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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. New York prices are steady. Demand into all channels is generally light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for present trade purposes. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the mixed, mostly moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate; 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 8 cents lower for all reported sizes. Daily producer prices are 2 cents lower for all sizes. Retail and food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate with market activity slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-103	96-98
LARGE	93-101	94-96
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	67-77	71
MEDIUM	56-60	58
SMALL	49-55	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 8 to 11 cents lower on Extra Large, 8 cents less on Large and Medium. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the mostly moderate demand. Light type hen offerings in the East are generally sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-110	96-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	78-91	83-85

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium sized eggs. Demand into retail and food service channels is at times light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97.5-109	99-102
LARGE	95-105	97-100
MEDIUM	81-90	82-86

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 11 cents lower for extra large, 8 cents lower for large and medium. Retail and food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

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

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	101-105
LARGE	99-103
MEDIUM	88-92

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 11 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, and 8 cents lower for large, medium and small. Trade sentiment is weak. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT declining 7%. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are 11 cents lower for jumbo and extra large and 8 cents lower for large, medium and small. Trade sentiment is weak. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT declining 7%. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. 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	136
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	131
MEDIUM	117

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 04, 2011 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 25, 2011 were 163,545 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	127,042	36,503	163,545

% change from the prior week..... -1 +60 +9
 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 steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate with market activity slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-55	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	35-42	35-39
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 28-FEB-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand for heavy hens is slow. Offerings are at least adequate. Schedules are reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST Prices continue to trend steady. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are sufficient. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.88
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 AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2011

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.24	2.22	2.00	1.40

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2011 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.70	1.70	1.54	1.06

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	12.1	16.1	7.7	10.6	19.1	65.6
	Change	0.3	-2.4	1.5	-0.7	1.9	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.1	45.6	16.2	32.1	37.5	163.5
	Change	-1.6	14.4	3.5	8.6	0.0	18%
Large	Curr Wk	58.5	120.0	89.9	114.8	136.1	519.3
	Change	-1.7	35.1	20.2	18.5	-8.5	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	36.8	24.0	18.6	28.8	122.9
	Change	-0.6	-0.1	3.5	4.7	-0.1	6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	5.2	0.6	2.5	4.9	16.4
	Change	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.4	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.2	17.8	9.5	10.2	6.3	45
	Change	-0.2	-3.0	3.5	-1.2	-0.9	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.2	49.0	12.1	5.4	20.3	107
	Change	5.3	13.4	2.6	-0.6	-0.6	23%
Total	Curr Wk	142.0	290.5	160	194.2	253	1039.7
Percent	Change	1%	24%	28%	18%	-3%	12%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1039.7	12%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.3	-8%	29
Total Shell Egg	1290.0	8%	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	5.6	9.1	1.1	4.8	4.6	25.2
	Change	2.2	1.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.9	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	11.8	2.1	0.0	0.0	13.9
	Change	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	5.6	20.9	3.2	4.8	4.6	39.1
Percent	Change	65%	4%	-18%	7%	-16%	5%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	39.1	5%	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.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								39.25	FUTURE LOADS								7.00	TOTAL LOADS				46.25
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	59.50	--	60.50	62.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	76.00	--	--	--	--	84.06	9.00							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	67.25	--	8.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	82.81	5.25							
GL W XL	--	--	71.00	73.50	67.50	--	8.25	GL W LG	--	77.70	--	--	--	80.33	7.00							
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	65.00	--	11.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	1.00							
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	56.00	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	185.00	--	--	193.00	.50							
GL W SM	--	--	62.00	65.00	52.00	59.00	1.75	GL BR LG	--	--	185.00	--	--	193.00	.75							
NRBS - 48	44.25	47.00	52.00	55.00	--	--	10.00															
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.000															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 21, 2011 – FEB 25, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								126.50	FUTURE LOADS								35.50	TOTAL LOADS				162.00
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	67.50	--	66.75	68.95	--	--	12.00	GNR W 1	--	83.00	--	--	--	--	2.00							
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	167.50	--	2.00	GL W J	76.00	--	--	--	78.50	85.19	13.50							
GNR BR 2	--	--	--	158.00	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	88.00	--	--	--	86.68	16.75							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.93	106.00	11.25	GL W LG	--	57.13	--	--	--	80.65	43.50							
GL W XL	--	--	79.36	83.44	74.44	96.00	33.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	69.31	11.00							
GL W LG	--	--	66.50	79.00	67.27	69.80	51.00	GL BR XL	--	--	185.00	--	--	193.00	.50							
GL W MD	--	95.00	61.00	66.75	60.95	--	13.50	GL BR LG	--	--	185.00	--	--	193.00	.75							
GL W SM	--	--	61.74	64.78	52.00	59.00	5.50	NRBS - 48	--	64.00	--	--	--	--	5.00							
GL BR LG	--	--	--	87.00	--	--	1.00															
GL BR SM	--	--	72.00	74.00	--	--	.25															
NRBS - 48	44.45	47.00	52.00	57.93	52.60	54.21	42.00															
NRBS - 45	--	42.00	--	--	40.00	--	3.75															
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	47.00	5.00															

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)		
	02/21/11	02/14/11	02/22/10
PACIFIC COAST	2	2	35
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

Feb. 28, 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 28, 2011

The market is steady on small, 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	118.36
LARGE	115.26
MEDIUM	97.86
SMALL	89.00

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