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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. New York prices are steady. Demand into retail channels is mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies are light to instances moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity ranges slow to at times active. Breaking stock offerings are light; demand is good. Light type hen offerings are mostly sufficient for the mixed demand, ranging light to good.

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 asking prices are 5 cents higher for extra large and large, and 7 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are steady for all sizes. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings continue very light with demand fairly good to mostly good. Supplies are light. Market activity remains slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	92-101	95-98	LARGE	73-83	77
LARGE	91-100	93-96	MEDIUM	63-67	65
MEDIUM	81-90	83-86	SMALL	47-53	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 5 cents higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Offerings are light. Demand into all channels ranges light to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are light for normal breaking schedules. Offerings of light type hens in the Eastern region are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-117	100-107
LARGE	93-107	98-102
MEDIUM	83-96	88-90

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 5 cents higher for extra large, large, and medium sized eggs. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings remain very light to light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are higher. Offerings are very light for the fairly good to good demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.5-116	109-112
LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
MEDIUM	85.5-94	87-90

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium sized eggs. Retail demand is fairly good to good. Food service demand is mostly light. Supplies are light to at times moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is good. Spent hen offerings are adequate for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-108	102-105
LARGE	95-106	100-103
MEDIUM	83-94	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 mostly light to at times moderate for trading purposes. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	107-111
LARGE	105-109
MEDIUM	95-99

<u>MIDWEST REGIONAL</u>	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-107	100-102
LARGE	97-105	98-100
MEDIUM	87-95	88-90

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large and 8 cents higher for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California up 19% and OR-WA-UT down 3%. Offerings are light to moderate with demand ranging moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Benchmark prices are unchanged for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large, and 8 cents higher for medium and small. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California increasing 19% and OR-WA-UT down 3%. Demand is moderate to good, mostly moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

**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	147
EXTRA LARGE	146
LARGE	135
MEDIUM	123

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 28, 2011 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 21, 2011 were 151,814 cases which was 19 percent below the prior week and 18 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	124,821	26,993	151,814
% change from the prior week.....	-19	-17	-19

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 to firm. Offerings continue very light with demand fairly good to mostly good. Supplies are light. Market activity remains slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	36-39	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-29	22-26
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 24-JAN-2011

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels are TFEWR. Offerings of spent hens are readily available for a mostly fair demand. Schedules are reduced. Finished sales are light. Trade sentiment is about steady.

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

**SOUTHEAST** Prices are trending steady. Offerings are mostly moderate for the moderate to instances good buyer interest. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19 CENTS/LB.		12.92

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 AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 03, 2011

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 03, 2011 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	12.6	11.5	4.0	9.1	15.3	52.5
	Change	4.2	-0.2	0.3	-1.0	-0.4	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.4	29.4	12.3	16.2	52.2	131.5
	Change	-4.1	4.8	-1.7	-6.1	7.7	0%
Large	Curr Wk	49.6	75.7	54.0	86.1	129.3	394.7
	Change	4.1	12.7	1.7	-6.4	12.4	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.4	37.0	16.9	14.1	35.5	113.9
	Change	-0.7	0.1	2.4	-0.7	3.9	5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.2	2.4	0.8	2.2	3.4	11
	Change	-0.5	-0.9	0.2	1.0	1.4	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	22.1	8.0	9.9	6.3	51.2
	Change	-0.4	-1.7	-2.6	-0.7	-0.8	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.1	41.6	11.3	6.8	23.6	97.4
	Change	3.6	-24.5	0.1	-0.2	1.1	-17%
Total	Curr Wk	115.2	219.7	107.3	144.4	265.6	852.2
Percent	Change	6%	-4%	0%	-9%	11%	1%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	852.2	1%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	294.1	-6%	29
Total Shell Egg	1146.3	-1%	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	4.3	8.8	1.9	5.7	6.1	26.8
	Change	-0.9	0.5	0.6	1.1	2.4	16%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	12.2	2.5	0.0	0.0	14.7
	Change	0.0	-1.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	4.3	21.0	4.4	5.7	6.1	41.5
Percent	Change	-17%	-3%	7%	24%	65%	6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	41.5	6%	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 21, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								21.00	FUTURE LOADS								21.25	TOTAL LOADS				42.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	67.50	77.00	68.00	69.50	--	--	21.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	92.00	--	1.25	GL W J	84.00	--	--	111.75	99.50	102.50	2.50							
GL W XL	--	--	89.00	93.00	90.00	--	8.25	GL W XL	--	100.88	--	--	--	103.38	4.00							
GL W LG	--	--	--	89.00	85.00	--	4.00	GL W LG	--	100.00	--	--	--	90.50	3.00							
GL W MD	--	--	67.00	69.00	73.00	--	3.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	84.00	2.00							
NRBS - 36	--	25.00	--	--	23.00	--	3.00	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	95.00	95.50	.50							

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 17, 2011 – JAN 21, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								98.50	FUTURE LOADS								66.50	TOTAL LOADS				165.00
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	64.60	74.75	66.40	70.65	57.75	74.75	91.00	GNR W 1	--	76.07	--	--	--	--	22.00							
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 2	--	69.00	--	--	--	--	3.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	93.41	--	4.50	GL W J	84.00	--	--	111.75	101.83	107.00	7.00							
GL W XL	--	--	85.65	90.68	86.77	87.00	24.50	GL W XL	94.00	99.58	--	--	--	98.53	12.50							
GL W LG	--	94.00	77.14	79.93	76.86	80.33	44.25	GL W LG	--	96.38	--	--	--	82.76	21.25							
GL W MD	79.00	75.00	66.31	71.88	69.51	--	22.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	78.25	--	80.17	14.00							
GL W SM	--	--	56.18	59.59	--	--	3.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00							
NRBS - 36	--	25.00	--	--	20.60	19.00	5.00	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	95.00	95.50	.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**

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	01/17/11	01/10/11	01/18/10
PACIFIC COAST	15	31	18
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, 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	123.77
LARGE	118.34
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	87.00

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