and offerings are light to mostly moderate for trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges moderate to good. Market activity is mixed, usually moderate. Breaking stock supplies are light to moderate; 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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady for all sizes. Demand is moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	130-139	133-136
Large	129-138	131-134
Medium	96-105	98-101
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	137-145	138-140
Large	135-143	136-138
Medium	102-110	103-105

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	111-121	115
Medium	78-82	80
Small	44-50	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 1 to 5 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is steady. Current supplies are light to moderate for trading purposes. Offerings are usually moderate. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Offerings of light hens are at least sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	140-155	140-144
Large	134-148	139-143
Medium	104-121	113-115

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 12 to 13 cents higher on Extra Large, up 13.5 to 14 cents on Large, 6 to 7.5 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good entering Easter week. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; breaking schedules are full-time to reduced. Light type fowl offerings are at least sufficient for the light to at times moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135-156	143-146
Large	131.5-151	141-144
Medium	103.5-121	104-108

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large, and steady for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate to good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	141.5-150	143-146
Large	140.5-149	142-145
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Retail demand is moderate to good. Distributive demand is good. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	148-152
Large	146-150
Medium	120-124

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.16.

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	161
Extra large	177
Large	173
Medium	136

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	8.9	8.7	19.3	9.5	8.9	3.6	58.9
	% Change	-24.2%	-12.4%	20.1%	16.7%	-4.4%	-17.7%	-1.1%
Extra Large	This Week	31.2	18.6	28.7	15.0	34.1	6.4	133.9
	% Change	9.2%	5.3%	1.7%	-17.3%	7.1%	11.4%	2.9%
Large	This Week	49.9	104.2	115.7	63.0	76.5	48.2	457.5
	% Change	-8.8%	-10.9%	-15.0%	-26.8%	-28.1%	14.3%	-15.7%
Medium	This Week	17.8	13.8	37.7	21.6	32.6	11.8	135.3
	% Change	6.0%	3.5%	-13.1%	-4.0%	7.9%	31.9%	0.1%
Small	This Week	3.8	3.2	4.8	1.7	1.9	2.7	18.1
	% Change	-39.8%	-9.6%	-34.1%	61.2%	1.6%	20.9%	-18.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.6	13.6	22.0	11.5	5.8	1.5	57.9
	% Change	30.7%	0.6%	-10.4%	-3.7%	7.1%	-14.3%	-3.3%
Ungraded	This Week	3.1	18.6	50.7	25.6	17.0	9.0	124.0
	% Change	-55.8%	-0.1%	-44.4%	16.1%	-19.4%	-50.9%	-30.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	118.3	180.7	278.9	147.7	176.8	83.2	985.7
	% Change	-7.6%	-6.6%	-19.6%	-13.0%	-14.2%	-0.5%	-12.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	985.7	-12.6%
Breaking Stock	227.3	-8.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,213.0	-11.9%

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	8.4	26.0	4.7	4.7	4.4	1.4	49.5
	% Change	-6.2%	2.0%	-16.5%	22.3%	-13.1%	-3.5%	-1.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	32.6	8.6	5.8	3.5	50.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.8%	-7.1%	-33.9%	-8.1%	-8.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.4	26.0	37.2	13.3	10.2	4.9	99.9
	% Change	-6.2%	2.0%	-3.9%	1.5%	-26.3%	-6.9%	-5.1%

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

Large:	22.4%
Ungraded:	72.1%
Total:	47.5%

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 29, 2013 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 22, 2013 were 211,215 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased
present week..... 186,781 24,434 211,215

% change from the
prior week..... +10 +5 +10
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. 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	74-77	
Checks	58-67	58-62
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 Mar 11, 2013
Quebec/Montreal: wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A					Unavailable

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A		2.00	2.00	1.84	1.36

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

National Trading for Mar 22, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 17.75								FUTURE LOADS 22.25				TOTAL LOADS 40.00				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.00	
GNR W 1	114.00	--	115.00	117.00	--	--	21.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	107.75	1.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	112.29	3.00	
GL W XL	--	--	126.00	128.00	96.70	104.75	6.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	99.42	3.75	
GL W LG	--	129.00	81.00	--	84.18	--	6.00									
GL W MD	--	--	94.50	97.00	--	--	2.00									
GL W SM	--	51.00	--	--	43.00	--	1.00									
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	60.00	65.00	--	--	1.00									
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00									

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

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

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

CURRENT LOADS 89.25								FUTURE LOADS 56.25				TOTAL LOADS 145.50				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W XL	--	114.50	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GNR W 1	110.00	119.00	112.00	115.67	129.50	109.50	91.00	GNR W 1	--	120.92	--	--	--	--	53.00	
GNR W 2	--	117.50	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W J	100.86	--	--	113.75	--	112.75	14.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	94.14	--	7.00	GL W XL	--	111.20	--	--	113.50	113.90	9.75	
GL W XL	--	127.69	122.00	122.50	98.52	105.36	31.50	GL W LG	--	123.82	--	--	--	103.72	19.50	
GL W LG	--	128.81	104.33	115.90	102.40	127.45	39.00	GL W MD	76.25	130.78	--	90.50	91.57	94.43	7.00	
GL W MD	--	--	94.17	96.67	75.00	100.00	13.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	113.00	.25	
GL W SM	--	51.00	50.92	53.96	49.00	--	9.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	104.00	1.00	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	.25									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	1.00									
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	75.50	2.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	60.00	65.00	77.25	80.00	3.00									

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	03/18/13	03/11/13	03/12/12
PACIFIC COAST	129	104	73
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small and medium, 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.

	MOSTLY
Extra large	159.20
Large	156.09
Medium	121.86
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