# Egg Markets Overview

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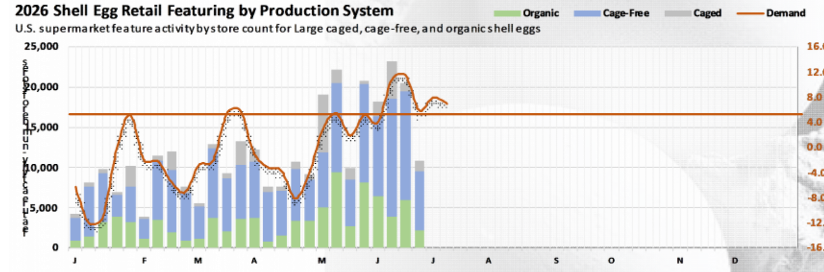
Negotiated wholesale prices for graded loose caged eggs moved upward throughout the week on moderate to good retail interest and light to good loose egg interest. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Trading is mostly moderate to active. Wholesale prices for national trading of truck lot quantities of graded, loose, white Large shell eggs were up $0.28 at $0.74 per dozen with a steady undertone. The wholesale price on the New York market for formula trading of Large cartoned shell eggs delivered to retailers was up $0.28 at $1.05 this week. In the major Midwest production region, wholesale prices for Large, white shell eggs delivered to warehouses were up $0.30 at $0.95 per dozen with a steady undertone, along with the price to producers for Large cartoned shell eggs being up $0.30 at $0.77 per dozen. The California benchmark for Large shell eggs was up $0.30 at $1.40 per dozen with a mostly steady undertone. Delivered prices on the California-compliant wholesale loose egg market increased $0.19 cents to $0.89 per dozen with a steady undertone. Demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to available. Supplies are moderate. Trading is moderate to active.

Feature activity for shell eggs at retail grocery stores was slightly higher this week compared to a week ago. Cage-free types dominated features while conventional caged egg promotions also increased. The average ad price for conventional caged eggs decreased $0.03 to $1.02 per dozen. Featuring of UEP-certified barn/aviary cage-free shell eggs increased. The average ad price is $2.65 per dozen. Non-organic free-range and pastured shell eggs continue to ride the feature wave and remain retail favorites. Promotions of nutritionally-enhanced caged shell eggs decreased in number and pricing is slightly less attractive than the previous ad cycle. Organic shell eggs are promoted at higher levels than last week with the average price increasing.

The inventory of shell eggs available for marketing at the start of the week decreased 4% while the National inventory of Large class shell eggs decreased 7%. The inventory of Large shell eggs in the Midwest was 16% lower as movement into marketing channels is moderate. The inventory share of Large class shell eggs decreased 1% at a 45% share of all shell egg stocks on inventory at the start of the week. Stocks of cage-free eggs decreased about 6.9% as recent active retail promotional activity increased. Stocks of nutritionally-enhanced eggs decreased 7% as last week's retail features had more clearing of stocks. The inventory of organic shell eggs was 5% lower and the inventory of breaking stock was up 2% as breakers are finding plenty of available offerings to run processing lines full while still building some stocks.

**2026 Shell Egg Retail Featuring by Production System**

U.S. supermarket feature activity by store count for Large caged, cage-free, and organic shell eggs

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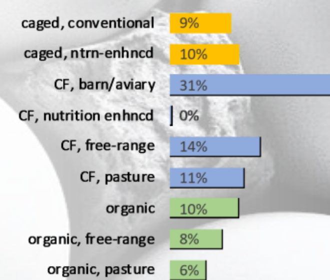
**This Week's Supermarket Large Shell Egg Feature Summary**

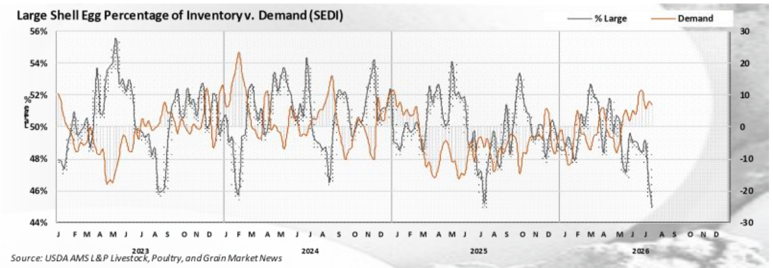
*Advertised Prices to Consumers at Major Grocery Retailers*

| | White-Shell | | Brown-Shell | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Caged** | **Acitvity** | **Price** | **Acitvity** | **Price** |
| conventional | 1,704 | 1.02 | -- | -- |
| nutritionally-enhanced | 1,922 | 2.86 | -- | -- |
| **Cage-Free - Non-Organic** | | | | |
| barn/aviary | 3,048 | 1.52 | 2,660 | 3.96 |
| nutritionally-enhanced | – | – | 88 | 3.49 |
| free-range | -- | -- | 2,560 | 4.64 |
| pastured | -- | -- | 2,098 | 6.11 |
| **USDA Organic** | | | | |
| organic | -- | -- | 1,946 | 4.82 |
| free-range | -- | -- | 1,474 | 5.50 |
| pastured | -- | -- | 1,044 | 7.15 |

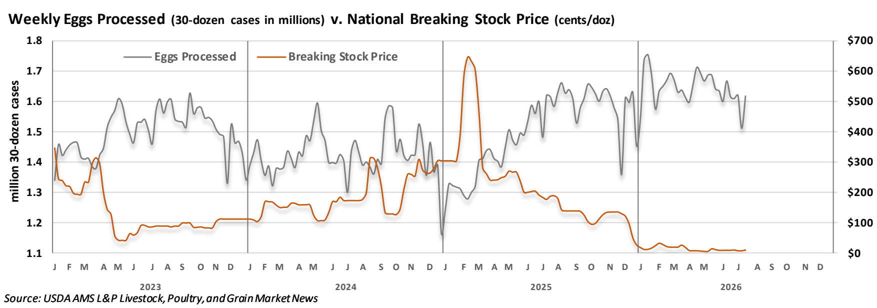
*includes 12 and 18 packs combined; prices weighted by store count.*



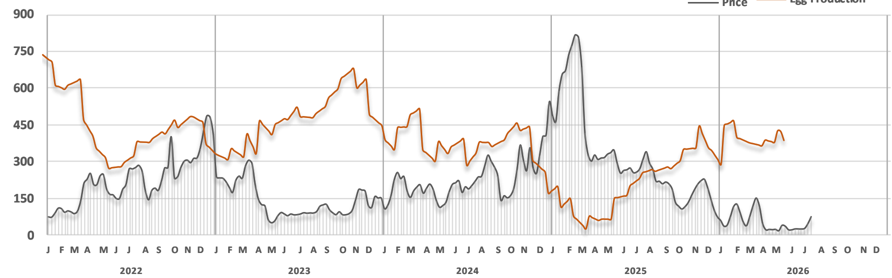
The average national wholesale price for breaking stock was up $0.0.250 at $0.1100 per dozen with a mostly steady undertone.  Demand is light for moderate to available offerings. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time to extended and trading is moderate. The volume of eggs processed over the past week increased 7% and the share of weekly table egg production was up 2.4 percent to 33.4%. Cage-free stock accounted for 40% of eggs processed last week, which was up 1% from the week prior.




Wholesale prices for certified liquid whole eggs were higher at $0.1467 with a steady to firm undertone for whole egg, light to moderate for whites, moderate to good for yolk on demand ranging light to fairly good for the moderate to available offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for frozen egg products were unavailable due to too few reporting. The undertone is steady to weak. on light to at times moderate to active demand for light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is slow. Prices for dried eggs did not have enough trades to be reported. The undertone is steady with a light to moderate demand for light to moderate offerings and a full range of supplies. Trading is slow.



**Wkly Ntl. Negotiated Loose Shell Egg** (LG, WH, f.o.b. dock, cents/doz.) **v. Table Egg Production**

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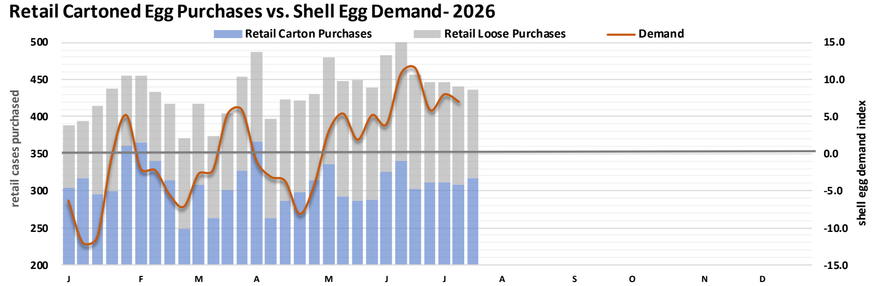
## Retail Cartoned Egg Purchases vs. Shell Egg Demand- 2026

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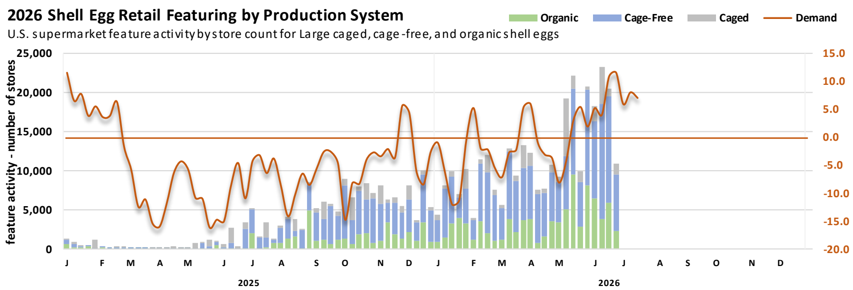


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