



USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
VOL. 57 NO. 73

ISSN 1520-6122

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News & Analysis Branch

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on larger sized eggs and Mediums. New York prices are down 2 cents on Large and Extra Large and 1 cent on Mediums. Demand into all channels is light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies range moderate to very heavy, generally heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is mixed, moderate to inactive. Breaking stock supplies are heavy; demand is light to instances moderate. Light type hen offerings are light to sufficient for reduced processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST Midwest delivered prices for this week are 41 cents lower on extra large and large, and 29 cents lower on medium. Daily producer prices are 4 cents lower on large, 1 cent lower on medium, and steady on small sizes. Cartoned and loose shell egg demand is light to moderate. Offerings are heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged on light demand and heavy offerings. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Delivered warehouse		
EXTRA LARGE	73-82	76-79
LARGE	72-81	74-77
MEDIUM	43-52	45-48

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices to store door		
EXTRA LARGE	80-88	81-83
LARGE	78-86	79-81
MEDIUM	49-57	50-52

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	50-60	54
MEDIUM	24-28	26
SMALL	24-28	

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

NORTHEAST Prices are 37 to 38 cents lower on Extra Large, 37 cents lower on Large and 26 cents lower on Medium when compared to prices last week. Supplies are moderate to mostly heavy. Demand is mixed, ranging light to at times good in spot locations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is light to moderate, supplies are generally heavy. Light type hen demand in the Eastern region is mostly moderate for about adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Delivered warehouse		
EXTRA LARGE	83-102	85-88
LARGE	77-91	82-86
MEDIUM	48-61	53-55

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

SOUTHEAST Prices are lower on larger weight eggs and Mediums. Demand into all channels is mostly light. Current supplies are heavy to very heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to inactive. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are about adequate; demand is mostly moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Delivered warehouse		
EXTRA LARGE	81.5-124	83-86
LARGE	80-120	81-84
MEDIUM	50.5-77.5	51-55

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices are 40 cents lower for extra large, 41 cents lower for large, and 29 cents lower for medium. Retail demand is light with some reporting a slight improvement. Food service demand is light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate for jumbo and heavy for the balance of sizes. Market activity remains slow to inactive. Central states breaking stock prices are 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand is light on heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Delivered warehouse		
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
LARGE	80.5-89	82-85
MEDIUM	49.5-58	51-54

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

NEW YORK Prices are 2 cents lower on larger sizes, 1 cent less on Medium. Supplies are moderate to heavy for present needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to at times moderate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	85-89
LARGE	83-87
MEDIUM	58-62

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

WESTERN Prices are 40 cents lower for jumbo, 41 cents lower for extra large and large, and 29 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 1%. Offerings are heavy with demand into retail light and food service movement light to moderate. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow to inactive.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are 40 cents lower for jumbo, 41 cents lower for extra large and large, and 29 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 1%. Offerings are heavy on light retail demand. Food service movement is light to moderate. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow to inactive. Small benchmark price 65 cents.

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	132
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	116
MEDIUM	85

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 17, 2010 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 10, 2010 were 165,852 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 19 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	133,210	32,642	165,852

% change from the prior week..... +25 -0 +19
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices are 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand is light on heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

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
BREAKING STOCK	34-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-26	19-23
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE,

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-SEP-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was light for sufficient offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTHEAST Prices were trending steady. Offerings are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Trade activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.25 CENTS/LB.		12.34
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

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 WEEKS OF AUGUST 30, 2010

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEKS OF AUGUST 30, 2010 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.67	1.67	1.51	1.03

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/ (Includes Conventional and Specialty - 30 dozen cases-in thousands)

SEP 13, 2010		No		So		So	
		Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	10.4	4.4	11.6	13.7	48.8
	Change	1.0	1.6	-1.6	3.3	-0.9	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	35.7	17.1	27.4	42.9	150.2
	Change	0.7	7.6	1.3	4.4	-5.7	6%
Large	Curr Wk	60.9	133.3	102.2	125.0	163.2	584.6
	Change	1.1	14.0	17.4	19.7	3.8	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.5	52.1	32.8	27.9	54.8	184.1
	Change	-0.2	-17.7	0.1	4.4	-0.8	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	5.2	0.5	2.1	7.5	17.1
	Change	-1.1	-1.5	-0.3	-0.4	0.2	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	22.9	10.3	10.6	8.3	56
	Change	1.1	4.0	0.6	2.6	0.0	17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	54.1	20.2	13.8	21.4	124.2
	Change	3.9	9.0	-1.1	2.3	-5.3	8%
Total	Curr Wk	133.6	313.7	187.5	218.4	311.8	1165
Percent	Change	5%	6%	10%	20%	-3%	6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1165	6%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	372.2	14%	29
Total Shell Egg	1537.2	8%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/ Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/ (30 dozen cases - in thousands)

		No		So		So	
		Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	3.7	9.0	2.3	2.4	4.9	22.3
	Change	-2.3	-3.0	0.5	-1.5	-0.8	-24%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	10.8	2.5	0.0	0.0	13.3
	Change	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29%
Total	Curr Wk	3.7	19.8	4.8	2.4	4.9	35.6
Percent	Change	-38%	0%	12%	-38%	-14%	-10%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	35.6	-10%	41

1/ Information supplied by a universe of size indicated by the number of cooperators. Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 10, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								58.25	FUTURE LOADS								3.00	TOTAL LOADS								61.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GNR W 1	53.00	--	53.50	55.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	62.00	--	--	69.00	--	--	--	.25										
GL W J	--	--	75.50	77.00	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	48.18	47.00	--	--	--	59.00	4.75											
GL W XL	--	--	62.50	65.00	46.00	47.00	3.00	GL W LG	36.91	--	--	46.00	--	43.16	11.75											
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	51.00	3.00	GL W MD	22.00	--	--	--	--	38.40	12.50											
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	26.47	27.00	17.50	NRBS - 39	--	--	28.00	30.00	--	--	2.00											
NRBS - 48	32.21	34.42	--	--	--	--	12.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	37.00	39.00	2.00																			
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	23.50	27.00	3.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 06, 2010 – SEPT 10, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								132.75	FUTURE LOADS								5.00	TOTAL LOADS								137.75
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST										
GNR W 1	52.75	--	66.50	63.20	--	--	5.00	GL W J	62.00	--	--	69.00	63.81	69.00	2.25											
GNR BR 1	--	125.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	44.07	55.50	--	--	--	51.86	18.25											
GL W J	--	--	75.50	77.00	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	37.34	41.00	--	46.00	--	43.37	17.00											
GL W XL	52.50	--	62.20	67.77	44.40	51.50	18.50	GL W MD	23.09	--	30.00	--	30.75	38.13	16.00											
GL W LG	--	--	40.75	72.00	67.50	51.00	8.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	43.00	1.00											
GL W MD	--	--	33.50	35.00	26.88	28.18	20.50	GL BR XL	--	--	119.00	--	--	126.00	.50											
GL W SM	42.00	43.00	42.00	45.00	35.25	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	117.00	--	--	124.00	.50											
GL BR XL	--	--	130.00	132.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	27.38	28.67	28.00	30.00	--	--	6.00											
NRBS - 48	32.21	34.42	--	--	36.53	39.00	27.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	35.82	38.18	11.00																			
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	24.28	27.35	10.00																			

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)		
	09/06/10	08/30/10	09/07/09
PACIFIC COAST	46	36	75
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)	
	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	255 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are heavy. Retail demand is very light.

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	107.94
LARGE	103.29
MEDIUM	67.25
SMALL	67.00

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS & ANALYSIS BRANCH OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice (202)720-6911	Michael Sheats, Chief	Des Moines, IA	Voice (515)284-4471	Jason Karwal Officer-in-Charge
	Fax (202)720-2403			Fax (515)284-4468	
Atlanta, GA	Voice (404)562-5850	Annie Terry Officer-in-Charge	Jackson, MS	Voice (601)965-4662	Gary Brown, Southern States Area Supervisor
	Fax (404)562-5875			Fax (601)359-1175	