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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on larger sized eggs, Mediums are steady. New York prices are unchanged. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Present supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are mostly light to moderate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings range light to good, mostly moderate; processing schedules are less than normal due the holidays.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices are 3 cents lower for extra large and large, and steady for medium sizes. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for large, and steady for medium and small. A weak undertone is noted. Food service demand is light to moderate, while retail demand is moderate at best. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-125	119-122
LARGE	115-124	117-120
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
	Range	Mostly
LARGE	97-107	101
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	42-48	

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 lower on Extra Large and Large eggs. Medium egg prices are unchanged. Supplies are mixed, but are mostly moderate to heavy. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; schedules are normal. Light type hen offerings are moderate with a moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-138	124-128
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	82-95	87-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 3 cents lower for extra large and large, steady for medium. Retail and food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129.5-138	131-134
LARGE	124.5-133	126-129
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent lower on Extra Large and Large eggs, unchanged on Mediums. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are sufficient for reduced processing schedules due to the holidays. Light type fowl offerings are mostly moderate; demand is moderate to good.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	124.5-132	126-129
LARGE	123-130	124-127
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

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

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Supplies are currently moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity ranges slow to moderate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	94-98

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-131	124-126
LARGE	121-126	122-124
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large and large and unchanged for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 8% from last Monday, with California up 20% and OR-WA-UT down 7%. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand ranging light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 8% from last Monday, with California up 20% and OR-WA-UT down 7%. Offerings are moderate to heavy while demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

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	167
LARGE	159
MEDIUM	117

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 07, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 31, 2010 were 158,327 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	136,375	21,952	158,327
% change from the prior week.....	-15	-3	-14

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. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-26	19-23

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTHEAST Prices are trending steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current needs as production and transportations schedules return to normal following the wintry weather that hampered the area. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is seasonally active.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-18 CENTS/LB.		12.83
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2010

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL

Data Unavailable

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2010 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL

Data Unavailable

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/
(Includes Conventional and Specialty - 30 dozen cases-in thousands)

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.6	11.7	4.6	9.4	16.9	50.2
	Change	0.4	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6	0.5	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.9	30.4	17.4	24.9	35.1	133.7
	Change	1.2	6.9	1.5	3.3	3.7	14%
Large	Curr Wk	52.5	91.2	103.2	116.8	150.8	514.5
	Change	10.5	4.9	-14.2	-4.7	9.4	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.6	36.9	20.6	15.9	39.9	123.9
	Change	2.2	4.8	-0.8	-1.1	1.8	6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	3.5	1.1	2.2	3.3	12.8
	Change	0.3	0.5	-0.4	0.1	-2.0	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	28.7	17.2	14.3	8.4	73.1
	Change	-0.5	4.9	1.3	-1.6	2.0	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	5.2	83.9	13.4	8.4	31.4	142.3
	Change	-2.1	3.2	-0.6	-3.4	4.7	1%
Total	Curr Wk	109.0	286.3	177.5	191.9	285.8	1050.5
	Change	12%	9%	-7%	-4%	8%	3%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1050.5	3%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	326.5	9%	29
Total Shell Egg	1377.0	5%	187

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/
(30 dozen cases - in thousands)

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Large	Curr Wk	3.3	6.5	1.4	5.6	5.6	22.4
	Change	1.0	-0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.8	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	7.9	3.1	0.0	0.0	11.0
	Change	0.0	-6.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	-34%
Total	Curr Wk	3.3	14.4	4.5	5.6	5.6	33.4
	Change	43%	-31%	15%	-8%	-13%	-16%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	33.4	-16%	42

1/ Information supplied by a universe of size indicated by the number of cooperators. 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.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 31, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								25.25	FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS			25.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST						
GNR W 1	89.50	--	--	92.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	81.50	--	--	90.50	1.00					
GL W XL	--	--	99.00	103.00	83.00	83.50	4.50	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	90.00	1.50					
GL W LG	--	--	68.00	72.00	61.43	68.75	9.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	73.35	7.75					
GL W MD	--	--	62.00	63.00	59.54	--	4.25	GL W MD	69.00	70.00	--	75.00	--	69.00	4.25					
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	40.75	--	--	--	--	1.00					
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	33.25	--	1.00													
NRBS - 39	--	18.00	--	--	16.00	--	1.75													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 27, 2010 – DEC 31, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								123.50	FUTURE LOADS								8.25	TOTAL LOADS			131.75
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GNR W 1	91.17	--	91.75	95.57	--	91.00	8.00	GL W J	81.50	--	81.50	--	85.00	90.42	6.25						
GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.75	--	2.00	GL W XL	81.50	86.00	--	--	--	94.90	11.50						
GL W XL	--	112.67	107.33	100.34	83.38	83.50	23.50	GL W LG	65.00	74.25	--	--	--	74.18	32.25						
GL W LG	--	106.50	81.86	83.50	62.42	67.40	39.75	GL W MD	64.56	70.00	--	75.00	--	70.71	14.25						
GL W MD	84.00	79.00	62.00	63.50	60.71	66.00	17.00	NRBS - 48	--	43.25	--	--	--	--	3.00						
GL W SM	--	--	58.33	61.33	58.00	--	4.00														
GL BR MD	--	--	76.00	82.00	--	--	1.00														
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	35.49	32.00	28.00														
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	24.00	27.00	3.00														
NRBS - 39	--	18.00	--	--	16.00	--	1.75														

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)		
	12/27/10	12/20/10	12/28/09
PACIFIC COAST	52	54	30
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MOSTLY
	CENTS/CARTON		
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

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small and medium, lower on the balance. 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	146.79
LARGE	142.91
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	82.00

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