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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE
Regional prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium sized eggs. New York prices are steady. Retail demand is light to moderate while moderate to instances good in the South Central region. Food service demand is light to moderate. Present offerings

are light to mostly moderate however moderate to at times heavy on larger sizes in the Southeast. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered asking prices are 5 cents higher for extra large and large, and 9 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are steady for large and medium, and 2 cents higher for small. Retail demand is mostly moderate, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher with checks and undergrades steady. Demand is light with offerings light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-117	111-114
LARGE	107-116	109-112
MEDIUM	96-105	98-101
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: EXTRA LARGE	RANGE 115-123	MOSTLY 116-118

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE MEDIUM	89-99 78-82	93 80
SMALL	54-60	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium egg prices increased 9 cents. Offerings are mostly moderate on larger sizes, usually light on Medium. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-134	119-120
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	97-110	102-104
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME	E, NH, Eastern N.	J, Eastern NY,
PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to mostly moderate. Current offerings are moderate to instances heavy on Large eggs, moderate on the balance. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116.5-124	118-121
LARGE	113-122	116-119
MEDIUM	98-110	103-107
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, N	IC, SC, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</u> Prices are 6 cents higher for extra large and large, 8 cents higher for medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate, while supplies are moderate. Market activity remains moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher with checks and undergrades steady. Demand is light. Offerings are light to at times moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY						
EXTRA LARGE	122.5-131	124-127						
LARGE	118.5-127	120-123						
MEDIUM	103.5-112	105-108						
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX								

<u>NEW YORK EGGS</u> Extra Large, Large and Medium egg prices are steady. Offerings mostly moderate on all sizes for current trade requirements. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	109-113

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, 3 cents higher for large, and 10 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady. Offerings are moderate for the larger sizes and light to short of current needs for medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

<u>CALIFORNIA EGGS</u> Benchmark prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, 3 cents higher for large and 10 cents higher for medium and small. Offerings are moderate for the larger sizes and light to short of needs for medium. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	152
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	136

Total Shell Egg This Week

% Change

171.9

0.7%

184.6

5.2%

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) (Includes Conventional and Specialty)									
		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total	
Jumbo	This Week	10.3	9.1	19.4	11.3	11.7	5.4	67.2	
	% Change	23.4%	-15.4%	13.0%	-1.9%	3.5%	45.8%	7.0%	
Extra Large	This Week	31.1	18.9	34.3	18.4	31.6	6.9	141.2	
	% Change	21.7%	-11.9%	8.9%	-4.3%	5.1%	35.6%	6.2%	
Large	This Week	73.4	100.1	111.9	95.3	94.0	56.8	531.5	
	% Change	26.0%	5.1%	-3.7%	3.1%	6.8%	8.7%	5.8%	
Medium	This Week	12.0	21.4	51.8	19.9	28.8	10.6	144.4	
	% Change	-7.5%	-9.9%	36.1%	6.7%	-1.7%	4.4%	8.7%	
Small	This Week	1.1	2.6	7.4	1.3	2.4	0.6	15.5	
	% Change	-18.8%	-45.1%	11.1%	-12.4%	16.7%	-53.3%	-12.3%	
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.1	11.3	27.9	9.2	3.1	2.0	55.5	
	% Change	-31.9%	25.3%	-8.9%	-18.8%	-13.3%	82.2%	-5.4%	
Ungraded	This Week	17.7	4.0	76.7	16.5	13.0	8.8	136.6	
	% Change	-7.4%	12.9%	-2.3%	2.8%	16.3%	-5.3%	-0.7%	

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,091.9	4.5%
Breaking Stock	280.0	3.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,371.9	4.3%

329.3

3.4%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

167.4

-0.7%

147.7

14.8%

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	5.6	5.9	1.5	2.8	3.3	1.8	20.9
	% Change	75.2%	-15.7%	-60.6%	9.5%	36.9%	-55.6%	-8.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	3.4	4.5	0.0	1.6	9.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-14.0%	-15.0%	0.0%	-7.9%	-13.5%
Total Specialty	/ This Week	5.6	5.9	4.8	7.2	3.3	3.4	30.3
	% Change	75.2%	-15.7%	-36.5%	-7.1%	36.9%	-40.8%	-10.2%

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

Large: 34.0% Ungraded: 38.2% Total: 35.3%

91.0

9.9%

1.091.9

4.5%

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

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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 October 07, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 30, 2011 were 172,729 cases which was 13 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

Cartoned Loose Total Cases purchased present week:

148,352 24,377 172,729

% change from the prior week:

+10 +29

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 higher with checks and undergrades steady. Demand is light with offerings usually light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Range Mostly 80-82 Breaking Stock Checks & Undergrades 62-71 62-66 Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, &

Canadian Eggs

Week of September 19, 2011

Quebec/Montreal: Wholesale pricesgraded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

Extra

Small Grade A Large Large Med 2.34 2.32 2.10 1.53

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm, as set by Ontario egg producers

Extra

Grade A Large Med Small Large 1.85 1.85 1.69 1.21

^{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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for September 30, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 20.50 FUTURE LOADS 16.00 TOTAL LOADS

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	88.00	94.00		91.00			8.00	GL W J	81.00	101.00			93.00	96.33	2.50		
GNR BR 1							1.00	GL W XL	92.83	106.00				100.00	3.50		
GL W J					86.00		1.50	GL W LG	90.50		90.00			96.27	4.75		
GL W XL			100.00	101.85	93.47		7.25	GL W MD	84.33	95.00				90.00	3.25		
GL W LG							5.00	NRBS - 50	73.00	81.00			73.00	81.00	2.00		
GL W MD			85.75	87.50			2.00										
GL BR J				97.00	92.00		.25										
NRBS - 48							1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Sept. 26, 2011 – Sept. 30, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 64.25 FUTURE LOADS 47.75 TOTAL LOADS 112.00

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	88.33	95.00	90.33	94.27	83.00		46.00	GNR W 1		101.00					13.00
GNR BR 1						148.00	2.00	GNR BR 1							1.00
GL W J			110.00	112.00	89.91		6.50	GL W J	81.00	101.00			98.15	103.65	8.50
GL W XL		114.00	103.31	106.53	95.40	107.33	23.50	GL W XL	93.93	106.00				101.07	5.50
GL W LG		112.00	98.75	104.18	99.50	104.00	24.00	GL W LG	95.36	109.71	90.00			98.60	12.75
GL W MD		100.00	86.50	89.14	101.11		12.00	GL W MD	85.46	95.00			94.00	93.00	8.00
GL W SM			61.50	66.10	63.00		6.00	GL W SM	68.00				64.80	66.80	2.25
GL BR J				97.00	91.00		.50	GL BR J						106.00	.25
NRBS - 48			85.75			84.00	6.00	NRBS - 50	73.00	81.00			73.00	81.00	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)		
	09/26/11	09/19/11	09/27/10
PACIFIC COAST	50	50	18
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher on medium and small, steady 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	135.32
LARGE	132.22
MEDIUM	120.86
SMALL	96.00

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices continue to trend steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Offerings are light to moderate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity was noted as moderate to good. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 – 19.5 13.35

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (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