



# USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

MONDAY  
NOVEMBER 05, 2007  
VOL. 54 NO. 89

ISSN 1520-6122

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News & Analysis Branch

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply higher on all weights. Trade sentiment remained firm as producers prepared for the holiday market. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced and held with extreme confidence. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to tight for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were adequate for the moderate demand.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium. Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for all sizes. The trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the good demand. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-117	111-114
LARGE	107-116	109-112
MEDIUM	98-107	100-103

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-123	116-118
LARGE	113-121	114-116
MEDIUM	104-112	105-107

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	91-100	95
MEDIUM	84-88	86
SMALL	54-60	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, eastern NY & western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Extra large, large and medium prices were sharply higher when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail and distributive demand was fair to fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were sufficient, but held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were light for a moderate to good demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-131	117-120
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	99-112	104-106

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was firm beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were about adequate to sufficient and held with confidence. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent fowl supplies were sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal to at times heavy.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-121	115-118
LARGE	101.25-119	113-116
MEDIUM	90.25-108	101-105

Southeast Area: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to tight and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the good demand. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118.5-127	120-123
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEIDIUM	100.5-109	102-105

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices increased 2 cents on mediums and larger sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for immediate needs and continued held with confidence.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade A, and grade A white eggs in cartons, delivered store, cents per dozen

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	128-132
LARGE	126-130
MEDIUM	115-119

**WESTERN** Prices were 7 cents higher for jumbo and 13 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. The Pacific inventory was 6% higher than last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT increasing 13%. Demand was moderate to good with offerings balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 7 cents higher on jumbo and 13 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. The Pacific inventory increased 6% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT increasing 13%. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were adequate to balanced. Small benchmark price \$1.22.

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	167
EXTRA LARGE	163
LARGE	154
MEDIIUM	142

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 09, 2007 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 02, 2007 were 220,839 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	178,949	41,890	220,839

% change from the prior week..... +22 -11 +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** All prices unchanged. Good demand for the tight offers. Some breakers seeking additional breaking stock with little trading activity due to price consideration and lack of product availability. Floor stocks tight. Schedules part-time to fulltime. Trade sentiment firm.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	85-90	85-87
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-78	70-73
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI	

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate and improving for seasonal buyers. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-NOVEMBER-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.10
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-NOVEMBER -07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.35
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-NOV 05, 2007**

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So	Atl Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	24.4	8.6	11.4	14.3	66.2
	Change	0.6	-1.3	0.4	-12.2	1.3	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.6	35.2	16.9	26.5	36.2	139.4
	Change	-2.2	-6.8	1.8	0.6	-2.8	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	39.0	120.8	109.0	120.1	138.6	527.5
	Change	1.1	-8.1	14.0	1.0	18.6	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	37.9	15.8	18.7	32.7	116.8
	Change	1.5	3.3	0.4	-3.6	-0.4	1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	7.9	0.6	2.5	2.9	16.5
	Change	-0.1	-0.9	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	20.2	7.7	11.6	6.9	48.9
	Change	0.1	0.4	-0.1	1.7	-1.0	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.3	54.5	22.4	17.6	18.3	131.1
	Change	2.3	-1.0	6.1	2.8	-1.4	7%
Total	Curr Wk	106.2	300.9	181.0	208.4	249.9	1046.4
Percent	Change	3%	-5%	14%	-4%	6%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1046.4	2%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	213.2	-3%	33
Total Shell Egg	1259.6	1%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 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.

- 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 OCT 22, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.04	2.02	1.82	1.24
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCT 22, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.60	1.60	1.44	.84

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY** WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 02, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								13.25	FUTURE LOADS								11.75	TOTAL LOADS				25.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	--	--	98.50	100.50	--	--	7.00		GNR BR 1	--	118.00	--	--	--	--	1.00						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	107.00	--	1.00		GL W J	104.00	--	--	--	--	117.00	1.00						
GL W XL	--	--	113.00	114.33	108.00	--	5.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	120.00	--	124.00	2.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	109.46	--	9.25		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	119.38	5.25						
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75															
GL W SM	--	--	62.00	64.50	--	--	1.00															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 29, 2007-NOV 02, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								90.00	FUTURE LOADS								76.75	TOTAL LOADS				166.75
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	88.50	93.00	97.75	96.20	--	--	91.60	63.00	GNR W 1	--	101.00	--	105.00	--	--	22.00						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	107.00	--	3.00		GNR BR 1	--	117.00	--	--	125.00	126.00	3.00						
GL W J	--	--	100.00	101.50	100.30	--	7.00		GL W J	102.67	--	--	--	109.00	115.00	10.00						
GL W XL	--	95.75	104.58	108.61	105.08	104.00	26.50		GL W XL	108.50	--	--	120.00	--	118.25	8.25						
GL W LG	--	103.50	104.00	104.00	105.33	106.63	47.00		GL W LG	112.00	--	--	115.50	--	115.94	20.50						
GL W MD	93.00	--	84.25	86.00	84.20	90.00	11.75		GL W MD	--	94.88	--	--	--	96.33	8.00						
GL W SM	64.00	--	62.33	65.14	--	--	7.00		GL BR XL	--	--	118.00	--	--	124.00	.50						
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50		GL BR LG	--	--	118.00	--	--	124.00	.75						
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	152.00	--	1.25															
GL BR MD	--	--	--	91.00	84.00	--	1.00															
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.25															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	84.05	86.25	48.00															
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00															

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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS**

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	10/29/07	10/22/07	10/30/06
PACIFIC COAST	06	06	01
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** OCT 22, 2007

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MOSTLY
	CENTS/CARTON		
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261		239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158		130 - 134
Large doz.	224 - 250		225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149		125 - 128

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are well balanced and held with confidence. Retail demand is moderate to 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	135.69
LARGE	130.91
MEDIUM	123.08
SMALL	94.00

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Michael Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Nettie Andry
	Fax	(562)432-8295	
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	