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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Southeast prices are lower on larger sizes, steady on Mediums. Remaining regional prices are lower on all sizes. New York prices are steady. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for present trading purposes. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are light to adequate; processing schedules are normal to reduced.

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 7 cents lower for extra large and large, and 1 cent lower for medium. Producer prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy on light to moderate demand. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand is light on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-86	79-82
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-93	86-88
LARGE	83-91	84-86
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	59-69	63
MEDIUM	57-61	59
SMALL	51-57	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are are 7 cents lower on Extra Large, 8 cents lower on Large and 1 cent less on Medium. Trade sentiment is barely steady to steady. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy on larger sizes, moderate on lighter weights. Retail demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are more than adequate for normal to over-time breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-102	88-91
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	78-91	83-85

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 9 to 11.25 cents lower on Extra Large and 9 to 13.25 cents lower on Large sizes, steady on Mediums. Demand into all channels is moderate. Present supplies are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are light to adequate for the moderate to good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-97.255	87-90
LARGE	84-93.25	85-88
MEDIUM	80.5-88	81-85

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents lower for extra large and large, 1 cent lower for medium. The undertone is steady to steady with caution. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand is light with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	84.5-93	86-89
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	90-94

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged for jumbo, 8 cents lower for extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for jumbo, 8 cents lower for extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price $1.02.

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	135
EXTRA LARGE	130
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	122

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Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands)[1] (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	**9.9**	**10.1**	**14.6**	**8.7**	**11.6**	**2.8**	**57.7**
	% Change	40.3%	3.0%	-5.5%	0.7%	9.2%	-18.8%	4.9%
Extra Large	This Week	**25.5**	**19.5**	**30.2**	**12.9**	**38.6**	**7.7**	**134.4**
	% Change	-3.4%	-10.7%	-26.0%	-9.6%	37.1%	-25.9%	-5.2%
Large	This Week	**50.3**	**97.0**	**138.5**	**78.2**	**84.6**	**46.9**	**495.6**
	% Change	8.8%	2.7%	-0.3%	-0.3%	7.1%	11.3%	3.4%
Medium	This Week	**15.3**	**20.3**	**44.9**	**22.7**	**25.6**	**8.9**	**137.7**
	% Change	-10.5%	8.8%	5.4%	4.8%	-8.7%	-5.8%	0.1%
Small	This Week	**2.3**	**3.2**	**4.3**	**1.0**	**1.4**	**1.7**	**13.9**
	% Change	-22.5%	-26.5%	22.9%	-37.2%	-20.8%	-40.5%	-18.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	**1.7**	**6.2**	**21.6**	**12.4**	**3.5**	**2.1**	**47.5**
	% Change	14.5%	-43.7%	-4.6%	-10.1%	4.2%	-15.5%	-13.2%
Ungraded	This Week	**14.6**	**6.6**	**71.1**	**17.4**	**15.2**	**11.0**	**135.8**
	% Change	-1.4%	-39.0%	20.9%	80.6%	-4.6%	-35.4%	7.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	**119.5**	**162.8**	**325.2**	**153.4**	**180.6**	**81.1**	**1,022.6**
	% Change	3.1%	-4.7%	0.8%	3.5%	8.1%	-7.6%	**1.0%**

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,022.6	1.0%
Breaking Stock	272.0	0.0%
Total Shell Egg	**1,294.6**	**0.8%**

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory[2] Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	5.2	4.7	7.0	4.4	2.1	8.0	**31.3**
	% Change	0.8%	5.1%	203.9%	20.1%	8.9%	9.6%	26.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	20.9	5.0	0.0	0.0	**25.8**
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	38.4%	-9.6%	0.0%	0.0%	25.6%
Total Specialty	This Week	**5.2**	**4.7**	**27.9**	**9.3**	**2.1**	**8.0**	**57.2**
	% Change	**0.8%**	**5.1%**	**60.3%**	**2.2%**	**8.9%**	**9.6%**	**26.1%**

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large:	**30.3%**
Ungraded:	**39.0%**
Total:	**30.0%**

1/ 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.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL. GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

National Retail Egg Purchases

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 20, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 13, 2011 were 134,655 cases which was 23 percent above the prior week and 22 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	116,053	18,602	134,655
% change from the prior week:	+26	+4	+23

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. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand is light on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	58-60	
Checks & Undergrades	39-46	39-43

Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

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 May 02, 2011

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	2.31	2.29	2.07	1.50

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of May 02, 2011 as set by Ontario egg producers

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	1.80	1.80	1.64	1.16

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 13, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 24.25 **FUTURE LOADS 12.00** **TOTAL LOADS 36.25**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	59.00	--	62.00	62.50	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	--	74.50	77.00	67.13	--	8.00
GL W LG	61.00	64.50	--	--	60.00	--	11.00
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	61.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	53.00	57.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GL W J	50.00	--	--	95.75	86.00	65.75	5.00
GL W XL	71.77	78.00	--	86.00	--	81.83	5.25
GL W LG	67.00	69.00	--	78.00	--	73.75	4.00
GL W MD	61.00	--	--	69.75	61.00	65.00	3.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 09, 2011 – MAY 13, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 132.75 **FUTURE LOADS 40.25** **TOTAL LOADS 173.00**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	61.67	--	62.30	64.00	--	--	8.00
GNR W 4	43.25	47.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	83.00	75.08	--	6.25
GL W XL	70.00	72.91	74.78	76.67	70.23	76.00	49.25
GL W LG	60.17	63.67	66.50	65.04	62.61	67.25	46.75
GL W MD	--	--	59.18	65.00	56.50	--	8.25
GL W SM	57.00	58.00	58.33	61.33	56.00	54.50	9.00
GL BR LG	71.00	--	--	--	57.00	--	2.00
GL BR MD	59.00	--	82.00	--	--	--	1.25
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	47.50	56.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	55.00	57.50	53.00	61.00	30.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	47.50	51.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GL W J	67.33	--	--	95.75	87.33	81.90	12.50
GL W XL	72.06	78.32	79.50	86.00	--	84.19	17.50
GL W LG	67.31	68.33	70.00	78.00	--	76.02	22.00
GL W MD	61.83	--	--	69.75	61.00	67.83	7.75
GL W SM	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	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	**05/09/11**	**05/02/11**	**05/10/10**
PACIFIC COAST	81	93	6
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, 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	111.29
LARGE	108.18
MEDIUM	97.86
SMALL	93.00

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

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

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-MAY-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. 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 to instances firm. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	**MAJORITY**	**WTD AVG**
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-18.25		13.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		