

# USDA Egg Markets Overview

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Negotiated wholesale prices for graded loose caged eggs were about unchanged on mostly moderate demand for moderate offerings and mostly moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for national trading of trucklot quantities of graded, loose, White Large shell eggs steadied at \$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 \$0.03 to \$2.61 per dozen with a steady undertone. In the major Midwest production region, wholesale prices for Large, white, shell eggs delivered to warehouses decreased \$0.25 to \$2.53 per dozen with a weak undertone while the price to producers for Large cartoned shell eggs declined to \$2.35 per dozen. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs declined \$0.34 to \$3.09 per dozen with a steady undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market declined \$0.08 to \$2.30 per dozen with a mixed undertone. Demand is light to moderate for moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate.

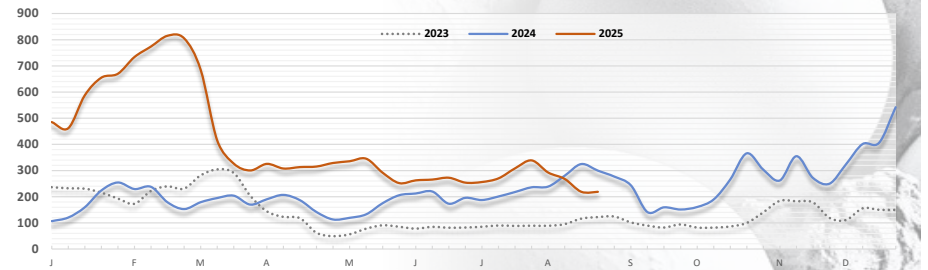
Shell egg demand improved over the past week as consumers responded to last week's retail feature activity at attractive pricing to get the new school year off to a good start. Activity has slowed in the current cycle with some potential in the approaching Labor Day holiday for some moderate retail promotions. Despite shell egg production continuing to lag behind last year's levels, wholesale price levels are currently below last year's levels. Retail price levels, however, remain elevated with the August average feature price in August 77% above that of a year ago, which has helped to put a damper on demand for much of the year. Demand from egg products manufacturers is down slightly this week as processing schedules have slowed back to a full-time rate. Most worked from stocks and owned production as spot market offerings remained light. Imports continue to play a role in egg products manufacturing but overseas shipments have slowed in favor of land shipments from the southern border.

Overall feature activity slows from last week with a shift to cage-free varieties. Feature activity for conventional caged eggs declines sharply from last week's active pace and the average ad price decreases \$0.07 to \$2.43 per dozen. Featuring of [UEP-certified](#) cage-free shell eggs doubles from last week's pace and accounts for 34% of all shell egg ads this week. The average ad price decreases \$0.16 to \$3.04 per dozen, its lowest point since January. Free-range and pastured cage-free shell eggs account for more than half of all shell egg ads this cycle while featuring of organic shell eggs falls off sharply. Nutritionally-enhanced shell egg promotions continue to slow with minimal exposure in this week's ad space.

The overall shell egg inventory drew down nearly 1.5% and the national inventory of Large class shell eggs declined nearly 2.5%. Stocks of Large shell eggs in the Midwest production region decreased just over 6.5% as eggs cleared into marketing channels to support active retail feature activity. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs declined a half percent

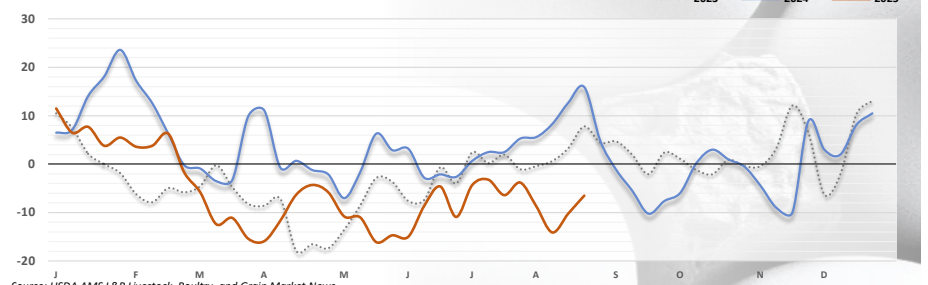
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Weekly Loose Shell Egg, Large, White, National Index (f.o.b. dock, cents per dozen)



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
<b>Caged</b>				
conventional	134	2.43	--	--
nutritionally-enhanced	204	3.70	24	4.50
<b>Cage-Free - Non-Organic</b>				
barn/aviary	792	2.96	144	3.49
free-range	--	--	793	5.39
pastured	--	--	578	7.37
<b>USDA Organic</b>				
organic	--	--	21	4.66
free-range	--	--	30	6.19
pastured	--	--	15	6.99

caged, conventional	5%
caged, ne	8%
CF, barn/aviary	34%
CF, free-range	29%
CF, pasture	21.1%
organic	1%
organic, free-range	1.1%
organic, pasture	0.5%

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

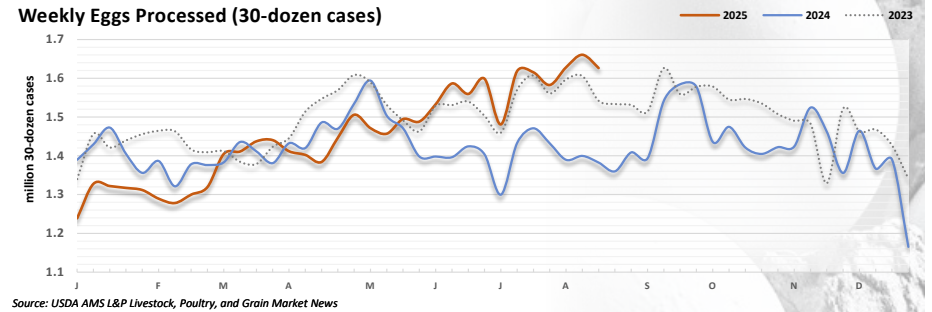
to a 47.5% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week. Stocks of cage-free eggs were down 6% while stocks of nutritionally-enhanced eggs declined just over 8.5% as product moved to support retail promotions. The inventory of organic shell eggs dropped 14% as eggs cleared on active retail featuring. The inventory of breaking stock was down nearly 4% as spot market offerings declined on good carton interest and breakers worked from owned stocks to maintain slowing but yet full-time schedules. Total estimated table egg production is unchanged from last week and up slightly from last year to a year-to-year deficit the equivalent of 6.0 million cases in total.

The average national wholesale price for breaking stock was about unchanged at \$1.40 per dozen with a weak undertone. Demand and offerings are light to moderate with moderate supplies. Processing schedules are full-time and trading is moderate. The volume of eggs processed last week decreased 2% and was down one percent to a 35.5% share of weekly table egg production. Cage-free stock accounted for just under 37% of eggs processed last week, a one percent decrease in share. Production of whole egg declined 2% and production of egg components was down with whites by 3% and yolks by just over 1.5%. Dried egg production was down 7% and the production of inedible eggs decreased just over 3.5%. Breaking yields without inedible declined slightly to 41.46 pounds per case broken.

Wholesale prices for certified liquid whole eggs are higher on moderate to good demand for light to moderate 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 to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate with moderate trading. Prices for dried whole eggs are too few to publish and last quoted at \$16.00 per pound as are those for dried yolk also last quoted 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.

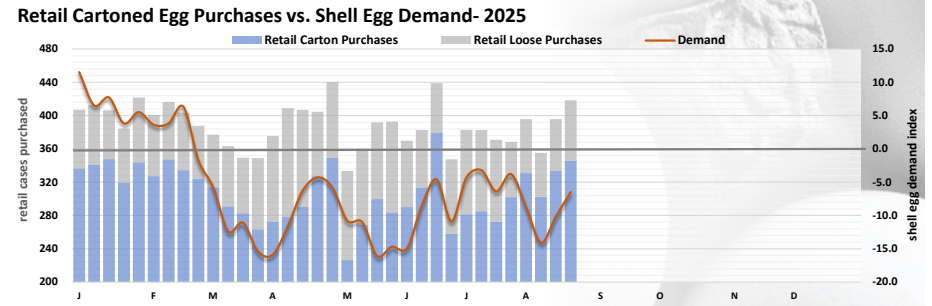
As of July 1, 2025, the estimated U.S. non-organic commercial cage-free table egg flock increased 3% to 113.8 million, 39.5% of the current U.S. table egg flock. This represents a 13% increase over the number of non-organic, cage-free table egg layers on July 1, 2024, and a 6.4% increase in the share 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.



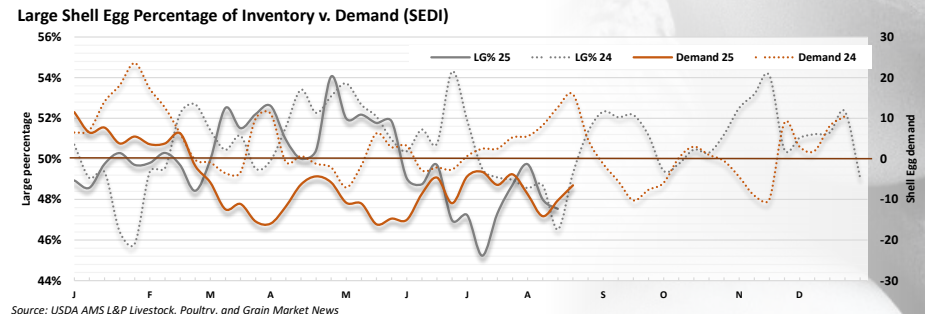
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Eggs Processed - Week-to-Week Change							
total	share	case yield*	whole	whites	yolks	dried	inedible
-2.1%	-0.9%	-0.07	-2.0%	-2.8%	-1.7%	-6.9%	-3.6%

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



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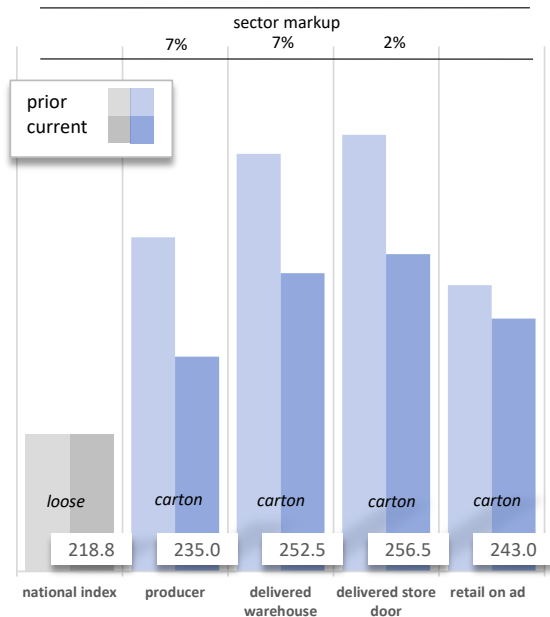


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## Shell Eggs Market Price Comparisons

(as of August 22, 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						
	22-Aug	% Change	15-Aug	8-Aug	1-Aug	25-Jul	18-Jul
<b>SHELL EGGS (Large, White, conventional in cents per dozen)</b>							
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	218.84	0%	218.79	246.13	292.42	338.82	308.61
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	230.00	-3%	237.91	232.02	395.71	433.55	429.05
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	252.50	-9%	277.50	349.50	358.50	339.50	305.50
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	261.00	-1%	264.00	276.00	349.00	370.00	358.00
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	309.00	-10%	343.00	438.00	476.00	470.00	418.00
<b>National Retail Shell Egg (avg. ad price in dollars per dozen)</b>							
Conventional Caged, Large, White	2.43	-3%	2.50	2.97	3.06	2.68	2.05
UEP Cage-Free, Large, Brown	3.04	-5%	3.20	3.81	3.35	3.71	3.19
<b>EGG PRODUCTS (f.o.b. shipper dock prices)</b>							
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	139.75	0%	140.00	143.75	180.75	189.75	188.00
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	n/a		n/a	2.00	2.00	2.10	n/a
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	n/a		16.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	n/a
Processed Share of Weekly Shell Egg Production	35.7%	-0.9%	36.6%	35.9%	35.0%	35.8%	35.9%
<b>SHELL EGG DEMAND INDICATOR (no units)</b>	-6.5	3.7	-10.2	-14.1	-8.7	-3.8	-6.4

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)	22-Aug	Change	15-Aug	2025 High	2025 Low
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	218.8	▲ 0%	218.8	816.8	03-Mar
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	230.0	▼ -3%	237.9	996.2	26-Feb
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	252.5	▼ -9%	277.5	841.5	28-Feb
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	261.0	▼ -1%	264.0	853.0	25-Feb
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	309.0	▼ -10%	343.0	1035.0	28-Feb
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	139.8	▼ 0%	140.0	633.8	18-Feb
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	n/a	■ 0%	n/a	5.31	28-Feb
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	n/a	■ 0%	16.00	25.00	16-May
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - Conventional caged	2.43	▼ -3%	2.50	4.28	11-Apr
Nat'l Average Retail Ad Price - UEP Cage-free <sup>2</sup>	3.04	▼ -5%	3.20	7.99	21-Feb
Shell Egg Demand Indicator	-6.5	▲ 3.7	-10.2	11.5	02-Jan

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

## 2025 Commercial Table Egg Flock HPAI Losses as of August 22, 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>	

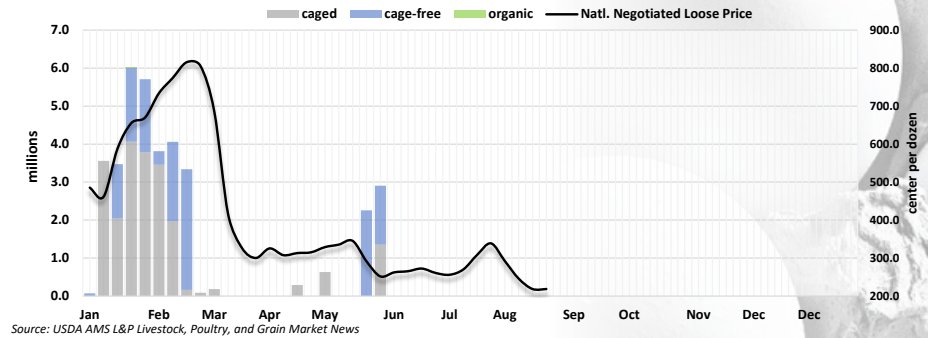
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(layers lost to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI))

	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%
													-	0%
													-	0%
<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>	

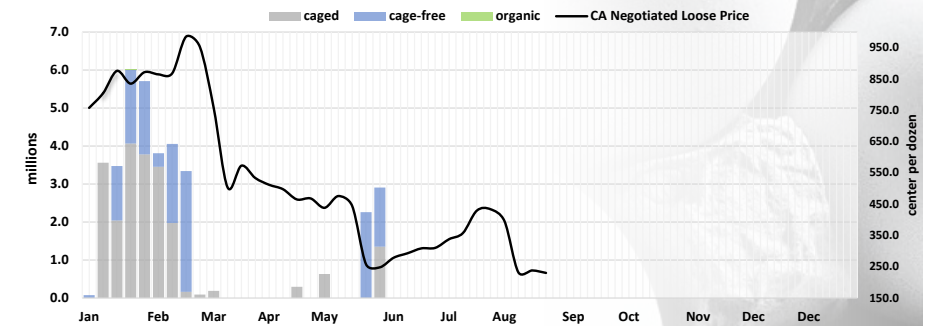
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### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. Natl Loose Egg Price



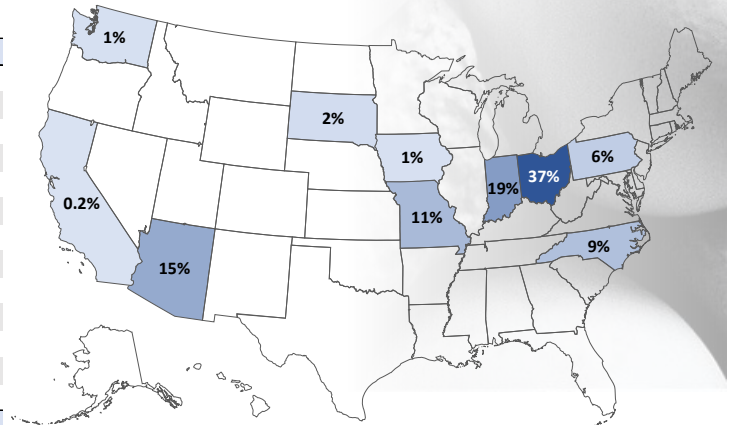
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### 2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. California Cage-Free Loose Egg Price



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



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