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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 unchanged. Demand into retail channels is moderate to good with improvements noted in some areas of the South Central due to anticipated wintry weather. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Supplies range light to instances heavy, mostly light to moderate for trade requirements. Market activity is mixed, generally moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the good to mostly good demand. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; 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 asking prices are 4 cents higher for extra large and large, and 5 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are steady for all sizes. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate with instances moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. A major winter snowstorm is forecasted for Tuesday and Wednesday in most of the reporting area. Breaking stock prices are unchanged with checks and undergrades 2 cents higher. Offerings and supplies remain light. Demand is good. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	96-105	99-102	LARGE	77-87	81
LARGE	95-104	97-100	MEDIUM	68-72	70
MEDIUM	86-95	88-91	SMALL	52-58	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 4 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium egg prices are 5 cents higher than the previous week. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate for needs. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for a good demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region are sufficient for a moderate to instances good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-121	107-111
LARGE	97-111	102-106
MEDIUM	88-101	93-95

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 4 cents higher for extra large and large, 5 cents higher for medium. Retail demand is moderate to good with improvement noted in some areas due to the anticipation of inclement winter weather conditions. Food service demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady with checks and undergrades higher. Demand is good. Offerings and supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111.5-120	113-116
LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
MEDIUM	90.5-99	92-95

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are up 5.5 to 5 cents on Extra Large and Large sizes and 5 cents higher on Mediums. Retail demand is fairly good to good, however distributive demand is light. Supplies are light to moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is mostly good on light offerings. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104.5-113	107-110
LARGE	100.5-111	105-108
MEDIUM	88-99	92-96

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 unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	100-104

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-111	104-106
LARGE	101-109	102-104
MEDIUM	92-100	93-95

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 4 cents higher for extra large and large and 5 cents higher for medium and small. The Pacific inventory is 4% higher from last Monday, with California increasing 1% and OR-WA-UT up 10%. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 4 cents higher for extra large and large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. The Pacific inventory is 4% higher from last Monday, with California increasing 1% and OR-WA-UT up 10%. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price is \$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	148
EXTRA LARGE	150
LARGE	139
MEDIUM	128

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 04, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 28, 2011 were 166,969 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	122,011	44,958	166,969

% change from the prior week..... -2 +67 +10
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices are unchanged with checks and undergrades 2 cents higher. Offerings and supplies remain light. Demand is good. Breakers continue to seek additional breaking stock at higher trending values. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-50	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-36	29-33
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 31-JAN-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced and as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST Prices are trending steady. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate to good buyer interest. 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	8-19 CENTS/LB.		12.96
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: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10 & 17, 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 10 & 17, 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	12.3	15.3	6.4	9.8	15.1	58.9
	Change	-0.3	3.8	2.4	0.7	-0.2	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.3	32.5	12.5	18.7	56.4	153.4
	Change	11.9	3.1	0.2	2.5	4.2	17%
Large	Curr Wk	52.4	91.7	67.1	99.6	136.3	447.1
	Change	2.8	16.0	13.1	13.5	9.1	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	41.0	20.3	18.3	37.0	130
	Change	3.0	4.0	3.4	4.2	1.7	14%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	2.6	1.4	1.3	3.5	12.8
	Change	1.8	0.2	0.6	-0.9	0.1	16%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	18.7	6.5	8.9	4.6	42.6
	Change	-1.0	-3.4	-1.5	-1.0	-1.6	-17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.5	46.0	8.2	6.2	20.0	84.9
	Change	-9.6	4.4	-3.1	-0.6	-3.6	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	123.8	247.8	122.4	162.8	272.9	929.7
Percent	Change	7%	13%	14%	13%	4%	9%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	929.7	9%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	269.4	-8%	29
Total Shell Egg	1199.1	5%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
 Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.7	7.0	2.2	6.5	6.1	26.5
	Change	0.4	-1.8	0.3	0.8	0.0	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	13.4	1.8	0.0	0.0	15.2
	Change	0.0	1.2	-0.7	0.0	0.0	3%
Total	Curr Wk	4.7	20.4	4.0	6.5	6.1	41.7
Percent	Change	9%	-3%	-9%	14%	0%	0%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	41.7	0%	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.

3/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
115.2	219.7	107.3	144.4	263.2	849.8

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 28, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								22.00	FUTURE LOADS								16.00	TOTAL LOADS				38.00
		SE		NE		MW			SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	--	--	71.50	73.00	--	--	5.00		GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.00 2.00						
GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.50	--	2.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	86.33 3.00						
GL W XL	--	--	92.00	93.50	77.19	--	5.00		GL W LG	--	91.50	--	--	--	--	80.50 6.00						
GL W LG	--	75.00	--	--	68.00	--	4.00		GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	81.25 1.00						
GL W MD	--	--	75.00	78.00	70.00	--	2.00		GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	--	65.00 1.00						
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	61.00	57.00	--	2.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.00															
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	46.00	49.00	3.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 24, 2011 – JAN 28, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								97.50	FUTURE LOADS								71.00	TOTAL LOADS				168.50
		SE		NE		MW			SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	70.00	80.43	71.13	76.24	--	76.00	69.00		GNR W 1	--	82.19	--	--	--	--	33.00						
GNR W 2	--	70.00	--	--	63.13	65.00	4.00		GL W J	82.00	--	--	97.50	--	93.88 9.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	94.00	79.91	--	8.75		GL W XL	83.00	100.33	--	--	--	95.11 9.75							
GL W XL	--	98.25	90.64	93.45	85.84	--	23.25		GL W LG	77.50	96.31	--	--	--	89.65 26.25							
GL W LG	--	85.29	87.00	87.71	80.47	93.00	42.00		GL W MD	--	87.00	--	--	--	82.71 6.25							
GL W MD	--	--	79.88	81.80	74.24	--	11.25		GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	65.00 1.00							
GL W SM	--	--	61.00	63.25	57.00	--	3.00															
GL BR MD	--	--	76.00	82.00	--	--	.25															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.88	28.00															
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	46.00	49.00	3.00															

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	01/24/11	01/17/11	01/25/10
PACIFIC COAST	43	15	42
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	127.77
LARGE	122.34
MEDIUM	109.86
SMALL	92.00

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