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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional and New York prices are steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Current offerings are mostly moderate to heavy on all sizes for trade needs. Market activity is moderate to instances slow. Breaking stock offerings are

moderate with demand light to adequate. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are normal.

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 unchanged on all sizes. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-118	112-115
LARGE	108-117	110-113
MEDIUM	96-105	98-101
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: EXTRA LARGE	<b>RANGE</b> 116-124	<b>MOSTLY</b> 117-119

# **IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS**

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Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	90-100	94
MEDIUM	78-82	80
SMALL	56-62	
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,NI	D,SD,WI,WV, W	estern NY,

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on all sizes. Demand is light to moderate. An early wintry weather mix is causing some delivery delays due to power outages and trees covering roads in parts of the Northeast and New England. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is mixed, but mostly light. Light type hen demand is light for moderate to heavy offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117-134	119-120
LARGE	111-125	116-120
MEDIUM	97-110	102-104
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME,	, NH, Eastern N	I, Eastern NY,
PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged on all sizes with a steady undertone. Retail and distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate on larger sizes, moderate to instances heavy on Mediums for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate; demand is usually light. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient to heavy for the light demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117.5-125	119-122
LARGE	116-123	117-120
MEDIUM	102.5-110	103-107
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC,	SC, Eastern TN, and	Southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Retail demand is light to moderate, while food service demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
MEDIUM	103.5-112	105-108
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR.AZ.CO.KS.L	A.MO.NM.OK. and T	X

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

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	125-129
LARGE	123-127
MEDIUM	109-113

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate with demand mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

<u>CALIFORNIA EGGS</u> Benchmark prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is mostly moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is 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.

	KANGE
JUMBO	150
EXTRA LARGE	152
LARGE	150
MEDIUM	136

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

<u> </u>		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	12.4	11.2	22.5	8.8	13.5	3.8	72.1
	% Change	3.2%	-0.4%	-12.5%	0.5%	35.6%	-3.3%	0.8%
Extra Large	This Week	39.9	33.7	42.3	24.8	37.5	7.5	185.8
	% Change	12.2%	31.3%	1.1%	46.4%	17.8%	4.9%	16.8%
Large	This Week	61.4	119.6	173.2	144.4	88.3	58.7	645.6
	% Change	17.4%	8.2%	15.4%	22.5%	25.1%	13.5%	16.7%
Medium	This Week	12.0	23.2	48.4	25.6	31.2	13.5	153.8
	% Change	-14.2%	13.3%	10.1%	18.5%	20.6%	-2.7%	10.1%
Small	This Week	1.0	2.5	6.4	1.5	2.4	1.6	15.3
	% Change	-13.4%	-20.7%	40.6%	22.3%	-7.7%	30.9%	10.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.6	10.3	24.3	11.0	3.4	1.2	51.8
	% Change	-54.6%	-5.5%	2.3%	19.0%	-22.6%	27.8%	-1.9%
Ungraded	This Week	18.3	5.7	88.0	26.4	12.3	4.7	155.3
_	% Change	23.2%	-14.7%	10.8%	14.1%	20.1%	4.0%	11.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	146.5	206.1	405.0	242.4	188.6	91.0	1,279.6
	% Change	9.9%	9.3%	9.7%	22.0%	21.3%	9.1%	13.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,279.6	13.4%
Breaking Stock	284.4	4.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,564.0	11.6%

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory**<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	9.4	5.5	2.7	2.5	3.6	1.1	24.7
	% Change	59.3%	-16.3%	-41.8%	-10.6%	-25.8%	-38.4%	-6.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	11.7	6.0	0.0	1.5	19.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-5.6%	25.3%	0.0%	17.5%	4.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.4	5.5	14.3	8.5	3.6	2.6	43.9
	% Change	59.3%	-16.3%	-15.3%	12.3%	-25.8%	-15.8%	-2.2%

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

Large: 31.0% Ungraded: 32.6% Total: 31.7%

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.

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 November 04, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 28, 2011 were 149,783 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

Cartoned Loose Total Cases purchased present week:

127,217 22,566 149,783

% change from the prior week:

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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 higher with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Range Mostly
Breaking Stock 82-85 84
Checks & Undergrades 64-73 64-68
Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA,
MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, &
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# Canadian Eggs

#### Week of October 17, 2011

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

Extra

**Grade A Large Large Med Small** 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 Large Med Small**1.85 1.85 1.69 1.21

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for October 28, 2011 CURRENT LOADS **FUTURE LOADS** TOTAL LOADS

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	SE NE		NE	ı	MW		l	SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	91.00		91.50	93.50			2.00	GL W J	93.00	99.50		112.00		104.00	3.25
GNR BR 1							1.00	GL W XL	97.00	102.30				104.67	7.25
GL W J					91.78		2.25	GL W LG		96.50					.50
GL W XL			103.00	105.00	90.00		8.50	GL W MD	84.75	90.50				92.75	3.50
GL W LG				101.00	89.10	93.75	14.00	NRBS - 50	77.00					84.00	4.00
GL W MD			83.50	85.00	81.00		2.50								
GL W SM	74.00				59.00	61.00	2.50								
GL BR LG					150.00	157.25	2.00								
NRBS - 48			83.00	85.00	83.00	85.00	8.00								
NRBS - 39					72.50	76.50	1.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Oct. 24, 2011 - Oct. 28, 2011 **FUTURE LOADS 30.75** TOTAL LOADS **CURRENT LOADS** 96.75 127.50

		SE	ı	NE	N	IW			SC		SC		SC		sc		N'	W	S	w	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	90.75		91.80	94.14		91.00	29.00	GNR W 1		103.50					12.00						
GNR W 2				90.50			1.00	GL W J	93.00	99.50	1	112.00		107.91	7.00						
GNR BR 1				126.00			3.00	GL W XL	96.88	102.30				104.88	9.25						
GL W J					93.45		6.00	GL W LG	93.25	107.21			110.00	109.00	7.50						
GL W XL		112.00	103.64	105.53	92.59		20.75	GL W MD	85.17	90.50	88.00	93.86		93.33	9.75						
GL W LG		109.38	100.50	103.11	90.15	93.75	32.00	GL BR J						130.00	.25						
GL W MD			84.00	85.67	81.33	89.00	11.00	NRBS - 50	77.00					84.00	4.00						
GL W SM	74.00		66.50	69.50	59.00	61.00	4.50														
GL BR J					114.00		.25														
GL BR LG					150.00	157.25	2.00														
GL BR MD				91.63	81.00		2.00														
NRBS - 48			82.75	84.75	83.00	84.24	27.00														
NRBS - 39					72.50	75.83	3.00														

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)		
	10/24/11	10/17/11	10/25/10
PACIFIC COAST	104	22	33
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

#### **NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** October 31, 2011

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	136.89
LARGE	134.57
MEDIUM	120.86
SMALL	98.00

#### NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS

### LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady when compared to a week earlier. Offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is moderate.

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Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: **Price Range** Wtd Avg Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 - 19.313.28

(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 Extra Large doz. 1/2 doz.	<b>CENTS/CARTON</b> 255 - 316 173 - 198	<b>MOSTLY</b> 275 - 310 173 - 188
Large doz.	230 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178