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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are unchanged, but regional prices are drastically lower when compared to last week. Demand into retail and fast food outlets is light to moderate. Supplies of larger sizes are moderate to heavy, and mediums are available. Extreme winter weather conditions along the Southern regions have hampered production schedules and transportation. Market activity is mostly slow. Breaking stock prices are holding steady with demand light. Spent fowl offerings are light to moderate; processing schedules are normal to reduced.

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 26 cents lower for extra large and large, and 2 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for large, and steady for medium and small sizes. Cartoned and loose shell demand is light to moderate, but trending toward light. Offerings and supplies are heavy for extra large and large sizes, and moderate to heavy on mediums. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	90-99	93-96	LARGE	68-78	72
LARGE	89-98	91-94	MEDIUM	56-60	58
MEDIUM	74-83	76-79	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 18-26 cents lower for Extra large, 26 cents lower for Large, and 4 cents lower for Mediums. Supplies of all sizes are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Retail demand is light, and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings and demand are light to moderate. Light type hen offerings in the East are light to adequate; demand is moderate to good.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-120	98-110
LARGE	91-105	97-100
MEDIUM	78-91	82-85

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large, and 2 cents lower for medium. The undertone is unsettled. Retail demand is mostly light to moderate. Reports of winter weather conditions in some areas providing increased movement. Food service demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity remains slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111.5-120	113-116
LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Majority prices for extra large and large are 26 cents lower, and mediums are 5 cents lower when compared to last week. Demand into retail and food service channels is mostly light with limited activity. Current supplies are adequate to ample for trade needs. Market activity is slow as many areas are dealing with severe winter weather that occurred in the Southern region over the weekend. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate with a light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are light to available; demand is moderate to good.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-125.5	100-103
LARGE	95-121.5	98-101
MEDIUM	81.5-89	82-86

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 on all sizes. Supplies of larger sizes are moderate to heavy, and mediums are available. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	90-94

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-105	98-100
LARGE	95-103	96-98
MEDIUM	80-88	81-83

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are 4 cents lower for jumbo, 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 9% from last Monday, with California down 10% and OR-WA-UT declining 7%. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are 4 cents lower for jumbo, 18 cents lower for extra large, 26 cents lower for large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 9% from last Monday, with California down 10% and OR-WA-UT declining 7%. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy, mostly moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 95 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	148
EXTRA LARGE	149
LARGE	133
MEDIUM	115

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 14, 2011 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 07, 2011 were 147,849 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	121,263	26,586	147,849
% change from the prior week.....	-11	+21	-7

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-37	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-25	18-22

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

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

FINAL PRICE,  
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-JAN-2011

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from primary users. 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 were trending steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-18 CENTS/LB.		12.90
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 & 27, 2010

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 & 27, 2010 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.67	1.67	1.51	1.03

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT**

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.6	13.2	3.7	8.4	15.6	48.5
	Change	0.0	1.5	-0.9	-1.0	-1.3	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.1	28.5	19.0	25.4	39.5	141.5
	Change	3.2	-1.9	1.6	0.5	4.4	6%
Large	Curr Wk	57.6	85.6	85.7	105.1	132.7	466.7
	Change	5.1	-5.6	-17.5	-11.7	-18.1	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.5	41.5	15.5	14.8	37.3	118.6
	Change	-1.1	4.6	-5.1	-1.1	-2.6	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	13.5	2.9	0.6	2.3	3.3	22.6
	Change	10.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.1	0.0	77%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	24.5	13.4	8.7	7.6	58.1
	Change	-0.6	-4.2	-3.8	-5.6	-0.8	-21%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.2	80.0	7.3	8.8	24.2	134.5
	Change	9.0	-3.9	-6.1	0.4	-7.2	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	135.4	276.2	145.2	173.5	260.2	990.5
Percent	Change	24%	-4%	-18%	-10%	-9%	-6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	990.5	-6%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	331.1	1%	29
Total Shell Egg	1321.6	-4%	187

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	3.4	5.9	1.4	5.8	4.8	21.3
	Change	0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.2	-0.8	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	6.6	3.1	0.0	0.0	9.7
	Change	0.0	-1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-12%
Total	Curr Wk	3.4	12.5	4.5	5.8	4.8	31.0
Percent	Change	3%	-13%	0%	4%	-14%	-7%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	31.0	-7%	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 JAN 07, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								24.75	FUTURE LOADS								15.00	TOTAL LOADS				39.75
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W 2	--	69.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00					
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	9.00	GL W J	97.00	--	--	--	89.50	95.00	--	--	5.00					
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	34.00	37.00	2.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	87.00	--	--	3.25					
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	69.21	--	--	4.25					
GL W J	--	--	--	--	78.35	--	3.25	GL W MD	58.25	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	--	1.50					
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	74.00	--	6.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	--	1.00					
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	7.25	NRBS - 48	--	42.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00					
GL W MD	--	61.00	--	--	55.00	--	1.00															
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.00	--	1.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	32.00	--	1.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	13.00	15.00	.75															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 03, 2011 – JAN 07, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								129.75	FUTURE LOADS								32.75	TOTAL LOADS				162.50
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	78.67	--	76.75	80.00	--	--	9.00	GNR W 2	--	70.17	--	--	--	--	--	--	13.00					
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	58.00	--	13.00	GL W J	92.50	--	--	99.00	91.96	97.01	--	--	21.25					
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	33.25	37.00	8.00	GL W XL	82.63	85.82	--	--	--	89.72	--	--	34.00					
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	GL W LG	64.25	87.60	--	--	--	70.55	--	--	35.00					
GL W J	--	--	--	--	82.55	--	13.25	GL W MD	58.25	--	--	--	--	65.86	--	--	6.25					
GL W XL	91.00	80.75	87.70	90.30	77.17	80.00	45.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	--	1.00					
GL W LG	--	76.75	60.00	70.50	58.70	--	40.50	NRBS - 48	--	42.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00					
GL W MD	--	61.00	59.50	60.00	60.12	--	7.75															
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.00	--	1.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	40.00	30.75	--	9.00															
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	14.00	16.00	1.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	13.00	15.00	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)		
	01/03/11	12/27/10	01/04/10
PACIFIC COAST	52	52	29
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)	
	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
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, lower on the balance. Supplies are heavy. Retail demand is light.

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	129.84
LARGE	119.76
MEDIUM	99.86
SMALL	82.00

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