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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast prices are mixed, 4.5 to 5 cents higher on Extra Large, 6 to 6.5 cents higher on Large and 5 cents lower on Medium. New York prices are 3 cents lower. Remaining regional prices are 2 cents lower on Jumbo and Large, 2 to 6 cents lower on Extra Large and 5 to 7 cents lower on Medium and Small. Offerings and supplies are at a full range, mostly moderate for trade needs. Retail and food service demand are mixed, light to moderate while moderate to fairly good in the Southeast. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; 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 2 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 7 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. The undertone is lower. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	128-137	131-134
Large	127-136	129-132
Medium	89-98	91-94
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135-143	136-138
Large	133-141	134-136
Medium	95-103	96-98

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	109-119	113
Medium	71-75	73
Small	44-50	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are down 5 to 6 cents on Extra Large, 2 cents lower on Large and 6 to 7 cents lower on Medium. Supplies are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Demand is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135-149	135-142
Large	132-146	137-141
Medium	97-115	107-109

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are mixed, 4.5 to 5 cents higher on Extra Large, 6 to 6.5 cents higher on Large, steady to 5 cents lower on Mediums. The undertone is weak. Retail moderate to instances fairly good, while distributive demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on large sizes, moderate to at times heavy on Mediums for needs. Market activity is moderate to slow. Breaking stock supplies in the Eastern region are light for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Spent fowl offerings are at least adequate; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	139.5-161	141-144
Large	138-157	139-142
Medium	98.5-121	99-103

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 3 cents lower for Extra Large, 2 cents lower for Large, and 5 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is lower. Demand is reported as mixed and ranges light to instances fairly good. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. The undertone is lower. Demand is moderate for the light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	138.5-147	140-143
Large	138.5-147	140-143
Medium	99.5-108	101-104

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are 3 cents lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Supplies and offerings are light to usually moderate for trade needs. Demand is moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	143-147
Large	141-145
Medium	111-115

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 2 cents lower for Jumbo, 4 cents lower for Extra Large, 2 cents lower for Large and 7 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices are 2 cents lower on Jumbo, 4 cents lower for Extra Large, 2 cents lower for Large and 7 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate and price sensitive as warehouse distributors work to refill inventories. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.09.

### 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	173
Large	171
Medium	129

**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	9.3	9.8	18.8	6.4	6.7	3.9	54.9
	% Change	4.3%	12.6%	-2.8%	-33.1%	-24.3%	8.5%	-6.9%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	34.6	17.7	35.2	13.2	25.6	2.7	129.0
	% Change	10.9%	-5.2%	23.0%	-12.1%	-25.1%	-56.9%	-3.7%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	39.2	103.0	100.1	64.7	50.4	48.0	405.4
	% Change	-21.4%	-1.2%	-13.5%	2.7%	-34.1%	-0.5%	-11.4%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	20.9	12.4	37.5	23.4	18.9	11.6	124.6
	% Change	17.2%	-10.3%	-0.6%	8.7%	-42.2%	-1.4%	-7.9%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	1.8	1.8	5.7	2.6	1.1	3.7	16.7
	% Change	-52.2%	-44.7%	18.5%	57.8%	-43.3%	34.9%	-8.0%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	0.9	14.5	28.3	11.0	5.7	1.2	61.6
	% Change	-75.1%	6.6%	28.5%	-3.8%	-0.3%	-20.0%	6.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	2.4	16.9	61.0	23.9	16.2	10.6	131.0
	% Change	-23.9%	-9.3%	20.2%	-6.5%	-4.8%	17.6%	5.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	109.1	175.9	286.6	145.2	124.5	81.7	923.1
	% Change	-7.8%	-2.6%	2.8%	-1.7%	-29.6%	-1.8%	-6.3%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
<b>Shell Egg</b>	923.1	-6.3%
<b>Breaking Stock</b>	226.5	-0.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,149.6</b>	<b>-5.2%</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	6.2	22.3	5.9	3.8	4.7	3.2	46.0
	% Change	-26.9%	-14.1%	24.9%	-17.6%	6.8%	132.8%	-7.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	32.2	10.9	3.8	2.8	49.7
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	27.2%	-35.1%	-21.1%	-1.5%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	6.2	22.3	38.1	14.8	8.4	6.0	95.7
	% Change	-26.9%	-14.1%	2.3%	11.5%	-17.0%	22.1%	-4.2%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>25.6%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>72.6%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.0%</b>

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

<sup>2/</sup> 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 April 05, 2013 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 29, 2013 were 258,481 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 22 percent above estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
230,667	27,814	258,481

% change from the prior week:

+23                      +14                      +22

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. Trade sentiment is lower. Offerings are light to moderate and reported as more available than in the last few weeks. Demand is 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	67-74	
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 18, 2013**

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD 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 29, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 24.25							FUTURE LOADS 4.00				TOTAL LOADS 28.25					
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	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	107.71	4.75	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	4.75	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	104.99	5.25	
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	88.48	--	5.25	GL W LG	--	87.83	--	--	--	97.18	9.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	80.03	--	9.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	81.00	83.00	2.00	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	107.75	.25	
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	67.00	61.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	--	--	--	76.00	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	61.50	--	2.00									

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

National Trading for Mar 25, 2013 – Mar 29, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 105.75							FUTURE LOADS 24.00				TOTAL LOADS 129.75					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W XL	--	119.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	118.89	--	--	--	--	26.00	
GNR W 1	113.20	116.50	114.00	116.60	116.86	--	48.00	GL W J	98.19	104.25	--	109.50	103.00	107.77	16.75	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.11	--	11.75	GL W XL	103.75	105.69	--	--	--	109.28	18.00	
GL W XL	--	122.00	117.76	115.92	93.25	101.00	32.50	GL W LG	91.75	88.46	--	--	--	99.16	23.25	
GL W LG	--	125.18	98.50	118.00	82.75	90.50	29.50	GL W MD	--	122.85	77.09	--	81.00	83.80	8.75	
GL W MD	--	--	91.00	92.67	83.40	--	3.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	55.25	1.00	
GL W SM	--	--	49.33	54.00	43.00	--	4.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	107.75	.50	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	.50	NRBS - 39	70.00	--	--	76.00	--	--	3.00	
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	75.00	76.00	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	67.00	61.00	76.00	4.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	76.00	--	--	2.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	69.75	73.25	3.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	61.50	75.75	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	03/25/13	03/18/13	03/26/12
PACIFIC COAST	99	129	64
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

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	156.15
Large	155.38
Medium	115.03
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)