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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 3 cents lower on Mediums. Regional prices are steady however asking prices are 1 cent lower on Extra Large in Western regions. Demand into all channels ranges light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies are generally moderate to heavy for immediate trade needs. Market activity is mixed, mostly moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate with normal to reduced schedules. Spent hen offerings are fully sufficient; demand is moderate to good.

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 are unchanged on all sizes. Daily producer prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is moderate to good while offerings are light to instances moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 96-105 | 99-102 |
| LARGE | 95-104 | 97-100 |
| MEDIUM | 84-93 | 86-89 |

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Prices delivered to store door: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 103-111 | 104-106 |
| LARGE | 101-109 | 102-104 |
| MEDIUM | 90-98 | 91-93 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

| | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| LARGE | 77-87 | 81 |
| MEDIUM | 66-70 | 68 |
| SMALL | 53-59 | |

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Demand is very light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are sufficient for less than normal to normal breaking schedules. Light type he offerings are mostly adequate for regular processing schedules.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 103-121 | 104-107 |
| LARGE | 97-111 | 103-106 |
| MEDIUM | 86-99 | 91-93 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances good. Supplies are mostly moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offering are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl offerings are adequate; processing schedules are full-time.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 105.5-113 | 107-110 |
| LARGE | 104-111 | 105-108 |
| MEDIUM | 90.5-98 | 91-95 |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. Retail demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is moderate to good with offerings light to at times moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

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|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 111.5-120 | 113-116 |
| LARGE | 104.5-113 | 106-109 |
| MEDIUM | 88.5-97 | 90-93 |

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 3 cents lower on Medium, steady on larger sizes. Supplies are moderate to heavy for immediate needs. Demand ranges very light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Prices delivered store door: | RANGE |
| EXTRA LARGE | 111-115 |
| LARGE | 109-113 |
| MEDIUM | 95-99 |

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent lower for jumbo and extra large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California up 12% and OR-WA-UT increasing 10%. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies range light to heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent lower for jumbo and extra large and unchanged on large, medium and small. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California increasing 12% and OR-WA-UT up 10%. Offerings are moderate on light to mostly moderate demand. Supplies range light to heavy, usually moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.05.

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 | 149 |
| LARGE | 139 |
| MEDIUM | 125 |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 25, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 18, 2011 were 150,554 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 127,752 | 22,802 | 150,554 |

% change from the prior week..... +2 +26 +5
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. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is moderate to good while offerings are light to instances moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

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.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 53-55 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 34-41 | 34-38 |
| 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, CENTS PER LB.

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-FEB-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was slow for adequate or better offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 8-17.75 | TOO FEW TO REPORT | 12.93 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices are trending steady. Offerings are at least sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
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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 Feb 14, 2011.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2.24 | 2.22 | 3.00 | 1.40 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCT 11, 2010, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 1.70 | 1.70 | 1.54 | 1.06 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

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 | 11.8 | 18.5 | 6.2 | 11.3 | 65.0 |
| | Change | 1.8 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 18% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 33.7 | 31.2 | 12.7 | 23.5 | 138.6 |
| | Change | 1.7 | -1.5 | 1.5 | -1.9 | -1% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 60.2 | 84.9 | 69.7 | 96.3 | 455.7 |
| | Change | 9.4 | 7.4 | 20.9 | -12.4 | 11% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 15.3 | 36.9 | 20.5 | 13.9 | 115.5 |
| | Change | 2.1 | -4.6 | 1.9 | 0.6 | -1% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 3.1 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 16.2 |
| | Change | -0.3 | 0.8 | -0.6 | 0.5 | 18% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 1.4 | 20.8 | 6.0 | 11.4 | 46.8 |
| | Change | 0.0 | -1.6 | -6.1 | 0.1 | -11% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 14.9 | 35.6 | 9.5 | 6.0 | 86.9 |
| | Change | 4.6 | -8.5 | -6.2 | 0.0 | -8% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 140.4 | 233.4 | 124.9 | 164.4 | 924.7 |
| Percent | Change | 16% | -1% | 10% | -7% | 5% |

| TOTAL | No. of Cases | % Change | No. of Coops |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Shell Egg | 924.7 | 5% | 157 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 271.5 | 2% | 29 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,196.2 | 4% | 186 |

| | | No Cent | So Cent | So Atl | Pacific | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Large | Curr Wk | 3.4 | 8.1 | 1.4 | 4.5 | 22.9 |
| | Change | -1.7 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -1.0 | -13% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 0.0 | 12.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 14.5 |
| | Change | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 24% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 3.4 | 20.1 | 3.9 | 4.5 | 37.4 |
| Percent | Change | -33% | 12% | 0% | -18% | -1% |

| TOTAL | No. of cases | % Change | No. of Coops |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Specialty Shell Egg | 37.4% | -1% | 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 the number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in 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 FEB 18, 2011

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | 18.75 | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | | 11.50 | TOTAL LOADS | | | | 30.25 |
|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|--|--|-------|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | | LOADS | | LOADS | | LOADS | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | .50 | GL W J | -- | -- | -- | 96.75 | 88.00 | 93.23 | 5.75 | GL W XL | -- | -- | 1.75 | | | |
| GNR BR 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 90.71 | 4.75 | GL W MD | 65.00 | -- | 3.00 | | | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78.00 | -- | 5.00 | NRBS - 48 | -- | 64.00 | -- | -- | -- | 74.00 | 3.00 | NRBS - 42 | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 83.57 | -- | 1.75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 77.29 | -- | 6.75 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 64.40 | 67.40 | 63.25 | -- | 4.50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | -- | 64.00 | 60.00 | 63.00 | 56.00 | -- | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR MD | -- | -- | 74.00 | 77.25 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 54.00 | -- | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 14, 2011 – FEB 18, 2011

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | 72.50 | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | | 47.25 | TOTAL LOADS | | | | 119.75 |
|---------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|--|--|--------|
| SE | | NE | | MW | | SC | | NW | | SW | | LOADS | | LOADS | | LOADS | | LOADS | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 71.83 | 81.33 | 71.50 | 78.67 | -- | 77.00 | 34.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | 82.63 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 18.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | -- | 8.00 | | | |
| GNR W 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 8.00 | GNR W 2 | -- | 77.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 8.00 | GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 160.00 | -- | 3.00 | GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 173.00 | 1.00 | GL W J | 87.00 | -- | 14.75 | | | |
| GNR BR 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W J | 87.00 | -- | -- | 96.50 | 88.00 | 93.41 | 14.75 | GL W XL | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78.15 | -- | 12.50 | GL W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 97.38 | 2.00 | GL W LG | -- | 94.67 | 18.75 | | | |
| GL W XL | -- | 96.84 | 88.75 | 91.00 | 83.84 | 86.75 | 18.00 | GL W LG | -- | 94.67 | -- | -- | -- | 90.49 | 18.75 | GL W MD | 65.00 | -- | 12.00 | | | |
| GL W LG | 101.00 | 99.50 | -- | 87.56 | 78.74 | -- | 34.75 | GL W MD | 65.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 74.19 | 12.00 | GL W SM | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | |
| GL W MD | 88.00 | -- | 64.63 | 68.73 | 66.87 | -- | 20.50 | GL W SM | -- | -- | -- | -- | 62.00 | -- | 1.00 | GL BR J | -- | -- | .25 | | | |
| GL W SM | 63.00 | 64.00 | 61.40 | 64.20 | 56.00 | -- | 8.00 | GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 93.50 | .25 | GL BR LG | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | |
| GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 77.25 | -- | .25 | GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 171.00 | 1.00 | NRBS - 48 | -- | 64.00 | 1.00 | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | NRBS - 48 | -- | 64.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL BR MD | -- | -- | 74.00 | 77.25 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 54.00 | 54.30 | 19.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

| ON HAND | (In Thousands) | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| | 02/14/11 | 02/07/11 | 02/15/10 |
| PACIFIC COAST | 2 | 20 | 47 |
| LOS ANGELES | 0 | 0 | 0 |

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

Feb. 21, 2011

| 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 Feb 21, 2011

The market is steady on all sizes. 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 | 128.44 |
| LARGE | 123.02 |
| MEDIUM | 108.86 |
| SMALL | 93.00 |

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