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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in all regions are steady. West Coast prices for next week are 2 cents lower on Jumbo and Extra Large, unchanged on Large and 3 cents lower on Medium and Small. Asking prices in remaining regions are trending unchanged. Demand into all channels continues light to moderate while retail demand in the Southeast is moderate to fairly good. Current offerings are mostly moderate however moderate to heavy on Medium sizes in the Midwest and Northeast. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to instances moderate. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient with mostly normal processing schedules.

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 for next week are steady. Producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate on the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for Medium. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings are heavy while demand is very light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	124-133	127-130
Large	123-132	125-128
Medium	98-107	100-103
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Prices delivered to store door: Extra Large	RANGE 131-139	MOSTLY 132-134

<u>Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs</u>

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	105-115	109
Medium	80-84	82
Small	63-69	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady with caution noted. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to mostly weak. Demand is very light, while offerings are heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	134.5-143	136-139
Large	134.5-143	136-139
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. Retail demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are sufficient on all sizes for current trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate on the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are adequate; processing schedules are generally normal after the holiday.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	134-150	138-141
Large	135-152	136-139
Medium	104.5-122	105-109

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy on Medium, moderate on the balance. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate for normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are sufficient for a light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-141	130-134
Large	124-138	129-133
Medium	99-112	104-106

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern

NEW YORK EGGS Prices end the week unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is barely steady to steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy, heavier on Medium. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	KANGE
Extra Large	138-142
Large	136-140
Medium	111-115

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and Extra Large, unchanged on Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and Extra Large, unchanged for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Late week demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.23.

<u>California</u>: Shell egg marketers 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	170
Extra Large	173
Large	168
Medium	143

<u>Southern California</u>: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

KANGE
152-164
155-163
145-157
123-133

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Whole egg prices are mostly steady with whites steady to higher and yolk steady to lower. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady for whole egg, fully steady for whites and weak for yolk. Demand is moderate to good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Offerings are moderate to heavy for all liquid products. Market activity is moderate.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Currer	nt Week		Last	Week		Nov Av	erages
Class	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	79.00 - 84.00	25	80.88	75.00 - 81.00	3	79.00	49	80.37
Whites	49.00 64.00	27	53.96	49.00 57.00	19	50.79	62	53.37
Yolk	114.00 ⁻ 126.00	5	120.90	126.00 - 128.00	5	127.30	12	124.83

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are irregular with whites steady to higher, sugared yolk steady to lower and salted yolk lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady for whole egg and sugared yolk, steady for whites and weak for salted yolk. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Nov Averages	
HUCKIOL	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	102.00 ⁻ 105.00	102.00 · 103.00	100.00 - 107.00	102.00 ⁻ 105.00	102.75	104.00
Whites	70.00 - 79.00	74.00 ⁻ 78.00	68.00 ⁻ 79.00	73.00 78.00	74.38	72.60
Sugar Yolk 1/	142.00 ⁻ 152.00	142.00 ⁻ 146.00	146.00 ⁻ 152.00	148.00 ⁻ 151.00	148.25	148.40
Salt Yolk 1/	139.00 ⁻ 143.00	140.00 142.00	141.00 ⁻ 149.00		146.00	145.90

Less-than-	Current W	/eek	Last Week		Nov Averages	
Trucklot	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	103.00 ⁻ 105.00		103.00 ⁻ 105.00	104.00 ⁻ 105.00	104.50	107.90
Whites	74.00 79.00		74.00 75.00		75.00	74.40
Sugar Yolk 1/	148.00 ⁻ 150.00		148.00 ⁻ 152.00		150.63	151.40
Salt Yolk 1/	148.00 ⁻ 150.00		148.00 - 152.00		150.63	151.40

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried yolk prices are steady, steady to higher on whole and blends and lower on albumen. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate with supplies light to moderate. Trading is centered around spot orders and existing contracts as buyers monitor market trends into 2013. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current	Week	Last Week		Nov Averages	
Class	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.50 ⁻ 3.75	3.60 ⁻ 3.65	3.25 - 3.75	3.55 - 3.60	3.56	3.73
Yolk	3.05 - 3.45	3.25 ⁻ 3.30	3.05 3.45	3.25 - 3.30	3.29	3.36
Albumen 2/	5.05 ⁻ 5.40	5.30 ⁻ 5.35	5.10 ⁻ 5.49	5.35 5.40	5.25	5.35
Blends 3/	2.90 ⁻ 3.19	2.95 ⁻ 3.05	2.90 - 3.00		2.97	3.05

^{2/}Spray Dried; ^{3/}Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-NO	V-2012 (Lbs. In Tho	usands)	(Exclud	es Ingred	lients)
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	n Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,266,630	30,474	12,550	6,169	2,294	4,133
PW	1,404,361	35,027	12,854	6,679	2,465	4,563
LY	1,205,231	27,919	12,540	6,615	3,293	4,021
% PW	-10%	-13%	-2%	-8%	-7%	-9%
% LY	5%	9%	0%	-7%	-30%	3%
2012	64,278,858	1,517,976	651,864	330,446	137,102	214,366
2011	63,344,971	1,503,371	637,252	323,560	134,815	212,423
% YTD	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.10	42.10	42.40
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.84	38.85	39.06

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	CASES B	ROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE		
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	803,758	63.5%	20,433	67.1%	
PREVIOUS WEEK	789,888	56.2%	21,157	60.4%	
LAST YEAR	746,481	61.9%	19,156	68.6%	

BREAKING STOCK 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.

CENTRAL REGION Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings are heavy while demand is very light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	87-89	
CHECKS	70-78	70-74
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, C	O, IA, IL, IN,	KS, LA, MI, MN, MO,
NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & V	NΙ	

EASTERN REGION All prices are steady. Offerings are usually moderate for trade needs. Demand is light to instances moderate. Breaking schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 24-Nov-2012 declined 25 percent from the previous week and 16 percent from the same week a year ago.

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BREAKING STOCK	87-93	89	
CHECKS	71-80	75	
EASTERN STATES AREA:	AL, CT, DE, FL,	GA, KY, ME, MD,	MA,
MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI,	SC, TN, VT, VA,	& WV	

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Nov 23, 2012 - Nov 29, 2012

	CURRE	NT LOA	DS 124.7	75		FU	JTURE LO	ADS 82.25			Т	OTAL L	OADS 2	07.00	
	5	SE	ı	NE	I	MW			5	SC	N	IW	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	102.00	113.20	104.00	106.80			58.00	GNR W 1		112.08					23.00
GNR BR 1			100.00	101.00			1.00	GL W J	100.94	108.25		107.50	100.89	106.64	11.75
GL W J			113.00	115.00	89.04		7.75	GL W XL	102.83	114.67				111.67	20.50
GL W XL		129.33	113.80	115.70	97.98		37.00	GL W LG		111.88				102.54	37.50
GL W LG		122.50	106.00	108.55	89.04	101.54	59.00	GL W MD	82.69	90.00	83.33		85.25	90.00	27.00
GL W MD		94.00	82.11	82.50	76.62		21.00	GL W SM	68.00						1.00
GL W SM		78.00	70.00	73.00	71.00	72.00	4.50	GL BR J						106.50	1.00
GL BR J					89.50		1.00	GL BR XL					110.00	116.00	.50
GL BR XL			103.00	105.00			1.00	GL BR LG		111.50			108.00	114.00	3.50
GL BR LG			103.00	105.00	99.40	103.50	4.50								
GL BR MD					76.00		1.00								
NRBS - 48							3.00								
NRBS - 39		48.00		70.00	53.00		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.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the generally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules returned to mostly normal following the Thanksgiving holiday. Movement of finished product was fair. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	132.00	131.00	105.00
SOUTHEAST	139.50	137.50	107.00
MIDWEST	128.50	126.50	101.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	137.50	137.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	134.47	133.30	105.33

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 24-Nov-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically							
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total				
	Hens	Hens	Hens				
Head	674	772	1,446				
Last Week	1,367	1,793	3,160				
Same week yr ago	649	820	1,469				
To-date/2012*	68,664	74,797	143,461				
To-date/2011*	62 867	72 024	134 891				

0.5. fowi slaughtered in Canada							
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total				
	Hens	Hens	Hens				
Head	289	0	289				
Last Week	191	0	191				
Same week yr ago	126	0	126				
To-date/2012*	12,365	36	12,401				
To-date/2011*	15,779	439	16,218				

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada							
Thousands	Light	Heavy	Total				
	Hens	Hens	Hens				
Head	963	772	1,735				
Last Week	1,558	1,793	3,351				
Same week yr ago	775	820	1,595				
To-date/2012*	81,029	74,833	155,862				
To-date/2011*	78 646	72 463	151 109				

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Endir	ng Nov 17, 201	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Liquid	0	99	3,256	2,083	
Frozen	0	0	1	0	
Dried	0	0	319	219	
Total	0	99	3,576	2,302	

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week End	ing Nov 17, 20	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	22	146	13,785	13,394
Frozen	54	53	1,140	976
Dried	0	0	0	54
Total	76	199	14,925	14,424

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending	Nov 17, 201	2	Year-To-Date*		
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0	
Extra Large	3,750	4,200	109,783	86,149	
Large	5,500	9,560	204,462	181,164	
Medium	0	900	31,291	38,011	
Ungraded	11,760	12,114	264,428	218,648	
Misc	0	0	1,620	1,440	
Total	21,010	26,774	611,584	525,412	
/1 Comparable Week to data figures may not total due to rounding					

^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 183 million dozen during October 2012, up 5 percent from October a year ago, and 2 percent above the 180 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through October, shell eggs broken totaled 1,768 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 2,291 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2011.

September 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. October 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Source: USDA/FSIS/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 24-Nov-2012 (Receipts From Producers)

		Cases	Percent Change From		
	Regions	(In Thousands)	Last Week	Last Year	
	North Atlantic	218.3	1	4	
	East North Central	747.3	-2	7	
	West North Central	340.1	0	11	
	South Atlantic	143.9	0	-12	
	South Central	54.4	-1	6	
	West	36.4	-2	-11	
	Total	1540.4	-1	5	
Matched plants reporting			69	69	

Areas Covered:

N. Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN) West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD) South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY) South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

Week ending 24-Nov-2012

Selected

Selected				
Consuming	Current Week	Last Week	Percent	Change
Centers	(Cases, in t	ases, in thousands)		Last Year
Atlanta	19.9	27.1	-27	10
Boston	2.9	2.8	4	-6
Chicago	61.8	56.9	9	-1
Los Angeles	58.2	58.8	-1	4
New Orleans	6.6	7.9	-16	-16
New York	35.0	42.9	-18	-5
St. Louis	100.0	110.3	-9	14
San Francisco	20.8	25.8	-19	32
Total	305.2	331.9	-8	6
4 Week Moving	Avg. 308.5			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers	(INCL. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)	
	Frozen	Processed	Processed	
	Eggs	Turkeys	Other Poultry	
	LBS	LBS	LBS	
AM 11/26/12	3,027	77,516	65,846	
AM 11/01/12	3,011	122,767	55,357	
CHG	16	-45251	10489	
PCT CHG	1%	-37%	19%	

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS November 27, 2012 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR

EXTR	A LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	184 -	173 -	129	111
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	177-181 179-180	166-170 168-169	122-126 124-125	104-108 106-107
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	183-187 183	172-176 172	128-132 128	110-114 110
VERMONT MOSTLY	184-185 -	173	129	-

^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.