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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on larger sizes, steady on Mediums. New York prices are steady. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Present supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate for the moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are light to sufficient; demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices are 1 cent lower for extra large and large and steady for medium. Daily producer prices are steady on all sizes. Both retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies of the larger sizes are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate on mostly moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	70-79	72-75

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	76-84	77-79

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	58-68	62
MEDIUM	52-56	54
SMALL	49-55	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand is currently light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate for a moderate demand. Spent hen demand is moderate to good for adequate offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-99	85-88
LARGE	79-93	84-88
MEDIUM	72-85	77-79

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are lower on Extra Large and Large eggs, steady on Mediums. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are moderate; processing schedules are mostly normal. Spent hen demand is moderate to good on sufficient offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84.5-92	86-89
LARGE	83-90	84-87
MEDIUM	75.5-83	76-80

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents lower for extra large, 1 cent lower for large, and steady for medium. The undertone remains steady. Retail and food service demand continues light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on Medium and larger sized eggs. Offerings are moderate for trading purposes. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	93-97
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	84-88

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged for jumbo, 1 cent lower for extra large and large and unchanged on medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 8% from last Monday, with California down 12% and OR-WA-UT unchanged. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for mediums and moderate on the balance of sizes and held with more confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower for extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to mostly fully steady. The Pacific inventory declined 8% from last Monday, with California down 12% and OR-WA-UT unchanged. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for mediums and moderate on the balance of sizes and held with increasing confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 91 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	126
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	120
MEDIUM	111

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 18, 2011 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 11, 2011 were 167,948 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	140,771	27,177	167,948
% change from the prior week.....	+24	-31	+10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices are steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity continues slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	48-55	53-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	35-42	35-39

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 14-MAR-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was of insufficient volume to report prices. Demand for heavy hens was slow, offerings were fully adequate. Schedules at processing operations were as desired. Finished sales were slowing and moderate at best. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST Prices are trending steady. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules fare noted as normal. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is light to moderate.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17.25 CENTS/LB.		12.83
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 WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.24	2.22	2.00	1.40

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.70	1.70	1.54	1.06

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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	11.0	14.1	8.0	12.1	12.8	58
	Change	-1.2	0.6	0.4	2.3	-5.2	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	33.6	19.8	29.4	41.1	150.1
	Change	-6.5	-10.6	4.5	-1.8	-1.9	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	53.5	108.9	85.4	107.4	132.8	488
	Change	-7.5	-8.0	-12.1	-19.6	-9.6	-10%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.2	46.9	19.0	20.0	29.4	126.5
	Change	-2.5	6.2	-2.7	-4.9	-2.8	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	3.2	1.0	2.4	3.7	13.6
	Change	-0.1	-1.9	0.0	-0.4	-1.1	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.7	17.8	11.3	9.5	7.4	47.7
	Change	0.3	-3.3	-1.3	1.3	0.8	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.1	56.2	9.3	5.4	19.0	107
	Change	1.9	5.3	-2.9	0.6	-0.6	4%
Total	Curr Wk	124.0	280.7	153.8	186.2	246.2	990.9
Percent	Change	-11%	-4%	-8%	-11%	-8%	-8%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	990.9	-8%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	262.4	0%	29
Total Shell Egg	1253.3	-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	5.7	5.7	0.8	5.1	6.8	24.1
	Change	0.0	-1.1	-0.4	0.4	1.1	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	10.3	2.7	0.0	0.0	13.0
	Change	0.0	-0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	5.7	16.0	3.5	5.1	6.8	37.1
Percent	Change	0%	-11%	3%	9%	19%	-1%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	37.1	-1%	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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 11, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								32.50	FUTURE LOADS								7.00	TOTAL LOADS				39.50
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	54.00	--	55.50	57.00	--	--	5.00	GL W J	72.50	--	--	84.00	76.00	82.53	4.75							
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	68.00	73.00	--	--	--	83.00	2.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	63.68	69.00	2.75	GL W LG	66.13	75.00	--	--	--	80.18	15.00							
GL W XL	--	--	68.75	70.50	66.00	--	4.00															
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	64.73	--	11.00															
GL W MD	--	--	60.00	62.00	61.00	65.00	2.00															
GL W SM	58.00	--	--	--	54.50	--	2.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	52.50	54.00	2.00															
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 07, 2011 – MAR 11, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								169.50	FUTURE LOADS								32.50	TOTAL LOADS				202.00
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST								
GNR W 1	53.75	--	55.17	56.86	60.00	--	18.00	GL W J	69.46	--	--	83.88	76.00	82.12	18.75							
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	161.50	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	68.20	77.75	--	--	--	79.65	13.25							
GL W J	--	--	79.50	81.00	63.35	69.29	14.50	GL W LG	66.03	75.89	--	--	--	78.78	33.25							
GL W XL	71.67	74.71	67.50	69.74	64.28	67.25	59.75	GL W MD	60.67	--	--	--	--	71.27	10.50							
GL W LG	61.00	69.00	69.00	65.45	63.08	--	50.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	82.00	.50							
GL W MD	--	--	58.90	61.25	64.26	63.50	13.50	GL BR LG	--	169.25	--	--	--	--	1.00							
GL W SM	58.00	--	59.33	62.33	54.50	--	5.00															
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	63.63	--	.50															
GL BR LG	160.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00															
GL BR SM	--	--	72.00	74.00	--	--	.25															
NRBS - 48	45.00	47.00	55.80	58.89	52.33	54.00	38.00															
NRBS - 45	39.50	43.00	--	--	--	50.00	6.25															
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	47.00	2.00															

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)		
	03/07/11	02/28/11	03/15/10
PACIFIC COAST	42	30	55
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 steady on small and medium, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is 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	106.81
LARGE	104.49
MEDIUM	93.86
SMALL	89.00

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