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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are up 1 cent on Large and Extra Large sized eggs, while steady on Mediums. Regional prices are higher on all sizes. Demand into retail and distributive channels is moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to very light for the moderate to mostly good demand. Light type hen offerings are light to sufficient; processing schedules are normal to reduced.

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 asking prices are 16 cents higher on extra large and large, and 13 cents higher on medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher on large, 1 cent higher on medium, and 2 cents higher on small sizes. Food service demand is moderate, while retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to mostly good on very light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	72-81	74-77

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

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.

	Range	Mostly
LARGE	77-87	81
MEDIUM	55-59	57
SMALL	36-42	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 16 cents higher on larger sizes and 13 cents more on Medium when compared a week ago. Offerings are light to moderate for current needs. Demand is moderate to at times good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are light for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type hen demand is mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-123	102-106
LARGE	95-109	100-104
MEDIUM	73-86	78-80

N0RTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 17 cents higher for extra large, 18 cents higher for large, and 14 cents higher for medium. Retail demand is fairly good to good. Food service demand continues light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is active. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to mostly good with offerings very light. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
MEDIUM	77.5-86	79-82

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13.5 to 18 cents higher on Large and Extra Large eggs, 10.5 to 14 cents higher on Mediums. Retail and food service demand is moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate to mostly good. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-115	103-106
LARGE	87-107	101-104
MEDIUM	65.5-82	75-79

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 EGGS Prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium egg prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to occasionally good. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	86-90

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	78-86	79-81

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 11 cents higher for jumbo, 16 cents higher for extra large and large and 13 cents higher for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 8% from last Monday, with California up 7% and OR-WA-UT increasing 9%. Offerings are mostly moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are 11 cents higher for jumbo, 16 cents higher for extra large and large and 13 cents higher on medium and small. The undertone is firm. The Pacific inventory increased 8% from last Monday, with California increasing 7% and OR-WA-UT up 9%. Offerings are moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Small benchmark price 95 cents.

CALIFORNIA

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	148
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	137
MEDIUM	115

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 29, 2010 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 22, 2010 were 143,540 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	121,928	21,612	143,540
% change from the prior week.....	+4	+15	+6

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 steady to higher with checks and undergrades higher. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to mostly good on very light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	48-61	48-50
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	31-38	31-35

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

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

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-OCT-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TEWR. Demand was moderate with offerings of heavy hens fully adequate. Schedules were mostly normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices are trending steady. Offerings are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Trade activity is mostly moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17		12.49
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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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 11 , 2010.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCT 11, 2010, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.67	1.67	1.51	1.03

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	13.6	6.6	9.9	13.2	54.1
	Change	1.6	1.0	0.8	0.6	-0.2	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.5	29.4	11.4	22.4	39.0	129.7
	Change	2.4	2.3	0.5	0.0	2.4	6%
Large	Curr Wk	58.8	91.5	67.3	94.5	132.4	444.5
	Change	4.7	11.5	6.9	-5.1	15.2	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	47.3	17.3	23.0	34.8	135.8
	Change	1.0	7.7	2.1	3.5	4.2	16%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	7.8	0.5	3.8	3.8	20.4
	Change	0.7	1.6	0.2	0.2	-1.6	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	22.6	9.6	8.7	6.9	50.4
	Change	-0.7	-2.0	1.9	-0.5	0.8	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.5	58.5	13.2	7.1	28.0	127.3
	Change	-2.5	0.5	2.4	-1.1	-1.2	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	138.1	270.7	125.9	169.4	258.1	962.2
Percent	Change	6%	9%	13%	-1%	8%	7%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	962.2	7%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	271.6	4%	29
Total Shell Egg	1,233.8	6%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	5.2	9.2	2.0	4.5	5.6	26.5
	Change	0.8	-1.3	0.5	0.2	0.7	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	6.9	3.6	0.0	0.0	10.5
	Change	0.0	-1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	5.2	16.1	5.6	4.5	5.6	37.0
Percent	Change	18%	-13%	17%	5%	14%	0%

TOTAL	No. of cases	% Change	No.of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	37.0	0%	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 the number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in 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 OCT 22, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 19.00 FUTURE LOADS 23.00 TOTAL LOADS 42.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	78.50	--	80.00	81.00	--	--	2.00
GNR W 1	--	--	--	88.00	--	--	9.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	94.43	--	3.75
GL W LG	--	93.72	85.00	88.00	81.98	--	18.25
GL W MD	--	--	64.00	67.00	76.22	--	3.25
GL W SM	--	--	48.25	51.75	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	59.50	61.00	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	44.00	--	--	42.00	--	.75

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	106.07	1.75
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	92.58	9.00
GL W MD	77.00	--	--	85.25	--	86.94	3.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 18, 2010 – OCT 22, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 122.00 FUTURE LOADS 66.25 TOTAL LOADS 188.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	78.50	--	80.00	81.00	--	--	2.00
GNR W 1	70.75	77.13	68.50	74.57	70.00	74.00	69.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	77.25	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	48.25	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	88.50	90.00	94.23	--	4.50
GL W XL	93.00	--	94.67	100.44	98.78	101.00	26.50
GL W LG	--	93.65	82.50	87.88	86.59	88.25	69.25
GL W MD	72.00	--	67.33	64.50	71.47	--	21.50
GL W SM	--	--	42.60	45.10	41.00	--	7.00
GL BR XL	133.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	59.50	61.00	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	44.00	--	--	42.00	--	.75

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	80.75	--	--	--	--	27.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	57.50	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	97.21	--	98.50	--	102.75	106.56	6.50
GL W XL	--	111.20	--	--	--	108.71	12.25
GL W LG	--	101.58	--	--	91.00	94.80	47.25
GL W MD	69.00	--	--	85.25	--	83.04	20.50
GL W SM	42.00	--	--	53.25	--	50.47	3.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	144.50	1.00

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

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/18/10	10/11/10	10/19/09
PACIFIC COAST	32	33	35
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS Oct. 25, 2010

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	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 steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is 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	125.60
LARGE	117.54
MEDIUM	93.86
SMALL	79.00

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