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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices are steady in all regions. The undertone ranges steady to firm. Current supplies and offerings are light to usually moderate for trade needs. Retail and food service demand are moderate to fairly good, however light to moderate in the Northeast and Midwest regions. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are at least 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 steady. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	78-87	81-84
Large	77-86	79-82
Medium	74-83	76-79
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	85-93	86-88
Large	83-91	84-86
Medium	80-88	81-83

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	59-69	63
Medium	56-60	58
Small	39-45	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady on all sizes, with a steady to fully steady undertone. Supplies vary, but are light to mostly moderate for need. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are usually moderate for the light demand. Light hen offerings are at least sufficient for regular processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	88-106	92-95
Large	82-96	87-91
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 on larger sizes and Mediums. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail demand is mostly moderate, while distributive demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to generally moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are at least adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	87.5-111	89-92
Large	86-103	87-90
Medium	82.5-100	83-87

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to higher. Retail demand is seasonally moderate to instances fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are usually moderate on the larger sizes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	95.5-104	97-100
Large	86.5-95	88-91
Medium	83.5-92	85-88

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Current supplies are light to moderate for trading purposes. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	97-101
Large	95-99
Medium	92-96

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to higher. Offerings are moderate and held with increased confidence. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to higher. Offerings are moderate and held with increased confidence. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. 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	148
Extra Large	132
Large	120
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	7.9	9.3	15.5	7.9	10.5	3.6	54.7
	% Change	29.4%	-6.6%	-6.6%	21.1%	15.5%	-12.0%	4.5%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	23.3	17.6	43.5	17.2	36.2	5.3	143.1
	% Change	30.0%	-15.4%	-9.8%	-10.9%	2.7%	-18.9%	-3.3%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	37.7	114.3	141.5	91.8	69.8	51.1	506.2
	% Change	-5.9%	0.4%	1.8%	1.0%	0.6%	-9.2%	-0.6%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	13.2	14.3	36.8	23.9	19.2	11.4	118.8
	% Change	11.2%	-8.2%	7.5%	-31.7%	-15.1%	-14.7%	-10.4%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	2.0	2.8	5.8	2.5	0.8	2.7	16.6
	% Change	53.4%	-10.7%	88.0%	-5.0%	-4.6%	-14.6%	17.4%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	2.4	12.2	28.1	10.1	5.1	1.4	59.3
	% Change	21.3%	16.2%	12.0%	-15.7%	-5.5%	-14.7%	4.8%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	2.1	20.4	72.1	18.8	23.5	17.5	154.3
	% Change	-69.8%	19.0%	-6.9%	0.3%	3.0%	0.2%	-3.9%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	88.6	190.7	343.3	172.2	165.2	93.0	1,053.0
	% Change	2.7%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-6.9%	-0.2%	-9.3%	-1.9%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
<b>Shell Egg</b>	1,053.0	-1.9%
<b>Breaking Stock</b>	253.5	-5.5%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	1,306.5	-2.6%

**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	7.9	25.9	6.6	5.2	6.5	5.8	58.0
	% Change	-6.3%	-7.9%	12.8%	3.2%	39.7%	2.5%	0.3%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	35.3	9.2	9.2	2.1	55.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-1.3%	9.3%	-5.1%	-23.4%	-1.5%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	7.9	25.9	42.0	14.4	15.7	7.9	113.7
	% Change	-6.3%	-7.9%	0.6%	7.0%	9.5%	-5.9%	-0.6%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>24.3%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>77.5%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>50.4%</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 May 03, 2013 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 26, 2013 were 181,683 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

**CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**

Cases purchased  
present week ..... 143,343 38,340 181,683

% change from the  
prior week..... -0 +36 +6  
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 light to moderate on light demand. 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	55-59	56-58
Checks	40-49	40-44
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 Apr 15, 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
<b>GRADE A</b>					Unavailable

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

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
<b>GRADE A</b>		1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

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

National Trading for Apr 26, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 37.50								FUTURE LOADS 8.00				TOTAL LOADS 45.50				
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	64.00	--	64.00	66.50	--	--	7.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	86.50	--	--	--	--	99.00	3.00	
GL W J	--	--	82.00	84.00	82.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	85.00	--	--	--	89.03	5.50	
GL W XL	--	--	78.63	82.38	74.08	77.50	9.50	GL W LG	--	80.00	--	--	--	87.73	7.75	
GL W LG	--	81.44	75.00	--	72.49	--	11.75	GL W MD	65.93	--	--	--	--	75.25	6.00	
GL W MD	62.00	--	--	69.25	63.57	67.00	5.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	113.50	.25	
GL W SM	--	--	54.00	56.00	--	--	2.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	98.00	--	.25									
NRBS - 48	--	55.00	--	--	48.00	--	1.00									

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

National Trading for Apr 22, 2013 – Apr 26, 2013

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

CURRENT LOADS 164.00								FUTURE LOADS 32.00				TOTAL LOADS 196.00				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	64.25	--	63.67	66.57	--	--	30.00	GNR W 1	--	70.00	--	--	--	--	11.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	61.80	--	--	5.00	GL W J	87.40	98.50	--	--	--	98.57	11.75	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	75.50	83.18	--	--	--	86.40	26.00	
GL W J	--	--	81.00	83.00	81.63	--	10.00	GL W LG	69.67	76.37	--	--	--	81.94	21.25	
GL W XL	73.25	83.29	78.77	78.51	71.70	73.75	62.25	GL W MD	63.57	78.50	--	--	--	73.90	14.50	
GL W LG	--	81.44	69.67	70.78	72.46	--	52.25	GL W SM	45.00	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W MD	61.25	63.50	71.00	71.65	63.19	66.56	18.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	99.00	.25	
GL W SM	54.00	--	54.00	56.00	44.00	--	6.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	90.00	.25	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	82.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	93.64	1.75	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	.25									
GL BR LG	--	--	82.25	84.00	79.71	--	3.75									
GL BR MD	70.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	55.00	--	--	48.00	--	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	04/22/13	04/15/13	04/23/12
PACIFIC COAST	80	84	37
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is higher on large, steady 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	113.02
Large	107.29
Medium	100.86
Small	80.00

**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)