



# Egg Markets Overview

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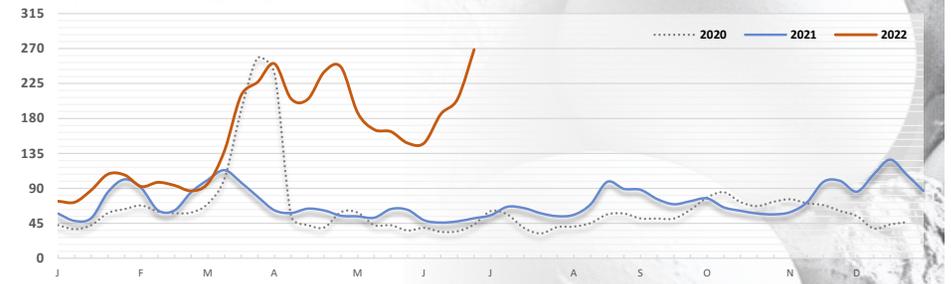
Wholesale prices for cartoned shell eggs continue to move higher on light to moderate supplies and light offerings. Interest is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active for limited supplies. Wholesale prices for graded loose eggs are posting sharp advances on light to moderate supplies and light to very light offerings. A combination of flock replacements and hot weather in production areas is limiting available supply of larger eggs. This, coupled with good demand from retail and food service, is helping to support the rise in prices. The pace of trading has slowed as offerings tighten but interest is moderate to good. The volume of trailer load loose egg sales this week was down 4% from the prior week as a result of the tight supply with increased interest in future loads. Prices for national trading of trucklot quantities of graded, loose, White Large shell eggs increased \$0.64 to \$2.688 per dozen with a firm undertone. The wholesale price on the New York market for Large cartoned shell eggs delivered to retailers rose \$0.33 to \$3.14 per dozen with a firm undertone. The Midwest wholesale price for Large, white, shell eggs delivered to warehouses increased \$0.48 to \$2.52 per dozen with a firm undertone. Prices paid to producers in the Midwest for Large cartoned shell eggs are up \$0.40 at \$2.73 per dozen with a firm undertone. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs increased 0.40 to \$3.35 per dozen with a firm undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market gained \$0.135 per dozen to \$2.935 per dozen with a firm undertone.

Consumer demand for shell eggs weakened ahead of the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend as retail promotions slowed and shifted focus to outdoor grilling fare. Recent sharp gains in wholesale market prices have added to the slowdown but shell eggs remain an attractively-priced protein even at current levels. Demand has been good in recent weeks to where retailers have found it unnecessary to conduct featuring on conventional shell eggs to move supplies and have focused their promotional attention to specialty shell eggs which are competitively priced and carry better margins. Through June, consumer demand patterns have outpaced patterns typical in past seasons. Demand remains good from egg products manufacturers who are finding offerings tight as carton demand rises as they attempt to maximize production in anticipation of a down production day for the holiday.

Promotional activity for conventional shell eggs in retail outlets remains limited as retailers are seeing no value in stimulating an already good level of demand with tight supplies. The average ad price gained \$0.05 to \$1.99 per dozen on very limited features. Retail purchases for delivery into this week were estimated to be 19% over the prior week estimate. Promotional activity for specialty shell eggs is down from last cycle and cage-free offerings remain the focus. Feature activity for [UEP-defined cage-free](#) shell eggs accounts for 37% of all shell egg types on feature. The average ad price rises \$0.10 to \$2.84 per dozen. The average ad price spread between 12-packs of Large caged eggs and UEP cage-free eggs widens by \$0.05 per dozen to a spread of \$0.85 per dozen.

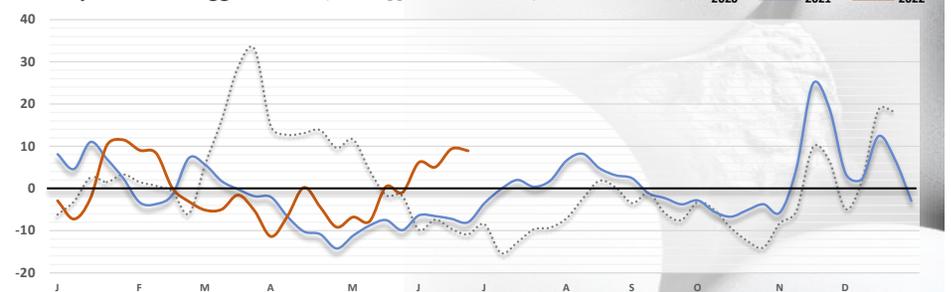
The overall inventory of shell eggs decreased about 1.5% and the nation-wide inventory of Large eggs was down 2%. Stocks of Large eggs in the key Midwest production region

Weekly Loose Shell Egg, Large, White, National Index (f.o.b. dock, cents per dozen)



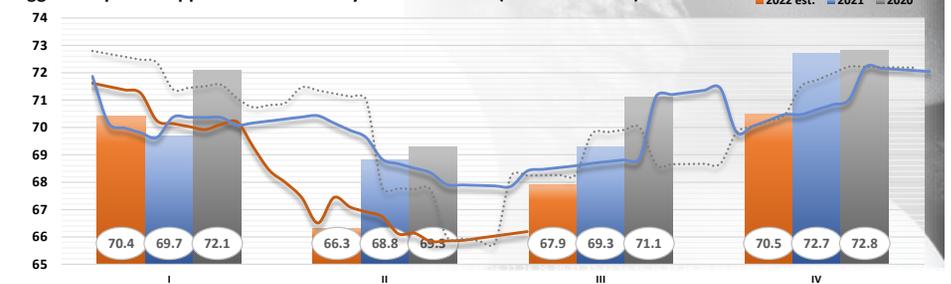
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Weekly U.S. Table Egg Demand (Shell Egg Demand Index)



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Egg Per Capita Disappearance vs. Weekly Est. Production (as of June 2022)



Source: USDA ERS; AMS L&P Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News

increased 15% as retail promotions ahead of the July Fourth weekend begin to expire and some resistance to recent sharp wholesale price increases is felt. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs was about unchanged at a 44.5% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week, it's lowest level in 2022 to-date and typical of early summer when younger replacement birds are being introduced to the mix. Heat-related stress in layers in some parts of the country has added to the supply situation as production has suffered. Stocks of cage-free eggs increased 1% as these types continue to respond to retailer promotions. The inventory of nutritionally-enhanced shell eggs grew by 7.5% in anticipation of increased retail featuring for these types into the current ad cycle. Organic eggs stocks are about unchanged. Breaking stock inventories were down 9% as breakers slow production and work from in-line supplies to limit exposure to a very strong spot market with very limited offerings. Total estimated table egg production with latest NASS data is about unchanged from last week and from last year at an estimated deficit of 5.1 million cases.

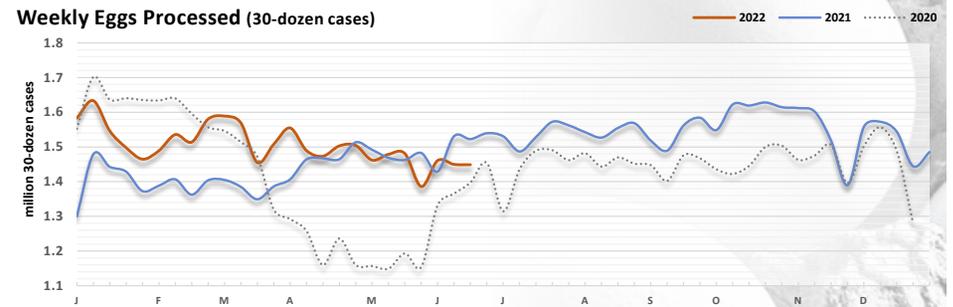
Wholesale prices for breaking stock in the Central States firmed at \$2.20 on limited offerings which are seeing an increased share of lighter-weight stock. Supplies are light to moderate for moderate to good demand. Schedules are mostly full with some pushing the pace to make up for a down day for the Fourth. Trading is moderate to active and limited only by spot market availability. The volume of eggs processed over the past week was about unchanged, representing a 31% share of weekly table egg production. Production of whole egg was down 5% while production of whites and yolks increased – 10% and 7.5%, respectively. Dried egg production declined 8% and inedible egg production was down a half a percent. Breaking yields without inedible were about unchanged at 41.08 pounds per case broken.

Wholesale prices for liquid egg products remain too few to report with a steady undertone. Offerings are limited, demand is moderate to good, and trading is mostly moderate. Prices on frozen whole eggs were unchanged at \$2.75 per pound and those for frozen whites were unchanged at \$1.65 per pound. The undertone is weak to lower. Offerings are light to moderate while supplies are mostly light on moderate to good demand and moderate to active trading. Prices for dried whole eggs were \$1.75 higher than the last test to \$15.25 per pound, dried yolk untested, and dried albumen down \$1.40 from the last test to \$17.25 per pound. The undertone is mixed. Offerings are light to moderate with light to very light supplies. Interest is good, trading is moderate.

According to NASS, the May monthly volume of frozen eggs in storage decreased 2% from April, 16% below the 2021 level. Stocks of whole frozen egg declined 3% from last month and were 25% under year ago levels. The share of whole egg stocks remained at 40% of total frozen stocks. Stocks of frozen yolk decreased 14%, 10% under last year's level, to its lowest reported level since records began in 1940. Stocks of frozen egg whites were down 19%, 36% under last year. Stocks of unclassified eggs declined 1%, 5% below 2021 levels. The share of unclassified frozen stocks increased 5% to 47% of total frozen stocks.

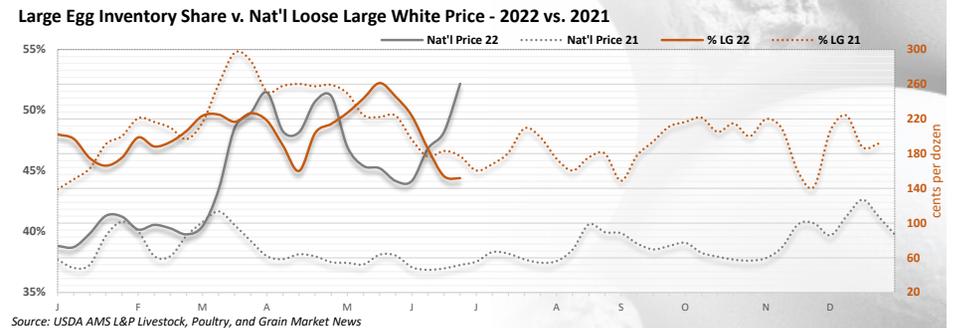
Cage-free commitments as of June 2022 remain about unchanged, requiring 66.7 billion cage-free eggs per year to meet 100% of needs from an approximate cage-free flock of 221 million hens (74% of the U.S. non-organic flock), indicating a shortage of 135 million hens from the current non-organic cage-free flock of 85.6 million hens. These numbers reflect recent cage-free flock losses due to highly pathogenic avian influenza. The average

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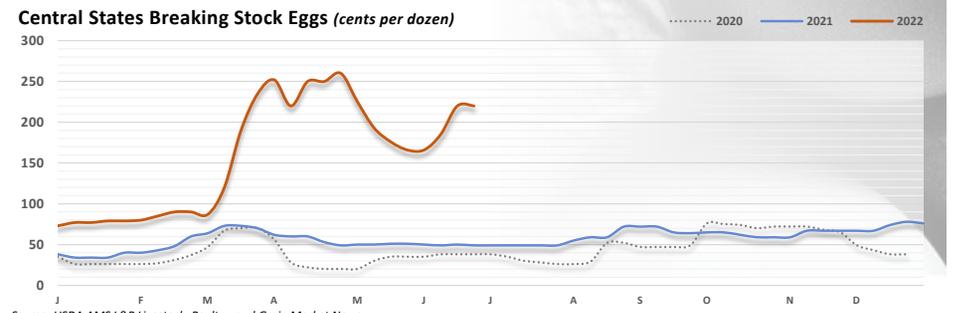


lay rate for non-organic, barn/aviary cage-free production is currently estimated at 82.3%.

Eggs Processed - Week-to-Week Change						
total	share	whole	whites	yolks	dried	inedible
-0.1%	0.0%	-4.8%	9.8%	7.6%	-8.0%	-0.4%



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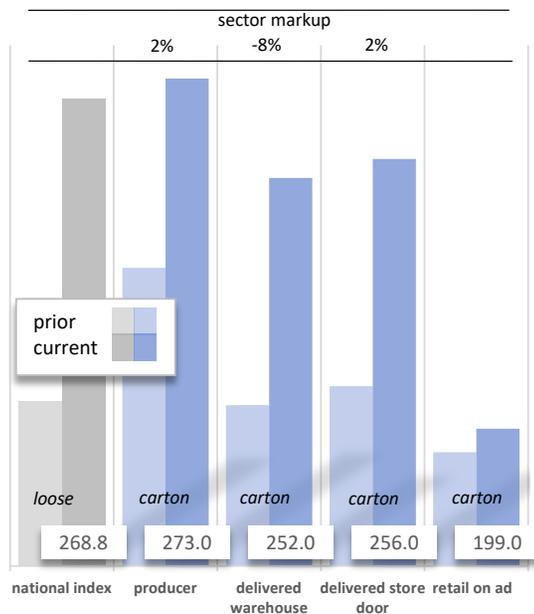


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## Shell Eggs Market Price Comparisons

(as of July 01, 2022)

(National Index on a loose-egg basis, all other prices for cartoned eggs; LG White avg prices in cents per dozen)



Producer, warehouse, & store door = MW; retail no sale NY market; retail on sale Nat'l Retail Feature; loose eggs include minimal

## Key Egg Markets Overview

	1-Jul	% Change	Recent History				
			24-Jun	17-Jun	10-Jun	3-Jun	27-May
<b>SHELL EGGS (Large, White, conventional in cents per dozen)</b>							
National, Loose, (f.o.b. dock prices)	268.76	31%	204.91	185.73	148.51	148.38	163.61
New York, Cartoned (price to retailers)	314.00	12%	281.00	232.00	208.00	212.00	219.00
Midwest, Cartoned (price dlvr'd to warehouse)	252.00	24%	204.00	188.00	195.00	199.00	203.00
California, Cartoned, benchmark (cage-free)	335.00	14%	295.00	264.00	267.00	272.00	276.00
<b>National Retail Shell Egg (avg. ad price in dollars per dozen)</b>							
Conventional, Large, White	1.99	3%	1.94	2.62	2.78	1.98	1.99
Cage-Free, Large, Brown	2.84	4%	2.74	2.70	2.78	2.55	2.76
<b>EGG PRODUCTS (f.o.b. dock prices; dollars per pound)</b>							
Central States Breaking Stock (dlvd prices per doz)	220.00	0%	220.00	185.00	166.00	166.00	176.00
Whole Frozen Eggs	275.00	0%	275.00	275.00	285.00	295.00	300.00
Whole Dried Eggs	15.25		n/a	14.50	n/a	16.00	n/a
Processed Share of Weekly Egg Production	31.3%	0.0%	31.3%	31.6%	29.8%	31.8%	31.4%
<b>SHELL EGG DEMAND INDICATOR (no units)</b>	8.9	-0.5	9.4	5.0	6.1	-1.0	0.4

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## Key Shell Egg Markets Snapshot - 2022

(Large, White, Conventional Shell Eggs in cents per dozen)	1-Jul	Change	24-Jun	2022 High	2022 Low	
National, Loose, (f.o.b. dock prices)	268.8 ▲	31%	204.9	268.8	01-Jul 71.4	12-Jan
New York, Cartoned (price to retailers)	314.0 ▲	12%	281.0	314.0	01-Jul	126.0 13-Jan
Midwest, Cartoned (price dlvr'd to warehouse) <sup>1</sup>	252.0 ▲	24%	204.0	285.0	04-Apr	111.0 18-Jan
California, Cartoned, benchmark	335.0 ▲	14%	295.0	363.0	04-Apr	194.0 07-Mar
Central States Breaking Stock (delivered prices) <sup>1</sup>	220.0 ▢	0%	220.0	260.0	05-Apr	73.0 07-Jan
Whole Frozen Egg Products (f.o.b. dock prices)	275.0 ▢	0%	275.00	320.0	01-Apr	115.0 07-Jan
Whole Dried Egg Products (f.o.b. dock prices)	15.25 ▢	0%	n/a	16.00	01-Apr	4.12 07-Jan
Natl Average Retail Ad Price - Conventional	1.99 ▲	3%	1.94	2.78	10-Jun	0.86 28-Jan
Natl Average Retail Ad Price - Cage-free <sup>2</sup>	2.84 ▲	4%	2.74	2.88	29-Apr	2.11 11-Mar
Shell Egg Demand Indicator	8.9 ▼	-0.5	9.4	11.5	02-Feb	-11.4 06-Apr

<sup>1</sup> mostly high; <sup>2</sup> non-organic