



Egg Markets Overview

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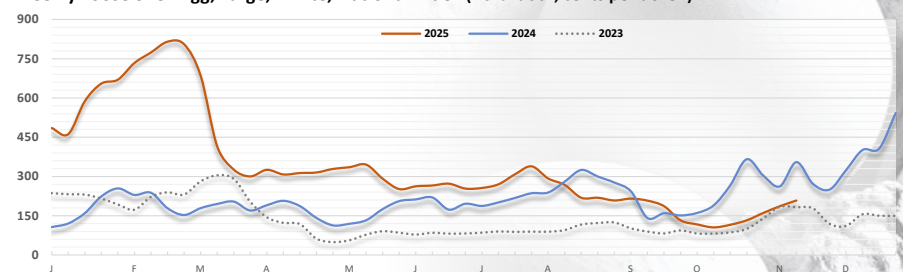
Negotiated wholesale prices for graded loose caged eggs advanced through the week but, by the end of the week, had weakened and began to turn downward. Carton demand is moderate to good, loose egg demand is moderate for light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale prices for national trading of trucklot quantities of graded, loose, white Large shell eggs increased \$0.14 to \$2.22 per dozen with steady undertone. The wholesale price on the New York market for formula trading of Large cartoned shell eggs delivered to retailers increased \$0.22 to \$2.41 per dozen with a firm undertone. In the major Midwest production region, wholesale prices for Large, white, shell eggs delivered to warehouses increased \$0.24 to \$2.25 per dozen with a firm undertone while the price to producers for Large cartoned shell eggs rose to \$2.07 per dozen. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs was up \$0.20 to \$2.73 per dozen with a firm undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market gained \$0.20 to \$2.53 per dozen with a firm undertone. Demand is moderate to good for light offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate.

Demand for shell eggs slowed slightly last week ahead of Thanksgiving week as a good majority of seasonal baking demand needs are met. Supermarkets are shifting their ad focus to turkeys, the centerpiece of the holiday meal, but deals on shell eggs can still be found in many corners of the country as last-minute preparations are underway with good shell egg movement anticipated over the coming weekend. Marketers are already making preparations for the approaching early-December cookie baking season as they work to replenish their stocks. Demand from egg products manufacturers has been muted during this period as carton demand absorbs much of the available spot market offerings. Breakers have worked from owned stocks as they await for an easing of carton demand to increase spot market availability. Production of egg products typically slows into the end of the year as demand for in-shell use remains high through the holiday season rises.

Overall featuring is slightly more active than last cycle as the ad period moves into Thanksgiving week with a focus on brown-shelled types. Featuring of conventional caged eggs increases but the average ad price rises \$0.37 to \$2.32 per dozen with most deals focused on BOGO offers. Featuring of [UEP-certified](#) cage-free shell eggs increases and accounts for 13% of all shell egg ads and the average ad price rises \$0.62 to \$3.48 per dozen. Featuring of nutritionally-enhanced eggs is up this week but the real focus is on cage-free and organic types led by ads for pastured organic and non-organic shell eggs offered by numerous chains. The weekend before Thanksgiving is here and there will be a lot of last-minute baking as final preparations for the big day ensue.

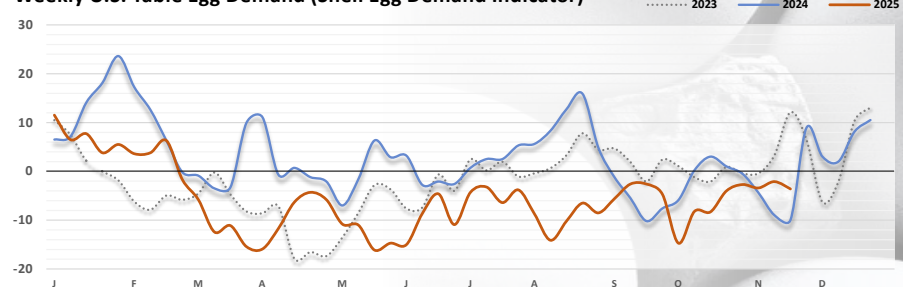
Stocks of shell eggs available for marketing at the start of the week rose by just over 3% as did the national inventory of Large class shell eggs while the inventory of Large shell eggs in the Midwest increased 9.5% to support shell egg movement into retail channels for Thanksgiving week demand. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs was

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)



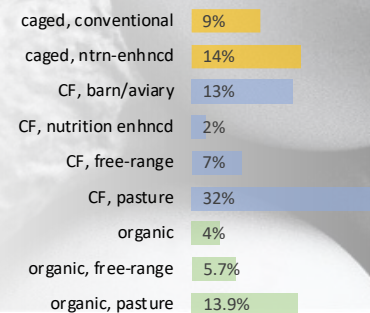
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This Week's Retail Large Shell Egg Feature Summary

Advertised Prices to Consumers at Major Retail Supermarkets

	White-Shell		Brown-Shell	
	Activity	Price	Activity	Price
Caged				
conventional	710	2.32	--	--
nutritionally-enhanced	1,139	3.29	--	--
Cage-Free - Non-Organic				
barn/aviary	339	2.91	716	3.75
nutritionally-enhanced	--	--	146	4.33
free-range	--	--	524	4.58
pastured	--	--	2,521	6.71
USDA Organic				
organic	--	--	293	4.48
free-range	--	--	451	5.95
pastured	--	--	1,107	9.28

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



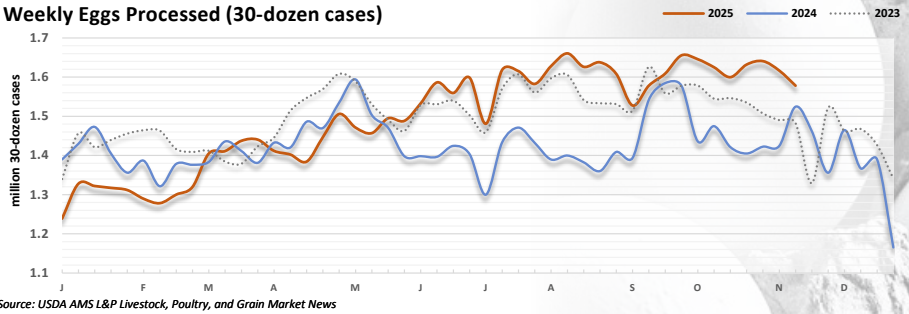
unchanged at a 50% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week. Stocks of cage-free eggs declined 2.5% as product moved into retail channels to support breaking ads. Stocks of nutritionally-enhanced eggs increased 6% and supplies of organic shell eggs increased 3%, in both cases to support ongoing and breaking retail promotions. The inventory of breaking stock was down just over 10.5% as breakers, finding limited spot market offerings, drew from owned supplies to maintain full to, at times, extended 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 4.2 million cases in total.

The average national wholesale price for breaking stock was unchanged at \$1.36 per dozen with a steady undertone. Demand is very light for light to very light offerings and moderate to adequate supplies. Processing schedules are varied and trading is slow. The volume of eggs processed over the past week decreased about 2.5% and the share of weekly table egg production was down one percent to 33%. Cage-free stock accounted for 38% of eggs processed last week, unchanged in share. Production of whole egg increased just over 3.5% while production of egg components declined sharply – whites by nearly 10% and yolks by 18%. Dried egg production rose just under 6.5% while the production of inedible egg was down just over 6%. Breaking yields without inedible declined a fifth of a pound to 42.27 pounds per case broken.

Wholesale prices for certified liquid whole eggs are lower with a weak undertone on mixed demand – slowing at the week’s end for mostly light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for frozen whole eggs are too few to publish and last quoted at \$1.56 per pound as are prices for frozen whites at \$1.25 per pound. The undertone is mostly steady and demand is light to moderate for light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is slow. Whole dried egg prices are too few to publish and last quoted at \$10.00 per pound as are prices for dried yolk prices at \$10.75 per pound. Dried albumen remains untested. The undertone is steady with moderate to good demand for light offerings. Supplies are very light to moderate and trading is moderate.

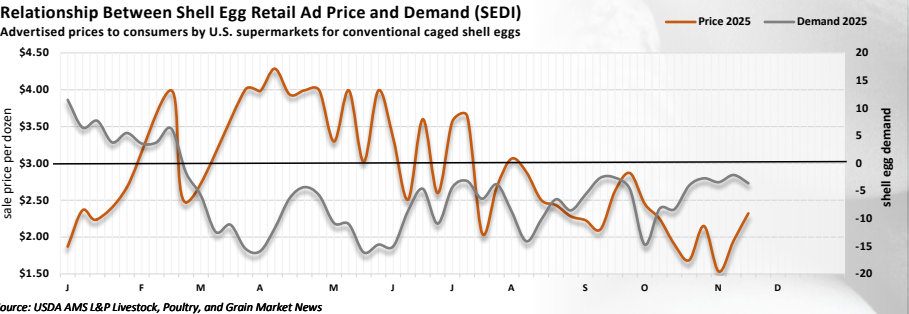
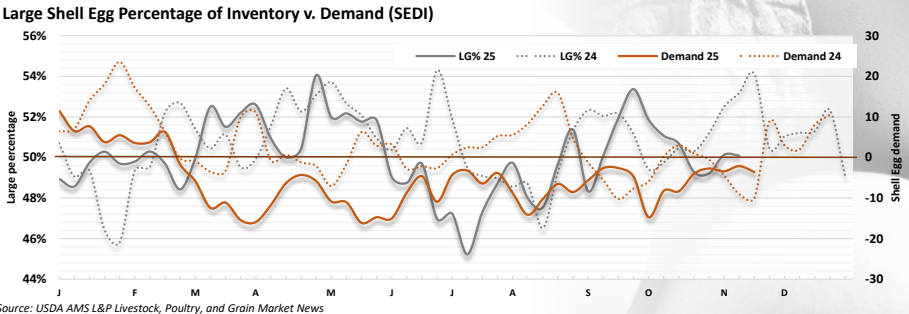
According to NASS, the August monthly volume of frozen eggs in storage increased 28% from July but 29% below the prior year. Stocks of whole frozen egg decreased 6%, 45% below last year and the share of whole egg stocks shrank 11% to 33% of total frozen stocks. Stocks of frozen yolk increased 39% and were 13% over the level from last year. Frozen egg whites were down 7% to a level 46% below last year. Stocks of unclassified eggs increased 68% from last month and were down 15% from last year. The share of unclassified frozen stocks increased 13% to a 57% share of total frozen stocks.

As of September 1, 2025, the estimated U.S. non-organic commercial cage-free table egg flock increased slightly to 116.6 million, 38.7% of the current U.S. table egg flock. This represents a 9% increase over the number of non-organic, cage-free table egg layers on September 1, 2024, and a 3.8% increase in the share of the total commercial table egg flock. The USDA certified organic table egg layer flock on September 1 was down slightly from August at 6.6% of the total layer flock. The ratio of caged to cage-free layers currently stands at 55/45 as compared to 54/46 last month and 58/42 last year.



Eggs Processed - Week-to-Week Change							
total	share	case yield*	whole	whites	yolks	dried	inedible
-2.4%	-0.9%	-0.19	3.6%	-9.7%	-18.0%	6.4%	-6.2%

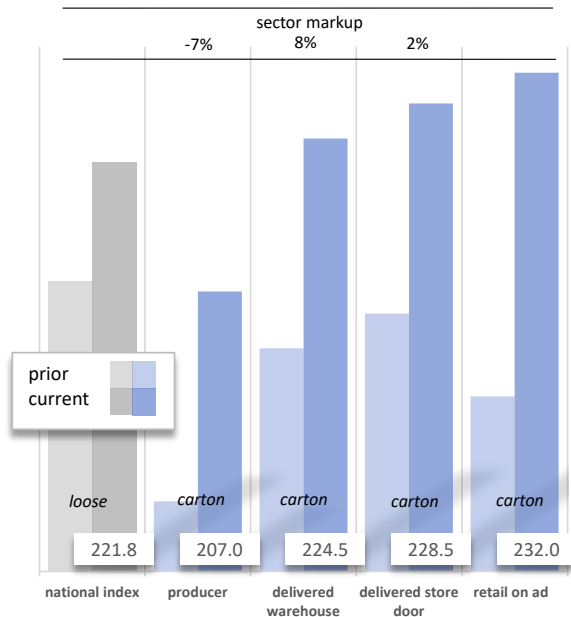
* case yield w/ inedible in pounds per case.



Shell Eggs Market Price Comparisons

(as of November 21, 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						
	21-Nov	% Change	14-Nov	7-Nov	31-Oct	24-Oct	17-Oct
SHELL EGGS (Large, White, conventional in cents per dozen)							
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	221.79	7%	208.17	186.49	160.63	132.57	115.48
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	252.99	8%	233.19	207.18	197.16	164.14	148.35
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	224.50	12%	200.50	174.50	152.50	145.50	145.50
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	256.00	6%	241.00	219.00	191.00	168.00	157.00
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	273.00	8%	253.00	239.00	209.00	194.00	188.00
National Retail Shell Egg (avg. ad price in dollars per dozen)							
Conventional Caged, Large, White	2.32	19%	1.95	1.53	2.15	1.69	1.90
UEP Cage-Free, Large, Brown	3.48	22%	2.86	2.51	2.70	2.52	2.53
EGG PRODUCTS (f.o.b. shipper dock prices)							
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	136.25	0%	136.25	136.25	134.75	127.25	113.00
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	1.56	0%	1.56	1.56	1.55	1.37	1.37
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	10.00	0%	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.93	9.93
Processed Share of Weekly Shell Egg Production	33.1%	-0.9%	34.0%	34.6%	34.6%	33.9%	34.5%
SHELL EGG DEMAND INDICATOR (no units)	-3.6	-1.5	-2.1	-3.4	-2.7	-4.0	-8.3

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)	21-Nov	Change	14-Nov	2025 High		2025 Low	
National, loose (negotiated; f.o.b. dock prices)	221.8	▲ 7%	208.2	816.8	03-Mar	105.5	10-Oct
California-compliant, loose, (negotiated delivered)	253.0	▲ 8%	233.2	996.2	26-Feb	119.5	25-Sep
Midwest, cartoned (formula sales; dlvr'd to warehouse)	224.5	▲ 12%	200.5	841.5	28-Feb	145.5	03-Oct
New York, cartoned (formula sales; dlvd to store)	256.0	▲ 6%	241.0	853.0	25-Feb	157.0	02-Oct
California-compliant, cartoned, benchmark	273.0	▲ 8%	253.0	1035.0	28-Feb	188.0	02-Oct
Breaking Stock (negotiated; dlvd prices cents per doz)	136.3	■ 0%	136.3	633.8	18-Feb	95.8	02-Oct
Whole Frozen Egg (dollars per pound)	1.56	■ 0%	1.56	5.31	28-Feb	1.35	05-Sep
Whole Dried Eggs (dollars per pound)	10.00	■ 0%	10.00	25.00	16-May	9.93	17-Oct
Natl Average Retail Ad Price - Conventional caged	2.32	▲ 19%	1.95	4.28	11-Apr	1.53	07-Nov
Natl Average Retail Ad Price - UEP Cage-free ²	3.48	▲ 22%	2.86	7.99	21-Feb	2.50	17-Jan
Shell Egg Demand Indicator	-3.6	▼ -1.5	-2.1	11.5	02-Jan	-16.1	21-May

¹ mostly high; ² non-organic

2025 Commercial Table Egg Flock HPAI Losses as of November 21, 2025

No new outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in commercial table eggs flocks were reported this week. In 2025 to date, based on the latest data from APHIS, HPAI in commercial table egg layer flocks have resulted in the depopulation of 41.7 million birds. To date, USDA APHIS has confirmed 49 outbreaks in layer flocks in 11 states (AZ, CA, IA, IN, MO, NC, OH, PA, SD, WA, and WI).

The 41.7 million birds lost included 24.7 million (59.2%) in conventional caged systems and 17 million (40.8%) in cage-free systems. These losses represent 13.5% of the conventional caged layer flock and 16.8% of the non-organic cage-free flock on January 1, 2025.

Compared to January 1, the caged flock on September 1 was down 9.5% while the cage-free flock was up 15.5% and the organic table egg flock was down 1.9%.

2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System

System	Loss	Share
Conventional Caged.....	24,651,320	59%
Cage-Free.....	16,999,780	41%
Organic.....	0	0.0%
Total	41,651,100	

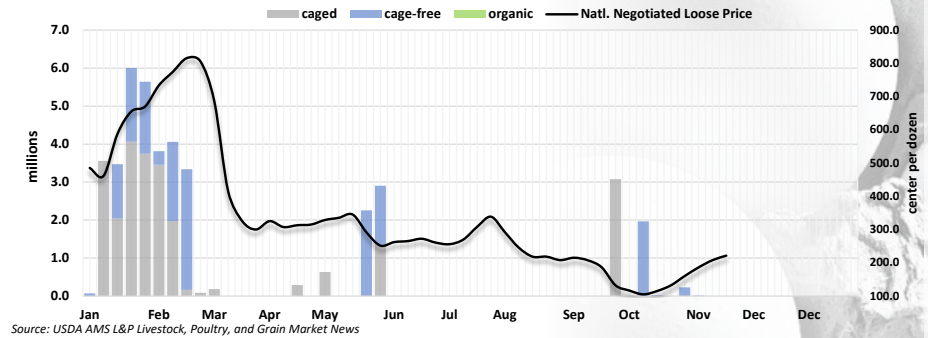
2025 Table Egg Layer Losses

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

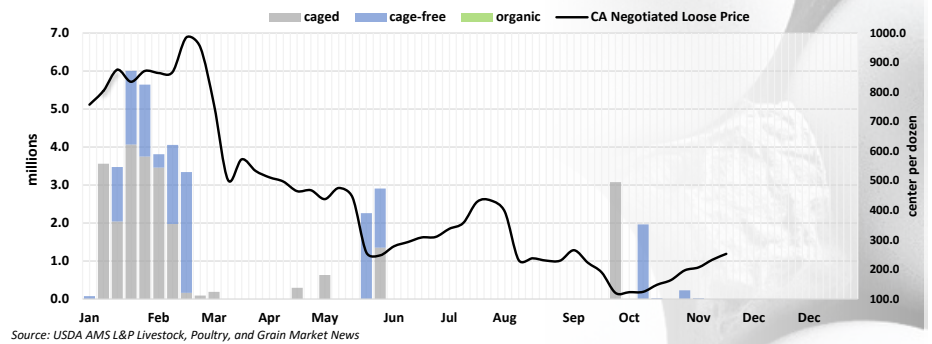
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
AZ	316,600				5,164,300								5,480,900
CA	75,200									231,000			306,200
IA		241,600											241,600
IN	2,987,200	3,591,400	187,200							19,600	18,300		6,803,700
MO	3,910,300												3,910,300
NC	3,314,900												3,314,900
OH	7,845,300	5,408,800		293,300									13,547,400
PA		2,060,100											2,060,100
SD				633,900									633,900
WA	307,800									1,965,600			2,273,400
WI									3,078,700				3,078,700
Total:	18,757,300	11,301,900	187,200	927,200	5,164,300	-	-	-	3,078,700	2,216,200	18,300	-	41,651,100

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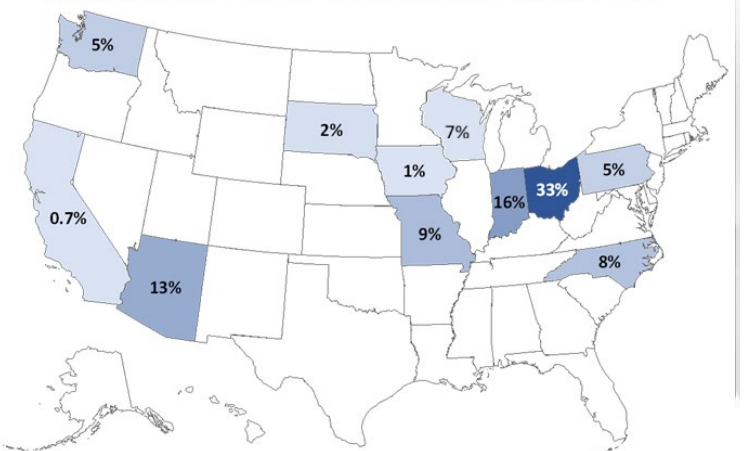
2025 Table Egg Layer Losses by Production System v. Natl Loose Egg Price



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



Share by State of Total 2025 Commercial Table Egg Layer Losses



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