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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 3 cents lower on larger sizes, steady on Mediums. Regional prices are steady. Demand into all channels is mostly light to moderate with demand the Western regions ranging light to instances good. Current supplies are moderate to heavy on Extra large and Large eggs, mostly moderate on Mediums. Market activity is slow and at times moderate. Wintry weather is predicted to hit the East coast and may have an effect on production and availability. Breaking stock offerings are light to mostly moderate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Spent fowl demand remains mixed; processing schedules range reduced to normal.

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 for next week are 26 cents lower for extra large and large, and 2 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are 11 cents lower for large, and steady for medium and small sizes. Cartoned and loose shell demand is light to moderate, but trending toward light. Offerings and supplies are heavy for extra large and large sizes, and moderate to heavy on mediums. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings are mostly moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTI Y	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid	l to
EXTRA LARGE	116-125	119-122	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE MEDIUM	115-124 76-85	MOSTLY 119-122 117-120 78-81	MEDIUM SMALL	71-81 56-60 42-48	75 58

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply lower. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trade requirements. Retail demand is light, features are limited. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings and demand are light to moderate. Light type hen offerings in the East are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand.

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EXTRA LARGE	123-138	124-128
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	82-95	87-89
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD,	, ME, NH, Eastern N.	J, Eastern NY,
PA. RI. Northern VA. and VT		

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large, and 2 cents lower for medium. The undertone remains weak. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand is moderate with offerings mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	129.5-138	131-134
LARGE	124.5-133	126-129
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR. AZ. CO. KS	S. I.A. MO. NM. OK. a	and TX

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Present supplies are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light to generally moderate. Spent hen offerings are light to moderate for the mostly moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	124.5-132	126-129
LARGE	123-130	124-127
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91
SOUTHEST AREA: AL. FL. GA. MS. NC. SC.	Eastern TN. and S	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 3 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. Supplies are moderate to mostly heavy on larger sizes. moderate on Medium. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

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EXTRA LARGE	102-106	-
LARGE	100-104	-
MEDIUM	90-94	-

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-131	124-126
LARGE	121-129	122-124
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents lower for jumbo, 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. Offerings are moderate to heavy while demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents lower on jumbo, 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower medium and small. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy. Demand is in a full range of slow to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketers 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	167
LARGE	159
MEDIUM	117
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	

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

•	RANGE
JUMBO	134-144
EXTRA LARGE	149-157
LARGE	139-149
MEDIUM	97-107

BREAKING STOCK

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

<u>CENTRAL REGION</u> Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings are mostly moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

EASTERN REGION Prices are lower. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 01-Jan-11 are 1 percent higher than the previous week and 7 percent more than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-25	18-22
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA,	IL, IN, KS,	LA, MI, MN, MO,
NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	30-38	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-23	TFEWR
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE,	FL, GA, KY,	ME, MD,
MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN	I, VT, VA, W	V

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 04-JAN-2011 (lbs. in thousands) (l				(Excludes	s Ingredie	nts)
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Producti	on Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,253,249	30,787	12,086	5,935	3,118	4,318
PW	1,178,745	28,239	11,532	5,872	2,921	3,975
LY	1,177,793	28,899	11,354	5,598	2,960	3,718
% PW	6%	9%	5%	1%	7%	9%
% LY	6%	7%	6%	6%	5%	16%
2010	68,921,082 1	,679,943	673,067	329,943	146,526	229,029
2009	66,399,605 1	,626,302	636,816	320,637	140,815	221,504
% YTD	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.39	42.09	42.09
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.94	38.72	38.93

<u>IN LINE PRODUCTION</u> (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases	s Broken	Liqu	Liquid Whole			
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total			
CURRENT WEEK	706,837	56.4%	18,694	60.7%			
PREVIOUS WEEK	669,530	56.8%	17,567	62.2%			
LAST YEAR	694,700	59.0%	18,225	63.1%			

^{*}Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

NATIONAL LIQUID Whole egg prices are steady to higher with white prices steady to lower. Yolk prices are too few to report. Offerings are heavy for whole egg and light on the balance of liquid products. Demand is moderate to heavy for whole egg and price driven. Demand for whites is light to moderate with yolk demand light. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

AVG. % FROM LW
31.29 1.96
35.22 -1.89

NATIONAL DRIED

Prices are unchanged to lower on albumen, lower on the balance of dried products when compared to last week's prices. Supplies are moderate. Demand is light to moderate. Traders are closely watching further market developments. Inquiry for future needs increased however, most purchases are being made on an as needed basis. Market activity is slow. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Jan-2011 are 7% more than last week and 5% higher than the same week a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced is 4% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.15-2.40	MOSTLY2.25-2.30
YOLKS	1.75-1.95	MOSTLY1.85-1.90
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.70-4.20	MOSTLY3.75-3.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.10	MOSTLY1.95-2.00

NATIONAL FROZEN

Frozen whole egg prices are lower with whites and sugared yolk steady and salted yolk unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on mostly light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks are light with most processors attempting to rebuild depleted inventories after the previous holiday pull. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.*

	TRUCKL	OTS	LTL (MIN.	25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	49-58	52	57-65	57
WHITES	53-60	53-58	60-65	60-63
SUGARED YOLKS	80-87	82-86	88-92	88-90
SALTED YOLKS	77-83	79-82	84-89	84-87

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 31, 2010 - JAN 06, 2011 ELITURE LOADS 17.75

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	81.38		76.75	82.00			6.00	GNR W 2		71.00					4.00
GNR W 2					59.25		4.00	GL W J	88.00		81.50	99.00	92.31	97.23	17.25
GNR W 3					33.00	37.00	6.00	GL W XL	82.63	85.82				90.09	32.25
GL W J					83.91		10.00	GL W LG	64.25	89.75				71.40	38.50
GL W XL	91.00		89.58	92.78	78.06	81.75	43.25	GL W MD	69.00	70.00		75.00		68.13	9.00
GL W LG			64.00	73.50	59.61	68.75	43.00	NRBS - 48		40.75					1.00
GL W MD			60.75	61.00	60.62		11.00								
GL W SM			57.00	60.00			1.00								
NRBS - 48				40.00	31.38		9.00								
NRBS - 39		18.00			15.27	16.00	2.75								
NRBS - 36					13.00	15.00	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.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices are holding steady. Demand is mostly moderate to instances good for the light to moderate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 2-11 3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand for light spent hens was slow. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY** TOO FEW TO REPORT REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand is moderate to good, offerings are light to moderate. Schedules are reduced to normal this week. Market activity is moderate to good.

RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	126.00	124.00	88.00
SOUTHEAST	127.50	125.50	89.00
MIDWEST	120.50	118.50	79.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	127.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	126.90	124.02	85.42

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales are too few to report prices. Offerings are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand is light to moderate with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is light to moderate.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST **INCLUDED**

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

(WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY

SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 01-Jan-11 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically						
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
Head	1,226	1,235	2,461			
Last Week	1,297	1,072	2,369			
Same week yr ago	1,320	929	2,249			
To-date/2010*	70,531	73,360	143,891			
To-date/2009*	65,461	76,490	141,951			

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada						
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
Head	262	0	262			
Last Week	300	0	300			
Same week yr ago	86	0	86			
To-date/2010*	17,580	550	18,130			
To-date/2009*	16,289	43	16,332			
Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section						

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

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Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
Head	1,488	1,235	2,723			
Last Week	1,597	1,072	2,669			
Same week yr ago	1,406	929	2,335			
To-date/2010*	88,111	73,910	162,021			
To-date/2009*	81.750	76.533	158.283			

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 25, 2010			Year-To-Date*			
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009		
Liquid	0	385	4,844	12,652		
Frozen	0	0	140	135		
Dried	40	0	515	828		
Total	40	385	5.499	13.615		

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week End	ding Dec 25, 20	Year-To	-Date*	
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	276	313	18,141	17,427
Frozen	8	4	683	288
Dried	0	0	200	50
Total	284	317	19,024	17,765

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 25, 2010			Year-To-Date*			
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009		
Jumbo	0	0	0	0		
Extra Large	6,720	5,145	98,259	87,446		
Large	9,810	12,015	174,075	243,104		
Medium	150	0	41,908	49,700		
Ungraded	2,580	948	312,766	424,837		
Misc	810	780	1,710	11,491		
Total	20,070	18,888	628,718	816,578		

^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 01-Jan-2011	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	201.3	-4	6
East North Central	620.4	-4	1
West North Central	251.1	2	-20
South Atlantic	152.1	17	-7
South Central	58.4	19	14
West	53.5	15	1
Total	1336.8	1	-3

Matched plants reporting Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD) South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Jan-2011

Selected Consuming	CW	LW	% Ch	ange
Centers	(Cases, in the	housands)	LW	ĽΥ
Atlanta	18.5	21.0	-12	-22
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	3
Chicago	52.7	57.9	-9	-13
Los Angeles	52.7	60.6	-13	-16
New Orleans	6.6	7.1	-7	25
New York	30.9	35.3	-12	-5
St. Louis	106.1	85.4	24	41
San Francisco	21.0	21.1	0	-15
Total	291.6	291.5	0	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.3			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 01/03/11	2,971	53,954	83,560
AM 12/01/10	3,176	42,316	82,949
CHG	-205	11638	611
PCT CHG	-6%	28%	1%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2010 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2011 are:

Frozen Eggs	21	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	224	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	773	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Jan 04, 2011 Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvrd store door.

MAINE MOSTLY	Ex Large 190	Large 182 -	Med 120	Small 83 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE	182-186	174-178	112-116	76-80
MOSTLY	184-185	176-177	114-115	78-79
RHODE ISLAND	189-193	181-185	119-123	82-86
MOSTLY	189	181	119	82
VERMONT MOSTLY	190-193	185	120	-

^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.