

# USDA Egg Markets Overview

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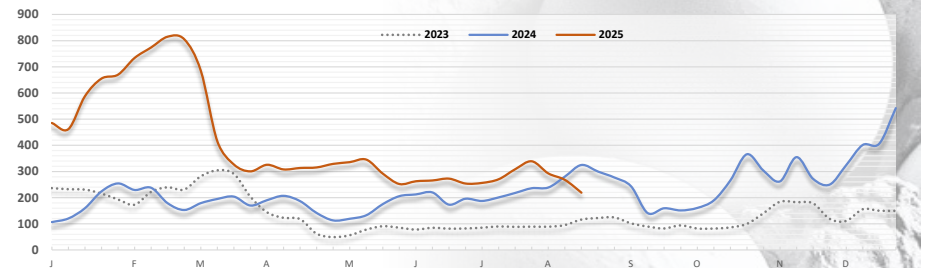
Negotiated wholesale prices for graded loose caged eggs are lower on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings and mostly moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for national trading of trucklot quantities of graded, loose, White Large shell eggs decreased \$0.27 to \$2.19 per dozen with a weak undertone. The wholesale price on the New York market for formula trading of Large cartoned shell eggs delivered to retailers declined \$0.12 before steadying at \$2.64 per dozen with a steady undertone. In the major Midwest production region, wholesale prices for Large, white, shell eggs delivered to warehouses decreased \$0.72 to \$2.78 per dozen with a weak undertone while the price to producers for Large cartoned shell eggs declined to \$2.60 per dozen. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs was down \$0.95 to \$3.43 per dozen with a weak undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market gained back \$0.06 to \$2.38 per dozen with a firming undertone. Demand is light to moderate for light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate.

Shell egg demand improved over the past week as many retail grocers this week are taking advantage of the start of the new school year in many parts of the country to launch feature campaigns at attractive pricing to help scholars transition out of summer mode. Marketers worked over the past week to aggregate sufficient stocks to support the anticipated rise in demand which help to stabilized wholesale prices, which had been on the decline. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, in July, the Consumer Price Index for eggs decreased 3.9%, 16.4% over the year ago level, with an average price of \$3.60 per dozen, down \$0.18 per dozen from last month. Demand from egg products manufacturers is currently driving shell egg demand as weekly processing volumes are at near record highs, supported by continued imports of breaking stock and increased spot market availability.

Overall feature activity increases for all types in the current cycle. Feature activity for conventional caged eggs increases sharply and the average ad price decreases \$0.47 to \$2.50 per dozen. Featuring of [UEP-certified](#) cage-free shell eggs slows from last week's active pace, accounts for 10% of all shell egg ads this week, and the average ad price decreases \$0.61 to \$3.20 per dozen. Featuring of organic shell eggs increases with all types enjoying similar ad space but led by free-range offerings. Non-organic cage-free eggs are seeing a lesser degree of promotion and down from the levels of the prior cycle. A ads for nutritionally-enhanced shell eggs rounds out this week's features.

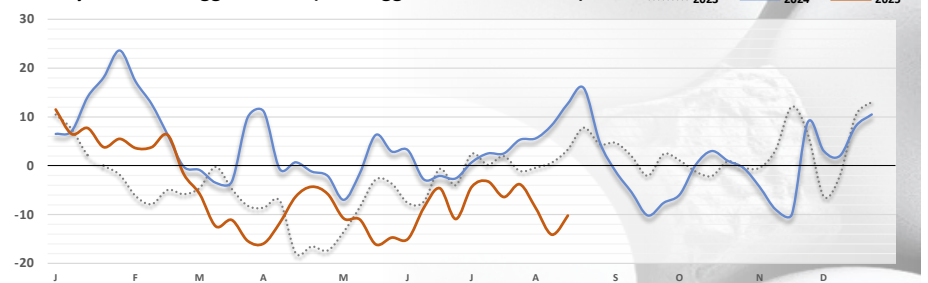
The overall shell egg inventory drew down 4% while the national inventory of Large class shell eggs declined 7.5%. Stocks of Large shell eggs in the Midwest production region decreased 18% as eggs cleared into marketing channels to support rising retail feature activity. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs declined 2% to a 48% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week. Stocks of cage-free eggs were down just over 1.5% despite active retail promotions in the most recent ad cycle. Stocks of nutritionally-enhanced eggs added another 5% this week as product is staged to support ongoing retail promotions into the current ad cycle. Similarly, stocks of organic shell eggs

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 Indicator)



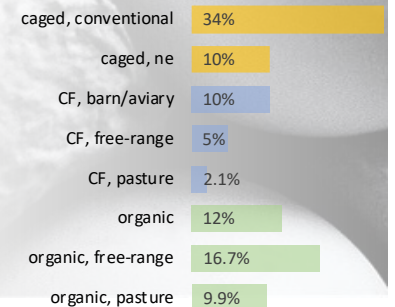
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## This Week's Retail Large Shell Egg Feature Summary

Advertised Prices to Consumers at Major Retail Supermarkets

	White-Shell		Brown-Shell	
	Activity	Price	Activity	Price
<b>Caged</b>				
conventional	1,445	2.50	--	--
nutritionally-enhanced	429	3.57	--	--
<b>Cage-Free - Non-Organic</b>				
barn/aviary	390	3.13	37	3.99
free-range	--	--	198	4.90
pastured	--	--	87	8.65
<b>USDA Organic</b>				
organic	--	--	503	5.69
free-range	--	--	703	5.48
pastured	--	--	416	8.84

includes 12 and 18 packs combined; prices weighted by store count.



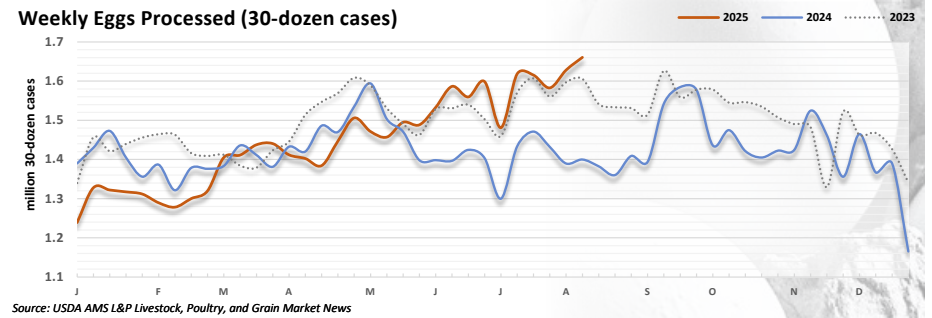
increased 10.5% to support increasing retail feature activity. The inventory of breaking stock was down nearly 1.5% as breakers ratcheted up production to the most active week since January 2022, drawing from stocks and from increased spot market offerings. Total estimated table egg production is unchanged from last week and down slightly from last year to a year-to-year deficit the equivalent of 5.8 million cases in total. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, in July, the Producer Price Index (a measure of average prices received by producers of domestically produced goods and services), for Large shell eggs increased 12.5% to a level 39.8% over a year ago.

The average national wholesale price for breaking stock was down \$0.04 to \$1.40 per dozen with a steady undertone. Demand is in a full range for light offerings and generally moderate supplies. Processing schedules are full-time to extended and trading is moderate. The volume of eggs processed last week increased 2% to the most active processing week since January 2020 and rose a half percent to a 36.5% share of weekly table egg production, its highest recorded share of the weekly table egg supply. Cage-free stock accounted for 38% of eggs processed last week, a one percent decrease in share. Production of whole egg rose 5% while production of egg components was down - whites slightly and yolks by 5%. Dried egg production rose one percent and the production of inedible eggs decreased just over one percent. Breaking yields without inedible improved slightly to 41.53 pounds per case broken.

Wholesale prices for certified liquid whole eggs are lower on a thin test. Demand is moderate to good but slowing for light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for whole frozen eggs remain too few to publish and last quoted at \$2.00 per pound as are prices for frozen yolk last quoted at \$1.65 per pound. The undertone is steady with mixed demand and light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate with moderate trading. Prices for dried whole eggs are down \$1.00 at \$16.00 per pound as are those for dried yolk also at \$16.00 per pound. Dried albumen remains untested. The undertone is steady with moderate to good demand for light offerings. Supplies are light to very light and trading is mostly moderate.

According to NASS, the June monthly volume of frozen eggs in storage increased 7% from May but 48% below the prior year. Stocks of whole frozen egg increased 8%, 44% below last year and the share of whole egg stocks was unchanged at 44% of total frozen stocks. Stocks of frozen yolk increased 16% and were 40% below the level from last year. Frozen egg whites gained 8% to a level 55% below last year. Stocks of unclassified eggs rose 6% from last month and were down 51% from last year. The share of unclassified frozen stocks declined one percent to a 45% share of total frozen stocks.

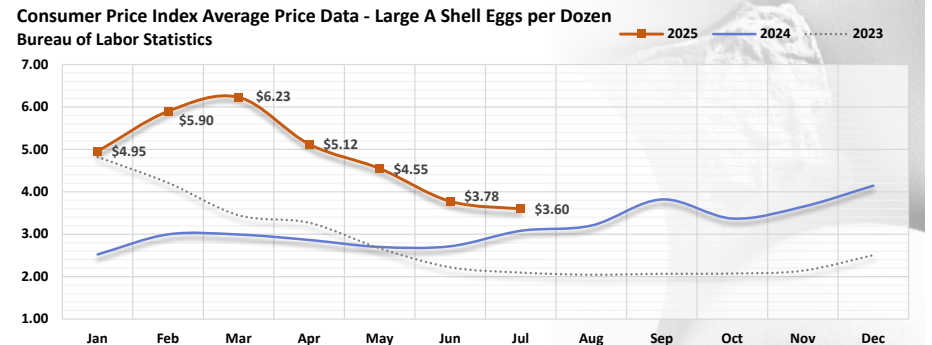
As of July 1, 2025, the estimated U.S. non-organic commercial cage-free table egg flock increased 3% to 113.8 million, 39.5% of the current U.S. table egg flock. This represents a 13% increase over the number of non-organic, cage-free table egg layers on July 1, 2024, and a 6.4% increase in the share of the total commercial table egg flock. The USDA certified organic table egg layer flock on July 1 was up one percent from June at 6.9% of the total layer flock. The ratio of caged to cage-free layers currently stands at 53.5/46.5 as compared to 54/46 last month and 60.5/39.5 last year.



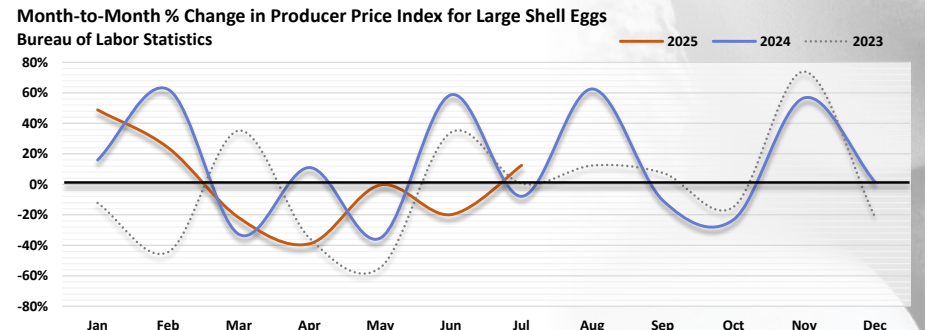
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Eggs Processed - Week-to-Week Change							
total	share	case yield*	whole	whites	yolks	dried	inedible
2.0%	0.6%	0.11	5.2%	-0.2%	-4.8%	1.0%	-1.2%

\* case yield w/ inedible in pounds per case.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

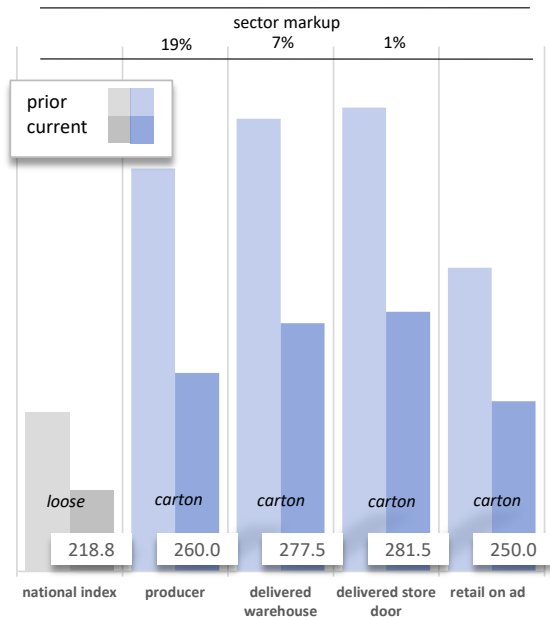


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## Shell Eggs Market Price Comparisons

(as of August 15, 2025)

(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 material costs.

## Key Egg Markets Overview

	Recent History						
	15-Aug	% Change	8-Aug	1-Aug	25-Jul	18-Jul	11-Jul
<b>SHELL EGGS (Large, White, conventional in cents per dozen)</b>							
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	218.79	-11%	246.13	292.42	338.82	308.61	270.26
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	237.91	3%	232.02	395.71	433.55	429.05	360.31
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	277.50	-21%	349.50	358.50	339.50	305.50	293.50
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	264.00	-4%	276.00	349.00	370.00	358.00	323.00
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	343.00	-22%	438.00	476.00	470.00	418.00	384.00
<b>National Retail Shell Egg (avg. ad price in dollars per dozen)</b>							
Conventional Caged, Large, White	2.50	-16%	2.97	3.06	2.68	2.05	3.64
UEP Cage-Free, Large, Brown	3.20	-16%	3.81	3.35	3.71	3.19	3.25
<b>EGG PRODUCTS (f.o.b. shipper dock prices)</b>							
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	140.00	-3%	143.75	180.75	189.75	188.00	177.75
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	n/a		2.00	2.00	2.10	n/a	n/a
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	16.00	-6%	17.00	17.00	18.00	n/a	n/a
Processed Share of Weekly Shell Egg Production	36.6%	0.6%	35.9%	35.0%	35.8%	35.9%	32.9%
<b>SHELL EGG DEMAND INDICATOR (no units)</b>	-10.2	3.9	-14.1	-8.7	-3.8	-6.4	-3.2

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News; "n/a" = not available.

## Key Shell Egg Markets Snapshot - 2025

(Large, White, Conventional Shell Eggs in cents per dozen)	15-Aug	Change	08-Aug	2025 High	2025 Low
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	218.8	▼ -11%	246.1	816.8 03-Mar	218.8 15-Aug
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	237.9	▲ 3%	232.0	996.2 26-Feb	225.0 13-Aug
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	277.5	▼ -21%	349.5	841.5 28-Feb	277.5 08-Aug
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	264.0	▼ -4%	276.0	853.0 25-Feb	264.0 12-Aug
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	343.0	▼ -22%	438.0	1035.0 28-Feb	343.0 07-Aug
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	140.0	▼ -3%	143.8	633.8 18-Feb	140.0 13-Aug
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	n/a	■ 0%	2.00	5.31 28-Feb	2.00 01-Aug
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	16.00	▼ -6%	17.00	25.00 16-May	16.00 15-Aug
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - Conventional caged	2.50	▼ -16%	2.97	4.28 11-Apr	1.87 03-Jan
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - UEP Cage-free <sup>2</sup>	3.20	▼ -16%	3.81	7.99 21-Feb	2.50 17-Jan
Shell Egg Demand Indicator	-10.2	▲ 3.9	-14.1	11.5 02-Jan	-16.1 21-May

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

## 2025 Commercial Table Egg Flock HPAI Losses as of August 15, 2025

No new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) were reported over the past week in commercial table egg flocks. In 2025 to date, based on the latest data from APHIS, HPAI in commercial table egg layer flocks have resulted in the depopulation of 36.3 million birds. To date, USDA APHIS has confirmed 44 outbreaks in layer flocks in 10 states (AZ, CA, IA, IN, MO, NC, OH, PA, SD, and WA). The 36.3 million birds lost included 21.6 million (59.4%) in conventional caged systems and 14.8 million (40.6%) in cage-free systems. These losses represent 11.8% of the conventional caged layer flock and 14.6% of the non-organic cage-free flock on January 1, 2025.

Compared to January 1, the caged flock on July 1 was down 15.3% while the cage-free flock was up 12.7% and the organic table egg flock was down 1.6%.

### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System

System	Loss	Share
Conventional Caged.....	21,572,620	59%
Cage-Free.....	14,765,280	41%
Organic.....	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,337,900</b>	

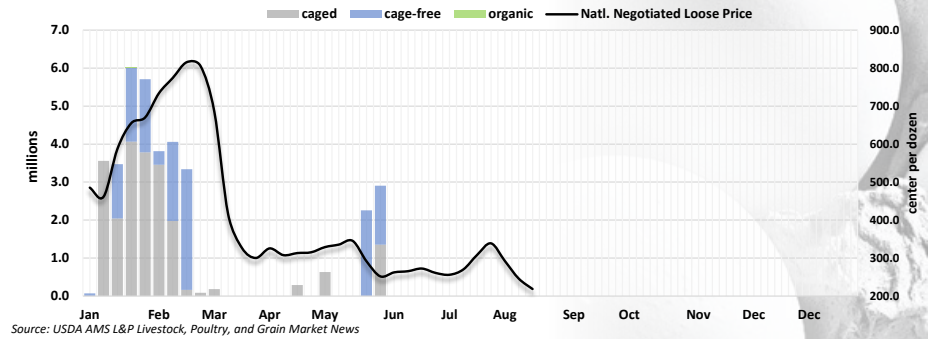
### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses

(layers lost to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI))

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals	Share
AZ	316,600				5,164,300								5,480,900	15%
CA	75,200												75,200	0%
IA		241,600											241,600	1%
IN	2,987,200	3,591,400	187,200										6,765,800	19%
MO	3,910,300												3,910,300	11%
NC	3,314,900												3,314,900	9%
OH	7,845,300	5,408,800		293,300									13,547,400	37%
PA		2,060,100											2,060,100	6%
WA	307,800												307,800	1%
SD				633,900									633,900	2%
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<b>Total</b>	<b>18,757,300</b>	<b>11,301,900</b>	<b>187,200</b>	<b>927,200</b>	<b>5,164,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,337,900</b>	

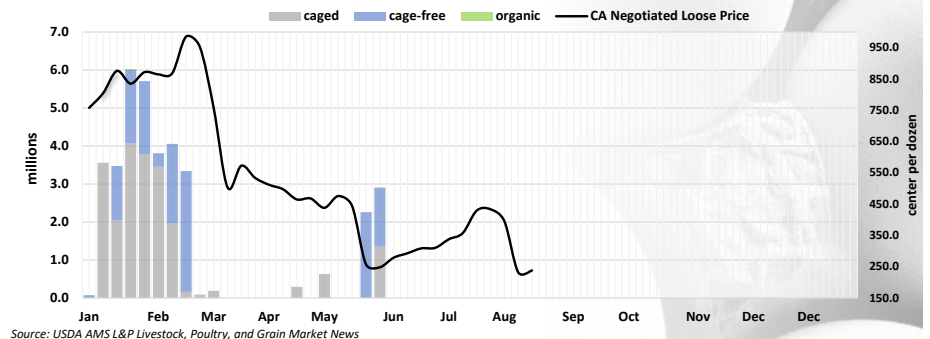
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### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. Natl Loose Egg Price



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### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. California Cage-Free Loose Egg Price



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

### Share by State of Total 2025 Commercial Table Egg Layer Losses

