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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Midwest region, weekly prices were 2 cents lower on medium and unchanged on the remaining sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were 2 cents lower for medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to good, usually moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were usually light. Supplies were adequate to balanced for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were reported as tight to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE		MOSTLY		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
					RANGE		MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68	LARGE	43-52	47		
LARGE	61-70	63-66	MEDIUM	31-37	35		
MEDIUM	49-58	51-54	SMALL	18-22			

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to adequate for usually normal processing schedules. Offerings of light type hens were about adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg demand mostly light to moderate. Supplies were in balance to adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to at times available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks reported as tight to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	59.5-68	61-64

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Weekly prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to good. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	75-78
LARGE	72-79	73-76
MEDIUM	58.5-66	59-63

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	68-72

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	70-72
LARGE	67-75	68-70
MEDIUM	55-63	56-58

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	119
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	108
MEDIUM	97

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-329
EXTRA LARGE	229-309
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189-199

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	Not Available
EXTRA LARGE	Not Available
LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	Available

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 09, 2005 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 02, 2005 were 335,975 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	292,907	43,068	335,975
% change from the prior week.....	-15	-3	-14

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were tight to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-26	22-24
BREAKING STOCK	32-38	36-38
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly lower compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were irregular. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.27

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.49
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 05, 2005**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.5	23.5	7.1	20.0	11.1	74.2
	Change	2.3	5.3	0.0	7.7	-1.4	23%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	50.9	14.5	34.6	37.9	165.5
	Change	1.6	0.6	4.1	8.1	5.9	14%
Large	Curr Wk	43.6	145.6	77.2	116.5	105.7	488.6
	Change	4.5	27.7	28.7	30.5	17.6	29%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.3	64.6	14.5	18.9	34.8	147.1
	Change	1.7	1.4	-0.9	-1.5	2.4	2%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.1	1.0	3.8	3.6	21.9
	Change	2.4	2.5	0.4	-1.4	0.1	22%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	32.2	13.0	11.7	4.1	63.4
	Change	-1.0	-2.4	1.4	-3.9	-1.7	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.7	44.3	26.9	28.8	24.8	140.5
	Change	2.2	-9.1	10.4	5.3	-6.1	2%
Total	Curr Wk	122.5	368.2	154.2	234.3	222.0	1101.2
	Change	13%	8%	40%	24%	8%	15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1101.2	15%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	245.5	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1346.7	13%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 02, 2005

CURRENT LOADS			15.00			FUTURE LOADS			14.00			TOTAL LOADS			29.00										
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW					
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	—	—	51.00	52.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	72.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	5.00	GL W XL	—	63.00	—	—	—	71.00	5.00
GL W XL	—	—	60.25	62.00	54.75	—	9.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	59.50	4.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	57.00	59.50	4.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00																		
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75																		
GL W SM	—	—	36.50	39.00	—	—	2.00																		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.50	39.00	4.00																		
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																		
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/28/05-12/02/05

CURRENT LOADS			90.50			FUTURE LOADS			118.75			TOTAL LOADS			209.25										
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	CLASS	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW					
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	49.50	55.50	50.67	52.00	47.29	52.00	60.00	GNR W 1	—	58.56	—	—	—	67.75	18.00										
GNR W 2	—	—	48.50	50.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	2.00										
GNR W 3	—	—	42.00	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	57.50	56.00	—	—	—	69.67	4.00										
GNR BR 1	—	77.67	—	—	75.00	76.00	6.00	GL W XL	—	61.08	—	—	—	63.31	16.75										
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	51.50	—	3.00	GL W LG	55.00	64.88	—	70.00	57.00	60.33	34.75										
GL W XL	—	55.67	60.30	61.18	48.44	46.50	50.25	GL W MD	41.67	58.50	43.00	—	—	49.00	8.00										
GL W LG	—	66.69	51.69	60.03	53.58	55.16	61.75	GL W SM	33.00	—	—	—	—	39.50	1.00										
GL W MD	55.00	55.00	50.00	51.50	—	31.00	18.50	NRBS - 48	—	33.20	—	—	—	—	14.00										
GL W SM	37.90	40.65	36.00	38.60	—	—	10.00																		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.17	37.30	35.00																		
NRBS - 45	—	—	42.00	46.00	—	35.00	5.00																		
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																		

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/28/05	11/21/05	11/29/04
PACIFIC COAST	163	141	723
LOS ANGELES	157	135	709

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

12/05/05

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fairly good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89.86
LARGE	89.86
MEDIUM	76.86
SMALL	58.00

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