USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012
VOL. 59 NO. 73

U.S. Department of Agriculture | Agricultural Marketing Service | Poultry Programs | Market News and Analysis

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, 3 cents higher on Medium. In remaining regions prices are unchanged on Jumbo, unchanged to 11 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 2 to 10 cents higher on Medium and Small. Retail demand is light to moderate while moderate to fairly good in the Southeast region. Food service demand is light to mostly moderate while moderate to instances good in the South Central region. Current offerings range light to moderate for trade needs. Market activity is moderate however moderate to active on the West Coast. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to at times good demand. Spent hen offerings are at least adequate; schedules are less than 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 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	103-112	106-109
Large	102-111	104-107
Medium	83-92	85-88

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	110-118	111-113
Large	108-116	109-111
Medium	89-97	90-92

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	86-96	90
Medium	69-73	71
Small	45-51	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents more on Medium. Supplies are light on Medium, mixed on larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-126	112-115
Large	104-118	109-113
Medium	85-98	90-92

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2 to 11 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 2 to 10 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good and best where features are in place. Distributive demand remains moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for current trading purposes. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offering are light; demand is light to at times moderate. Spent fowl offerings are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	113.5-130	115-118
Large	111-127	113-116
Medium	82-98	87-91

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 6 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail demand is mostly moderate. Food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady. Offerings are light for the moderate to at times fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	115.5-124	117-120
Large	112.5-121	114-117
Medium	88.5-97	90-93

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents more on Medium. Supplies are light on Medium, mixed on larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	122-126
Large	120-124
Medium	104-108

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 6 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price $1.08.

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	162
Extra Large	155
Large	143
Medium	128

GA (404) 562-5850 IA (515) 284-4471 MS (601) 965-4662 DC (202) 720-6911 - http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm *or* PYMNDSM@ams.usda.gov

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-donzen cases in thousands) 1/
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	**6.9**	**11.2**	**14.8**	**6.4**	**10.4**	**5.1**	**54.8**
	% Change	-17.3%	8.1%	-13.6%	-17.0%	10.4%	72.4%	-2.1%
Extra Large	This Week	**25.4**	**20.3**	**31.2**	**18.9**	**28.7**	**3.9**	**128.5**
	% Change	-6.7%	-2.2%	-14.1%	-2.5%	-1.4%	-25.2%	-7.0%
Large	This Week	**59.8**	**105.4**	**102.2**	**78.2**	**64.8**	**47.2**	**457.5**
	% Change	-5.3%	-7.6%	-23.8%	-23.6%	-10.5%	-29.5%	-17.3%
Medium	This Week	**21.1**	**18.7**	**57.2**	**29.0**	**30.4**	**7.0**	**163.4**
	% Change	14.8%	4.1%	2.7%	-14.3%	0.4%	-36.8%	-2.3%
Small	This Week	**5.9**	**3.4**	**7.0**	**1.6**	**2.1**	**1.4**	**21.3**
	% Change	56.4%	-3.4%	-5.7%	-47.7%	-10.5%	-43.8%	-5.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	**2.2**	**14.1**	**22.6**	**13.8**	**5.0**	**1.0**	**58.6**
	% Change	-15.4%	20.8%	-17.6%	3.2%	-15.1%	37.7%	-4.9%
Ungraded	This Week	**15.7**	**9.0**	**105.4**	**26.3**	**27.7**	**15.8**	**199.8**
	% Change	24.0%	5.3%	24.5%	-13.4%	-4.2%	0.7%	10.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	**136.9**	**182.1**	**340.4**	**174.2**	**169.0**	**81.3**	**1,083.9**
	% Change	0.6%	-2.6%	-6.2%	-17.1%	-5.2%	-22.6%	**-8.1%**

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,083.9	-8.1%
Breaking Stock	265.8	1.0%
Total Shell Egg	**1,349.7**	**-6.4%**

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	6.3	8.0	5.5	3.8	3.2	4.8	**31.6**
	% Change	-2.2%	1.9%	13.8%	8.9%	5.3%	63.5%	10.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.5	13.5	12.3	0.0	**53.3**
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	11.9%	-10.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	-2.1%
Total Specialty	This Week	**6.3**	**8.0**	**33.0**	**17.3**	**15.5**	**4.8**	**84.9**
	% Change	**-2.2%**	**1.9%**	**12.2%**	**-6.9%**	**1.0%**	**-11.8%**	**2.2%**

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

Large:	**26.0%**
Ungraded:	**73.8%**
Total:	**56.0%**

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 September 14, 2012 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 07, 2012 were 181,083 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	157,324	23,759	181,083
% change from the prior week:	+8	+11	+8

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	81-85	81-83
CHECKS	64-73	64-68

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 AUG 27, 2012

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	2.45	2.43	2.21	1.74

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS' F.O.B. FARM AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen)
National Trading for Sept 07, 2012
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 24.75 FUTURE LOADS 12.00 TOTAL LOADS 36.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	87.00	--	--	90.00	--	--	5.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	.75
GL W XL	--	--	103.40	105.40	104.84	117.00	13.25
GL W LG	--	--	88.50	--	86.00	--	8.50
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	80.50	--	6.00
GL W SM	--	--	56.00	59.00	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	96.00	98.00	--	--	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	123.00	.75
GL W XL	--	118.75	--	--	--	117.09	6.75
GL W LG	--	101.00	--	--	--	99.20	8.50
GL W MD	84.00	90.00	--	--	--	91.81	7.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	123.00	.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen)
National Trading for Sept 03, 2012 – Sept 07, 2012
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 106.75 FUTURE LOADS 31.25 TOTAL LOADS 138.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	87.00	91.00	84.50	87.25	--	--	20.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	102.82	--	2.75
GL W XL	99.75	--	99.20	100.09	100.46	113.00	35.25
GL W LG	--	89.50	90.83	91.33	88.94	92.58	38.50
GL W MD	--	--	69.80	73.81	76.05	80.00	16.25
GL W SM	55.00	--	55.00	58.00	--	--	3.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	105.50	--	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	98.00	100.00	94.00	97.50	3.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	94.00	95.83	4.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	83.92	86.57	81.00	--	7.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL W J	114.25	112.00	--	132.00	116.00	117.61	5.75
GL W XL	100.50	115.57	--	--	--	113.92	13.25
GL W LG	114.08	107.89	--	--	--	99.15	34.25
GL W MD	79.50	85.71	79.00	--	--	86.11	15.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	121.50	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	108.00	.50
GL BR LG	--	99.50	--	--	--	108.00	1.50

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
Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/03/12	08/27/12	09/05/11
PACIFIC COAST	104	105	30
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS
The market is steady small, higher 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	135.88
LARGE	134.63
MEDIUM	110.69
SMALL	84.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	155 – 189	160 - 178

Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit the National Organic Program at www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome