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Egg prices drop significantly as Easter approaches



Tara Fuller, of Scranton, shops for eggs at Schiel's Family Market in Dunmore on Thursday. SEAN MCKEAG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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As the price of eggs plummeted leading up to Easter and Passover, customers have been flocking to area grocery stores to cash in on the savings.

U.S. egg prices have fallen 60% from last year's record highs, according to an Associated Press report. Bird flu was to blame for elevated retail prices during the first five months of 2025, and the course of the highly contagious disease is a big reason why prices are much lower now, per the AP. Joe Fasula, co-owner of Gerrity's, which operates 10 supermarkets throughout Lackawanna, Luzerne and Northampton counties, expects eggs to become even less expensive in the coming weeks.

"We saw the bottom of the market back in maybe early March and then things started picking back up as we got closer and closer to Easter," he said. "That's very typical, it happens every single year. I would think that once we get past Easter, the price of eggs will probably come back

down again."

Fred Schiel, store manager of Schiel's Family Market in Dunmore, noted shoppers appreciate the relief at the register as costs have come down, especially from last year when prices were "astronomical."

"Since they came down, customers are pleased and they've been stocking up," he said. "We keep our prices up to date with the market prices. Once they go down, our prices go down. If they go up, unfortunately we do as well."

Schiel's also has locations on George Avenue and Hanover Street in Wilkes-Barre.

Tom Slattery, dairy manager at Boyer's Food Market in Hazleton, noted an 18-count carton of eggs, currently on sale, is selling for \$1.99.

"That's a good price," he said. "It crept up a little bit, and then it just went back down again a little bit more."

The regular price is \$2.89, but when they were up, they could have been \$6, if not more, Slattery added.

"After the New Year, the price started

coming down," he said. "We get local eggs from Heisler's (Egg Farm) in Tamaqua, so we know where they're coming from, and she tells me when they're up and down. Some of these warehouses, you don't know where they're coming from. It just started dropping, all of a sudden. There was definitely a big-time increase when the price dropped. When they see the price, instead of taking one, they're taking two."

An outbreak forced farmers and commercial producers to slaughter entire broods of egg-laying hens, but ebbing cases in the second half of last year helped restore egg supplies, Mark Jordan, the executive director of agricultural research firm LEAP Market Analytics, told the Associated Press.

The stubborn outbreak is still affecting U.S. poultry flocks, with the number of infected commercial flocks rising in March. But farmers have been rapidly replenishing flocks that died or had to be destroyed. Between July 2024 and July 2025 the number of egg-type chicks

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Trump fires Bondi

Loyalist who oversaw Justice Department upheaval is out as attorney general

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday that Pam Bondi is out as his attorney general, ending the contentious tenure of a loyalist who upended the Justice Department's culture of independence from the White House, oversaw large-scale firings of career employees and moved aggressively to investigate the Republican president's perceived enemies.

The departure followed months of scrutiny over the Justice Department's handling of files related to the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking investigation and failed efforts to meet Trump's unwavering demands for criminal cases against his adversaries. As Trump's own frustrations mounted, he began privately discussing firing Bondi, people familiar with the matter say.

"Pam Bondi is a Great American Patriot and a loyal friend, who faithfully served as my Attorney General over the past year," Trump said in a statement. He added, "We love Pam, and she will be transitioning to a much needed and important new job in the private sector, to be announced at a date in the near future."

Trump named Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, one of his former personal lawyers, as the acting attorney general. Three

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Pizza Bella closing its Nanticoke location

Discounts await at its other sites, however

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NANTICOKE — The Pizza Bella franchise is saying goodbye to Nanticoke after two decades, but it has a good offer lined up for its loyal customers of the city.

Pizza Bella, which has numerous other locations in Northeast Pennsylvania, announced this week it is closing its Nanticoke location at 302 E. Noble St.

After 20 years of patronage by Nanticoke residents, Pizza Bella is offering a 10% discount to Nanticoke residents who visit the other locations.

"Nanticoke has been more than just a spot on the map for us. It's been a home filled with neighbors who became friends and memories that we will carry with us forever. We cannot thank you enough for the years of support, the shared Friday

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Horton Street in Wilkes-Barre needs 1,400 feet of stormwater pipe repaired

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Horton Street residents who suffered through four months of underground utility work and street closures after two sinkholes opened in their South Wilkes-Barre neighborhood last summer will see more infrastructure work sometime in the future.

During the excavation phase of the sanitary sewer line repairs, contractors discovered a 58-inch diameter stormwater arch culvert

had deteriorated and was failing, Mayor George Brown's Office said Wednesday in a news release announcing funding for a repair project.

The news release stated that contractors had sent a camera through the pipe and discovered sections of the terra cotta tiles had failed and were missing, and that 700 linear feet of the culvert needed repair. But, the newspaper requested clarification on some information and some additional details.

City Administrator Charles McCormick

provided those details Thursday and said the 700-foot length estimate was incorrect. It's actually 1,400 linear feet of pipe that will need repair.

Repair will involve the installation of a "slip lining" inside the arch culvert, which will restore integrity to the system and avoid the need for repeated repairs.

The improvement also will eliminate the threat of localized flooding due to a failed or blocked stormwater culvert.

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Sewer line upgrades to Horton Street in Wilkes-Barre, seen here on Nov. 11, 2025, near completion, with the street expected to be reopen to traffic by the end of the following week. THE CITIZENS' VOICE FILE

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