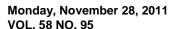
# EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

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### **National Egg Market At-a-Glance**



Regional prices are steady on all sizes, while steady to lower on Mediums in the Southeast region. New York prices are unchanged. Demand into retail channels is at times good to good. Food service demand is moderate to instances good. Supplies are light to moderate for trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to instances heavy; processing schedules are reduced.

Prices to Retailers, Sales to Volume Buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs in Cartons, Cents Per Dozen.

<u>Midwest Regional</u> Midwest delivered asking prices are unchanged on all sizes. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is fairly good to good at both the food service and retail sector on mostly light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy as inventories increased during last week's shortened holiday schedules. Market activity is slow.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	109-118	112-115
Large	108-117	110-113
Medium	90-99	92-95
Delivered to store door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	116-124	117-119
Large	114-122	115-117
Medium	96-104	97-99
Extra Large Large	116-124 114-122	117-119 115-117

#### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	Range	Mostly
Large	90-100	94
Medium	72-76	74
Small	59-65	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, & western PA

<u>South Central Regional</u> Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	122.5-131	124-127
Large	120.5-129	122-125
Medium	97.5-106	99-102
South Central Area: AR, AZ,	CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX	

<u>Southeast Regional</u> Prices are steady to lower on Mediums, unchanged on Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good. Distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for post-holiday trading. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy; demand is light. Light type fowl supplies are at least adequate for the seasonally light to moderate demand.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly							
Extra Large	117.5-125	119-122							
Large	116-123	117-120							
Medium	96.5-104	97-101							
Southeast Area: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA									

Northeast Regional Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are mixed, mostly light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light. Spent hen offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	117-134	119-120
Large	111-125	116-120
Medium	91-104	96-98
Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA	, MD, ME, NH, eas	tern NJ, eastern
NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT		

**New York** Prices are steady. Supplies are generally light to moderate for trade needs. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Delivered to store door:	Range
Extra Large	125-129
Large	123-127
Medium	103-107

<u>Western</u> Prices are 2 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light with demand good as suppliers refill after the Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies are light although sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

<u>California</u> Benchmark prices are 2 cents higher for jumbo and extra-large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is good as holiday restocking and upcoming ads garner most operators' attention. Offerings are light to instances moderate. Supplies are light although sufficient to cover current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

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	144
Extra Large	154
Large	152
Medium	130

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.7	8.2	20.1	6.2	12.6	4.1	58.8
	% Change	5.8%	-18.6%	-8.4%	6.4%	46.1%	21.9%	3.1%
Extra Large	This Week	29.9	16.1	34.0	11.1	23.2	4.1	118.4
	% Change	-11.0%	-7.7%	11.8%	-12.6%	-14.2%	6.8%	-5.3%
Large	This Week	59.5	89.1	106.9	55.9	53.2	41.1	405.7
	% Change	3.9%	-9.9%	-2.4%	-14.4%	-16.7%	35.8%	-4.6%
Medium	This Week	11.2	23.7	60.3	22.1	25.3	7.4	150.0
	% Change	7.3%	-0.5%	22.9%	-5.5%	-9.4%	20.7%	6.5%
Small	This Week	2.0	2.8	5.3	1.1	1.9	2.1	15.2
	% Change	10.8%	-23.5%	-9.2%	147.7%	81.1%	113.0%	10.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.5	11.6	39.2	16.5	5.3	2.1	77.2
	% Change	-11.9%	15.7%	25.2%	20.2%	-6.5%	48.6%	18.8%
Ungraded	This Week	12.0	10.5	62.2	18.1	14.5	8.3	125.5
	% Change	-3.2%	46.8%	0.1%	2.0%	23.1%	5.4%	5.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	124.6	162.0	328.0	131.0	136.0	69.2	950.7
	% Change	-0.7%	-5.3%	5.7%	-5.9%	-6.8%	28.5%	0.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	950.7	0.5%
Breaking Stock	263.3	-4.3%
Total Shell Egg	1,214.0	-0.5%

**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	6.3	5.7	4.5	1.7	4.9	1.9	24.9
	% Change	-15.5%	-18.4%	5.4%	-18.4%	9.5%	10.6%	-7.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	9.0	10.2	0.0	1.1	20.3
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	13.0%	59.5%	0.0%	40.5%	34.0%
Total Specialty	y This Week	6.3	5.7	13.5	11.9	4.9	3.0	45.2
	% Change	-15.5%	-18.4%	10.3%	40.0%	9.5%	20.1%	7.5%

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

Large: 33.4% Ungraded: 33.6% Total: 33.5%

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 December 02, 2011 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 25, 2011 were 218,452 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

Cartoned Loose Total Cases purchased present week:

193,518 24,934 218,452

% change from the prior week:

+3 -17 +(

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 steady. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy as inventories increased during last week's shortened holiday schedules. Market activity is slow.

Breaking Stock 65-70 68-70 Checks & Undergrades 52-61 52-56 Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

# Canadian Eggs

## Week of November 14, 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** 2.39 2.37 2.15 1.58

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

Extra

Grade A Large Large Med Small
1.90 1.90 1.74 1.26

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

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

#### Trailer Load Egg Sales

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

Daily Weighted Average Prices (cents/doz.) National Trading for November 25, 2011

Current Loads 18.75 Future Loads 4.00 Total Loads 22.75

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	89.00		91.00	92.50			2.00	GL W J	89.00					105.50	2.00
GL W J					89.00		1.50	GL W XL		107.33					1.50
GL W XL			101.00	103.00	96.10	99.00	4.50	GL W LG	96.00	95.00				103.00	1.75
GL W LG					88.55	93.50	6.75	GL W MD				90.50		90.00	3.00
GL W MD			76.00	78.00	76.58		4.00								
GL BR J				97.00	92.00		.50								
NRBS - 48			66.00	68.00			2.00								

Weekly (5-day) Weighted Average Prices (cents/doz.) National Trading for November 21, 2011-November 25, 2011 Current Loads 64.50 Future Loads 43.00 Total Loads 107.50

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	89.50	95.00	90.00	92.40	77.00		37.00	GNR W 1		99.00					10.00
GNR BR 1				150.75			3.00	GNR BR 1							1.00
GL W J					85.83		3.00	GL W J	89.47				95.00	100.33	8.25
GL W XL		107.50	102.75	103.76	92.50	99.00	20.25	GL W XL	89.39	105.42				96.91	5.75
GL W LG				101.55	100.57	93.50	28.50	GL W LG	87.78	110.61				103.48	18.25
GL W MD		96.00	76.00	79.50	73.73		15.50	GL W MD		84.40		90.50		85.62	10.00
GL W SM	77.00		72.00	75.25			4.00								
GL BR J				97.00	92.00		.50								
GL BR LG				150.00			.75								
GL BR MD		91.25			82.00		1.00								
NRBS - 48			66.00	68.00		72.00	7.00								
NRBS - 42				55.25	49.00		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	11/21/11	11/14/11	11/22/10
Pacific Coast	64	90	20
Los Angeles	0	0	0

North Carolina Eggs The market is steady on all sizes. 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. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

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137.57
135.24
114.86
101.00

Wholesale				
Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons (price cents per carton delivered to first receivers)				
	Price Range	Mostly		
Extra Large doz. 1/2 doz.	255 - 316 173 - 198	275 - 310 173 - 188		
Large doz. 1/2 doz.	230 - 310 160 - 189	265 - 300 160 - 178		

# **Live Spent Heavy National Fowl**

Prices are trending steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are at least sufficient for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

## Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:

Prices in cents per pound.

**Price Range** Wtd Avg

> 8.5-17.0 13.23

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

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