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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices are lower on all sizes, however Southeast Medium prices are unchanged. New York prices are steady. Retail and distributive demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate. Current supplies are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to instances slow. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light to at times moderate. Light type hen offerings are light to generally adequate for mixed processing schedules.

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 are 5 cents lower on extra large and large, and 2 cents lower on medium. Daily producer prices are steady on all sizes. Blizzard conditions over the weekend in the upper midwest have both buyers and sellers dealing with transportation issues. Food service demand is light to moderate, while retail demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-128	122-125
LARGE	118-127	120-123
MEDIUM	81-90	83-86

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.

	Range	Mostly
LARGE	100-110	104
MEDIUM	63-67	65
SMALL	42-48	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 to 2 cents lower on Extra Large, 5 cents lower on Large and Medium when compared to prices a week ago. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for current trading purposes. Demand into all channels ranges light to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for generally normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are generally sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	125-140	126-129
LARGE	119-133	124-128
MEDIUM	82-95	87-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent lower for extra large, 5 cents lower for large, and 3 cents lower for medium. Retail demand is light to moderate while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies continue moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	132.5-141	134-137
LARGE	127.5-136	129-132
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower on Extra Large and Large sizes, Mediums unchanged. Demand is mostly moderate into all channels. Current supplies are moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Market activity is generally moderate. Offerings for Eastern region breaking stock are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen demand is moderate; offerings are generally adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	125.5-133	127-130
LARGE	124-131	125-128
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

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 steady on all sizes entering the week. Supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	133-137
LARGE	131-135
MEDIUM	94-98

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126-134	127-129
LARGE	124-132	125-127
MEDIUM	87-95	88-90

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower for extra large, 5 cents lower for large, and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 6% from last Monday, with California up 3% and OR-WA-UT increasing 10%. Demand is moderate to good on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for jumbo, 1 cent lower for extra large, 5 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 6% from last Monday, with California up 3% and OR-WA-UT up 10%. Offerings are moderate to heavy on moderate to good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price $1.22.

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	152
EXTRA LARGE	170
LARGE	162
MEDIUM	122

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 17, 2010 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 10, 2010 were 175,778 cases which was 36 percent above the prior week and 35 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	151,515	24,263	175,778
% change from the prior week.....	+43	+4	+36

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 lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are light to moderate. 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	35-42	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	23-27

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,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading is TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were good. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST Prices are trending slightly higher. Offerings are mostly moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is seasonally active.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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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 WEEKS OF NOVEMBER 29, 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 NOVEMBER 29, 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)

DEC 13, 2010		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	11.8	10.1	12.4	19.3	62.6
	Change	-2.6	-0.9	3.3	1.3	-4.4	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.4	28.9	17.4	28.4	44.6	146.7
	Change	-4.3	3.4	-1.8	3.8	4.9	4%
Large	Curr Wk	62.8	115.8	127.2	161.0	169.0	635.8
	Change	1.3	3.4	35.8	23.4	12.4	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.5	44.3	25.1	17.0	31.1	133
	Change	-4.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.8	4.9	0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	3.4	0.8	1.5	5.6	15.1
	Change	0.9	-1.0	-0.6	-0.2	1.2	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.2	24.1	12.2	9.1	8.6	61.2
	Change	5.5	0.3	-2.2	-2.2	0.5	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	68.2	9.7	17.5	21.7	131.8
	Change	-2.8	2.1	-12.7	7.4	-2.8	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	140.4	296.5	202.5	246.9	299.9	1186.2
Percent	Change	-4%	3%	12%	15%	6%	7%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1186.2	7%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	317.4	2%	29
Total Shell Egg	1503.6	6%	187

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.8	7.6	1.1	5.0	4.2	22.7
	Change	0.8	1.7	-0.8	1.1	-1.0	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	9.2	2.8	0.0	0.0	12.0
	Change	0.0	2.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0	21%
Total	Curr Wk	4.8	16.8	3.9	5.0	4.2	34.7
Percent	Change	20%	34%	-25%	28%	-19%	13%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	34.7	13%	42

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 DEC 10, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 42.75 **FUTURE LOADS 17.00** **TOTAL LOADS 59.75**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	90.50	--	92.50	93.50	--	--	13.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	150.00	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	83.58	--	1.50
GL W XL	78.25	--	99.50	93.25	78.19	--	9.50
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	67.43	71.75	9.00
GL W MD	--	--	62.00	64.00	58.11	--	6.50
GL BR XL	--	--	152.00	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	151.25	--	174.50	181.50	2.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	38.75	43.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	38.00	40.00	29.00	33.00	7.75
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	34.00	36.50	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	32.00	34.50	.50

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR BR 1	--	156.00	--	--	--	162.25	2.00
GL W J	85.00	--	--	--	--	96.15	2.50
GL W XL	80.00	88.44	--	--	--	89.68	7.50
GL W LG	--	77.00	--	--	--	79.17	7.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	68.22	4.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	166.00	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	164.25	1.00

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

CURRENT LOADS 174.75 **FUTURE LOADS 44.00** **TOTAL LOADS 218.75**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	92.75	105.38	94.75	96.33	--	--	27.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	35.07	39.45	11.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	150.00	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	87.22	--	4.00
GL W XL	78.25	--	99.05	99.12	84.31	91.38	35.50
GL W LG	84.00	87.25	80.33	88.38	71.41	74.83	61.75
GL W MD	--	65.00	62.07	65.87	60.98	--	28.00
GL W SM	--	--	58.33	60.83	58.00	60.00	5.50
GL BR XL	--	--	152.00	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	151.25	--	174.50	181.50	5.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	38.75	43.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	39.75	42.05	33.00	42.68	30.75
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	34.00	36.50	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	24.00	--	--	25.33	34.50	1.50

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR BR 1	--	156.00	--	--	--	162.25	2.00
GL W J	91.25	98.00	--	--	102.49	103.74	10.50
GL W XL	80.00	90.70	--	--	--	96.33	22.00
GL W LG	76.00	110.83	--	--	--	82.64	53.50
GL W MD	72.00	75.25	--	75.10	--	70.61	28.25
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	60.00	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	160.00	165.00	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	152.00	165.00	2.25
GL BR LG	--	161.75	--	--	150.00	161.17	2.50
GL BR MD	64.00	--	--	--	--	--	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	**12/06/10**	**11/29/10**	**12/07/09**
PACIFIC COAST	36	59	38
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(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 small and medium, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	147.57
LARGE	143.69
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	82.00

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