

USDA Egg Markets Overview

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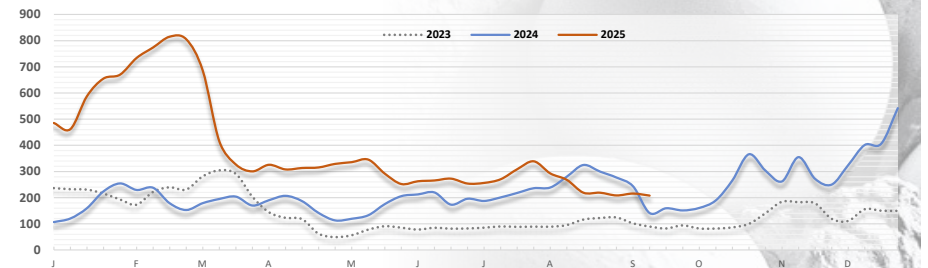
Negotiated wholesale prices for graded loose caged eggs are weak on a full range of demand for moderate to available offerings. Supplies are mixed and trading is moderate. firm on mostly moderate demand for moderate supplies and offerings. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for national trading of trucklot quantities of graded, loose, white Large shell eggs decreased \$0.08 to \$2.08 per dozen with a weak steady undertone. The wholesale price on the New York market for formula trading of Large cartoned shell eggs delivered to retailers held steady at \$2.61 per dozen with a steady undertone. In the major Midwest production region, wholesale prices for Large, white, shell eggs delivered to warehouses were unchanged at \$2.50 per dozen with a steady undertone while the price to producers for Large cartoned shell eggs held at \$2.32 per dozen. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs declined \$0.03 to \$3.06 per dozen with a steady undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market declined \$0.42 to \$2.23 per dozen with a weak undertone. Demand is light to moderate for moderate to available offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate.

Shell egg demand continued to improve as consumers have been responding favorably to increased grocery retailer promotional activity at attractive sale prices. Since late July, retailers have ratcheted up featuring for shell eggs of all types with growing confidence in supply that has provided an opportunity to gradually reduce both weekly advertised and everyday prices. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, in August, the Consumer Price Index for eggs was about unchanged and 10.9% over the year ago level, with an average price of \$3.59 per dozen, down \$0.01 per dozen from last month. Demand from egg products manufacturers was light coming out of the holiday-shortened production week as most were content with working from stocks to run their lines at normal rates while spot market offerings were limited by good carton stock demand. Imports continue to temper demand for domestic production even as in-shipments continue to slow from early-year peaks.

Overall feature activity slows slightly from last week but feature activity for conventional caged eggs increases sharply and the average ad price decreases \$0.13 to \$2.10 per dozen. Featuring of [UEP-certified](#) cage-free shell eggs slows from last week's active pace but still accounts for 22% of all shell egg ads this week and is largely focused on white-shelled eggs. The average ad price decreases \$0.35 to \$2.85 per dozen to its lowest level since January. Non-organic free-range types are seeing active featuring this cycle with a lesser pace of activity for their organic counterparts.

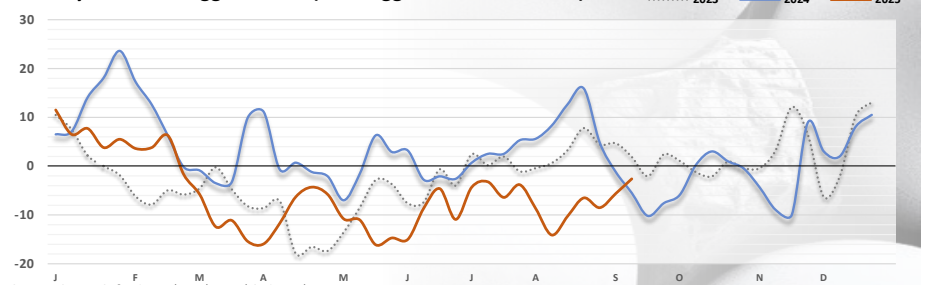
The overall shell egg inventory was unchanged while the national inventory of Large class shell eggs declined 6%. Stocks of Large shell eggs in the Midwest production region drew down 12% as eggs cleared production points into retail marketing channels to support active promotional activity. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs decreased 3% to a 48.5% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week. Stocks of cage-

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



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

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

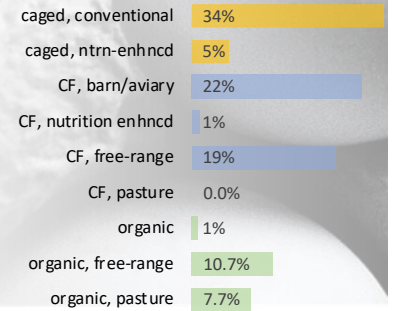


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This Week's Retail Large Shell Egg Feature Summary

Advertised Prices to Consumers at Major Retail Supermarkets

	White-Shell		Brown-Shell	
	Activity	Price	Activity	Price
Caged				
conventional	2,156	2.10	--	--
nutritionally-enhanced	311	3.49	--	--
Cage-Free - Non-Organic				
barn/aviary	1,369	2.78	68	4.30
nutritionally-enhanced	--	--	72	4.14
free-range	--	--	1,210	5.42
pastured	--	--	--	--
USDA Organic				
organic	--	--	55	4.86
free-range	--	--	688	5.87
pastured	--	--	496	9.15



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

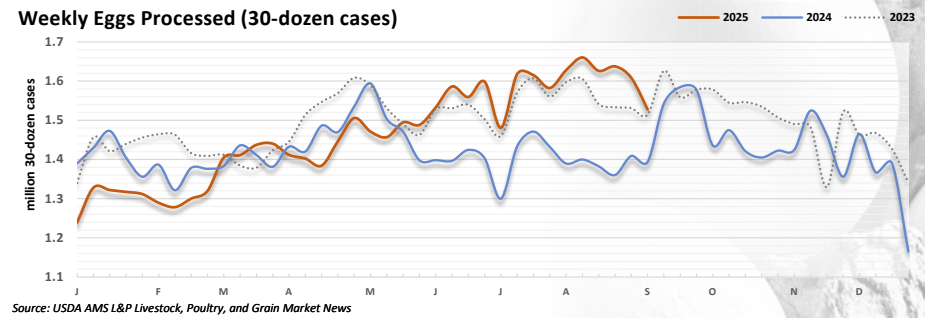
free eggs were down 2% and those for organic shell eggs declined 6% as both types saw good movement at retail in the current ad cycle. Stocks of nutritionally-enhanced eggs rose 7% to support feature activity and supplies of breaking stock gained 5% as a combination of increased spot market availability, imports, and a normal pace of production allowed breakers to build stocks. Total estimated table egg production is unchanged from last week and increased slightly from last year to a year-to-year deficit the equivalent of 4.7 million cases in total. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, in August, the Producer Price Index (a measure of average prices received by producers of domestically produced goods and services), for Large shell eggs decreased 20.5% to a level 31.6% below a year ago.

The average national wholesale price for breaking stock declined \$0.01 to \$1.39 per dozen with a generally steady undertone. Demand is light for light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Processing schedules are full-time and trading is slow to moderate. The volume of eggs processed over the past holiday-shortened week declined 5% and the share of weekly table egg production declined 2% to 32.5%. Cage-free stock accounted for 38% of eggs processed last week, up a half percent in share. Production of whole egg declined 4% while production of whites was down nearly 5% and for yolks down just over 6.5%. Dried egg production was up about 9.5% and the production of inedible eggs declined just over 87.5%. Breaking yields without inedible improved slightly to 41.89 pounds per case broken.

Wholesale prices for certified liquid whole eggs are too few to publish on moderate to good demand for light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for whole frozen eggs increased \$0.39 to \$1.74 per pound and prices for frozen whites gained \$0.10 to \$1.34 per pound. The undertone is weak with light demand and light to moderate offerings and supplies with slow trading. Prices for dried whole eggs rose \$0.25 to \$12.82 per pound and prices for dried yolk were up \$0.08 to \$13.25 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.

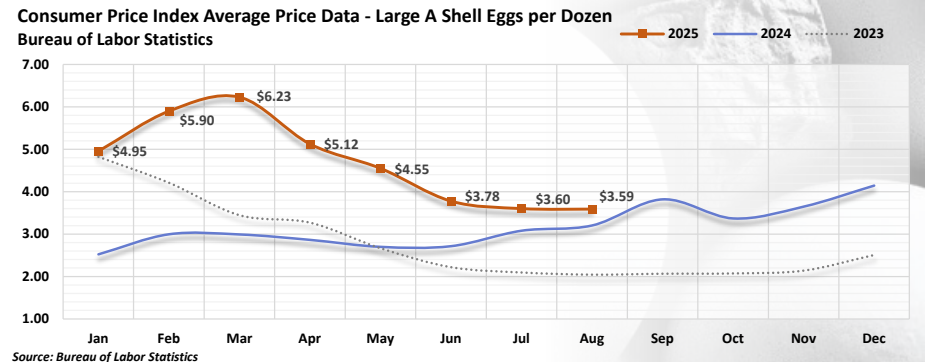
As of August 1, 2025, the estimated U.S. non-organic commercial cage-free table egg flock increased 2% to 116.3 million, 39.2% of the current U.S. table egg flock. This represents a 12% increase over the number of non-organic, cage-free table egg layers on August 1, 2024, and a 5% increase in the share of the total commercial table egg flock. The USDA certified organic table egg layer flock on August 1 was down slightly from July at 6.7% of the total layer flock. The ratio of caged to cage-free layers currently stands at 54/46 as compared to 53.5/46.5 last month and 59/41 last year.



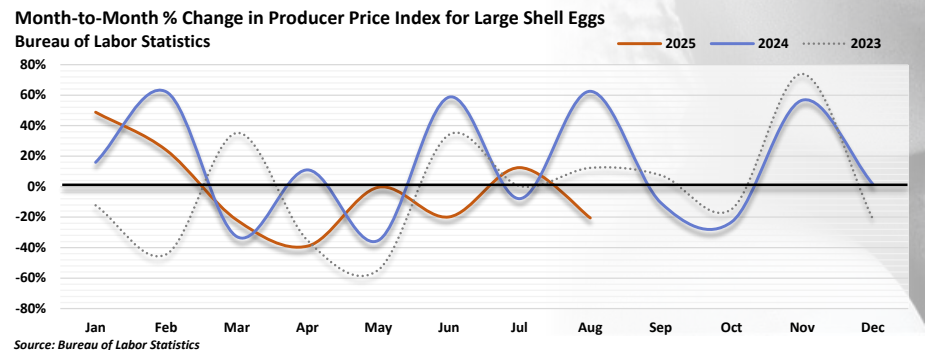
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Eggs Processed - Week-to-Week Change							
total	share	case yield*	whole	whites	yolks	dried	inedible
-5.0%	-1.8%	0.16	-3.9%	-4.8%	-6.6%	9.6%	-7.7%

* case yield w/ inedible in pounds per case.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

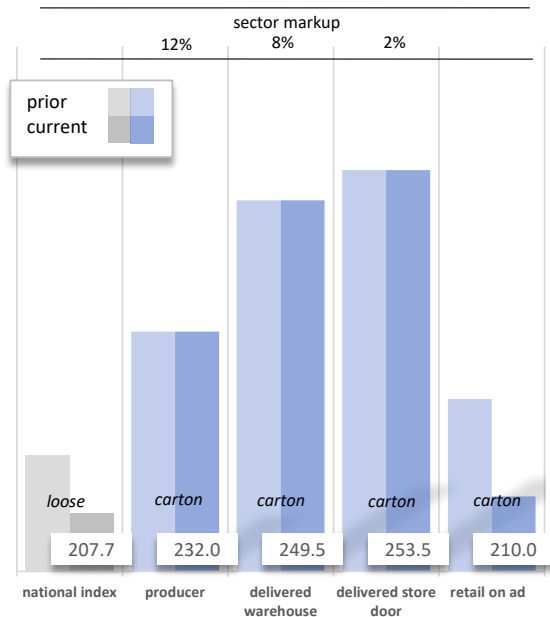


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Shell Eggs Market Price Comparisons

(as of September 12, 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						
	12-Sep	% Change	5-Sep	29-Aug	22-Aug	15-Aug	8-Aug
SHELL EGGS (Large, White, conventional in cents per dozen)							
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	207.74	-4%	215.53	208.37	218.84	218.79	246.13
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	222.92	-16%	265.25	230.00	230.00	237.91	232.02
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	249.50	0%	249.50	249.50	252.50	277.50	349.50
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	261.00	0%	261.00	261.00	261.00	264.00	276.00
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	306.00	-1%	309.00	309.00	309.00	343.00	438.00
National Retail Shell Egg (avg. ad price in dollars per dozen)							
Conventional Caged, Large, White	2.10	-6%	2.23	2.28	2.43	2.50	2.97
UEP Cage-Free, Large, Brown	2.85	-11%	3.20	2.93	3.04	3.20	3.81
EGG PRODUCTS (f.o.b. shipper dock prices)							
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	138.50	-1%	139.75	139.75	139.75	140.00	143.75
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	1.74	29%	1.35	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.00
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	12.82	2%	12.57	n/a	n/a	16.00	17.00
Processed Share of Weekly Shell Egg Production	32.7%	-1.8%	34.5%	35.2%	35.0%	35.8%	35.2%
SHELL EGG DEMAND INDICATOR (no units)	-2.6	3.0	-5.6	-8.5	-6.5	-10.2	-14.1

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)	12-Sep	Change	05-Sep	2025 High		2025 Low	
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	207.7	▼ -4%	215.5	816.8	03-Mar	204.9	02-Sep
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	222.9	▼ -16%	265.3	996.2	26-Feb	222.9	12-Sep
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	249.5	▬ 0%	249.5	841.5	28-Feb	249.5	22-Aug
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	261.0	▬ 0%	261.0	853.0	25-Feb	261.0	21-Aug
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	306.0	▼ -1%	309.0	1035.0	28-Feb	306.0	08-Sep
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	138.5	▼ -1%	139.8	633.8	18-Feb	138.5	12-Sep
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	1.74	▲ 29%	1.35	5.31	28-Feb	1.35	05-Sep
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	12.82	▲ 2%	12.57	25.00	16-May	12.57	05-Sep
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - Conventional caged	2.10	▼ -6%	2.23	4.28	11-Apr	1.87	03-Jan
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - UEP Cage-free ²	2.85	▼ -11%	3.20	7.99	21-Feb	2.50	17-Jan
Shell Egg Demand Indicator	-2.6	▲ 3.0	-5.6	11.5	02-Jan	-16.1	21-May

¹ mostly high; ² non-organic

2025 Commercial Table Egg Flock HPAI Losses as of September 12, 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 August 1 was down 12% while the cage-free flock was up 15% 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%
Total	36,337,900	

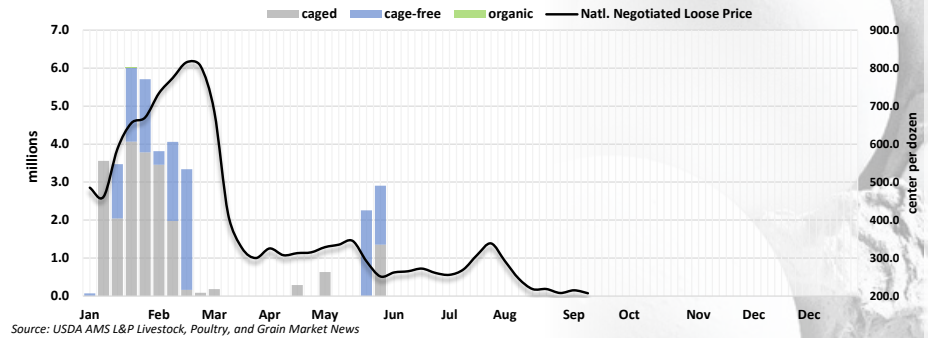
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(layers lost to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI))

	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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Total	18,757,300	11,301,900	187,200	927,200	5,164,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,337,900	

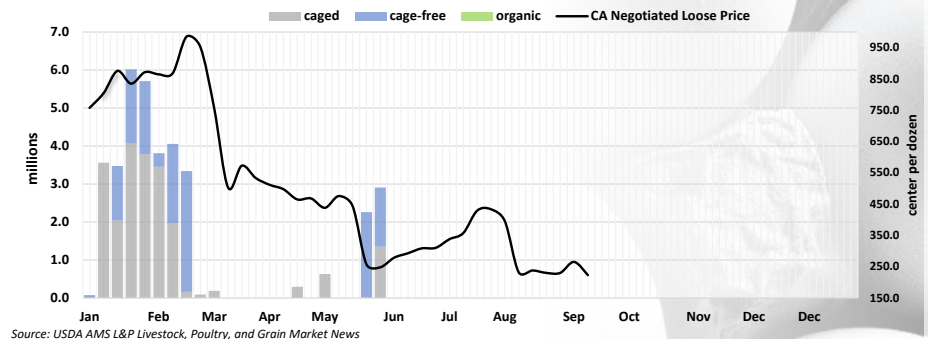
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2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. Natl Loose Egg Price



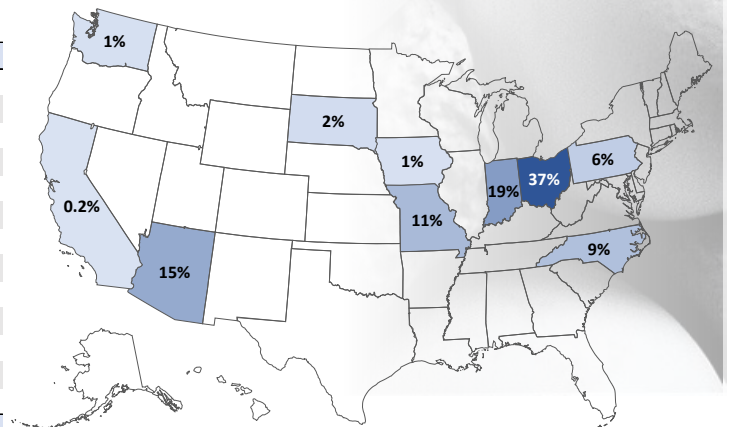
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2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. California Cage-Free Loose Egg Price



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Share by State of Total 2025 Commercial Table Egg Layer Losses



On October 3, 2025, USDA Market News will begin publishing a new report covering everyday prices for the most common consumer grades and types of shell eggs marketed by major grocery retailers in the U.S.

Since 2005, USDA Market News has published a weekly summary of advertised prices to consumers by U.S. grocery retailers for the most commonly marketed consumer grades and types of shell eggs ([Weekly Retail Egg Feature Activity Report](#)). As grocery retailer advertising typically reflects customer buying behaviors and regional demographics, the information published in this report helps producers and marketers of shell eggs to more easily produce and market shell egg grades and types in greatest demand by consumers in identified markets. Grocery retailer advertising activities (including frequency, scale, and price) are sensitive to market forces affecting supply and demand. This sensitivity was apparent in the opening months of 2025 when a significant reduction of the U.S. table egg layer flock due to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza led to severe supply shortages and record high wholesale and retail prices.

During this time, virtually all grocery retailers stopped advertising shell eggs as they were unable to ensure the availability of a sufficient and consistent supply, resulting in little to no information being published on advertising of shell eggs by grocery retailers. This lack of information came at a critical time when the price of shell eggs to consumers was a major news story, largely informed by anecdotal evidence.

For a number of years, USDA Market News has explored the possibility of publishing data on non-advertised prices (aka. everyday prices) to consumers to supplement its advertised price reporting but lacked a consistent source of data. This began to change during the Covid-19 epidemic when grocery retailers expanded on-line shopping access to consumers, providing a consistent and robust source of data for everyday prices. When grocery retailers stopped advertising shell eggs, USDA Market News, working with egg producers, took steps to increase market transparency by developing this new market report to provide information on the everyday prices consumers were having to pay for shell eggs at their local grocery stores.

The new report provides weekly information on non-advertised prices in dollars per dozen for USDA Large class, white and brown cartoned shell eggs produced in conventional caged systems and in 6 categories of organic and non-organic cage-free systems for each of 6 U.S. marketing regions in the lower 48 states with a national summary. For each combination of category and market, the current low and high non-advertised prices are listed along with an average price and the change from the prior week's report. Both the categories and the markets listed align with those used on the Weekly Retail Feature Activity report for ease of comparing advertised and non-advertised prices. The data is based on a sample survey of 10 key grocery retailers in each of the 6 market regions with a total of 37 chains represented.

With this new report, USDA Market News continues to provide market information tools that increase market transparency to support users in making more informed business decisions.



Weekly Retail Shell Egg Everyday Pricing

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Data for Week Ending: September 12, 2025

		National	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest
Caged	Low	2.28	2.64	2.64	2.28	2.64	****	2.80
	High	5.49	3.99	5.49	4.99	3.99	****	3.66
	Average	3.22	3.12	3.37	3.32	3.09	****	3.22
	Change	-0.04	0.00	-0.13	0.00	-0.08	****	0.01
Cage-Free	Low	2.60	2.65	3.78	2.60	2.80	2.70	2.64
	High	6.99	6.66	6.46	5.99	5.99	6.99	5.99
	Average	4.17	4.46	4.84	3.76	4.05	4.19	3.73
	Change	0.00	0.23	-0.31	0.05	0.13	-0.06	-0.03
Free-Range	Low	3.99	5.24	4.95	3.99	5.05	5.49	4.49
	High	8.49	7.79	8.39	7.99	7.29	8.49	8.39
	Average	6.29	6.30	6.26	6.05	6.39	6.58	6.15
	Change	-0.02	-0.13	0.19	0.24	0.16	-0.39	-0.23
Pasture-Raised	Low	3.99	4.66	5.35	4.49	3.99	5.99	6.66
	High	10.99	8.99	10.99	7.99	8.99	8.99	8.99
	Average	7.45	7.13	8.38	6.74	7.01	7.71	7.72
	Change	-0.12	-0.77	0.17	-0.61	-0.04	0.14	0.37
USDA Organic	Low	4.25	4.66	4.86	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
	High	7.99	6.89	6.31	7.49	7.99	7.99	7.79
	Average	5.83	5.50	5.61	5.62	5.89	6.67	5.71
	Change	-0.05	0.29	-0.27	0.04	0.32	0.00	-0.71
USDA Organic Free-Range	Low	4.66	4.66	6.54	5.59	4.66	5.99	6.19
	High	9.49	7.99	8.89	7.99	9.49	9.49	8.99
	Average	7.34	6.65	7.65	7.28	7.22	7.93	7.31
	Change	-0.21	-0.03	-0.70	-0.25	0.19	-0.19	-0.26
USDA Organic Pasture-Raised	Low	4.99	6.00	7.49	4.99	6.99	6.99	6.96
	High	13.29	11.99	13.29	11.39	11.99	11.99	11.19
	Average	9.20	9.05	9.84	8.51	9.30	9.53	8.94
	Change	-0.26	-0.32	-0.65	0.06	0.57	-0.42	-0.81

Prices are for Large brown and white eggs, dollars per dozen in a carton.

Each region contains everyday prices from 10 cities gathered from public available sources. Feature prices are not included.

**** No prices available

Change is average price difference from previous week.

Regional Definitions: Northeast = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT; Southeast = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV; Midwest = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; South Central = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; Southwest = CA and NV; Northwest = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.