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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 1 cent higher on all sizes. Prices in remaining regions are steady with a firm undertone noted. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on Mediums and larger sizes. Demand into all channels is moderate to good, however light to at times good in the Northeast. Supplies are light to moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity remains mostly moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings are light to fully adequate; 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 for next week are 17 cents higher for extra large and large, and 16 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are 5 cents higher for large and medium, and 2 cents higher for small. The undertone is higher. Retail demand is fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues firm. Demand is good with limited offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-88	82-85
LARGE	78-87	80-83
MEDIUM	72-81	74-77

  

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	87-89
LARGE	84-92	85-87
MEDIUM	78-86	79-81

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	77-87	81
MEDIUM	70-74	72
SMALL	55-61	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady with asking prices for next week 17 cents higher. The undertone remains firm. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service is moderate. Offerings are very light and held with confidence. Supplies are light. Market activity is active. Central states breaking stock prices are steady with a firm undertone. Demand is good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90.5-99	92-95
LARGE	86.5-95	88-91
MEDIUM	76.5-85	78-81

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady with a firm undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to good. Supplies are light to instances moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to at times good. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for full-time processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	84-91	85-88
MEDIUM	75.5-83	76-80

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. Offerings are mostly light to moderate. Demand into all channels ranges light to good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Offerings of light type hens in the East are sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-103	89-92
LARGE	80-94	85-89
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Medium and larger egg prices are 1 cent higher. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and distributive demand ranges light to occasionally good. Trade sentiment is firm. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-115	-
LARGE	109-113	-
MEDIUM	103-107	-

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 18 cents higher for jumbo, 16 cents higher for extra large, 17 cents higher for large and 16 cents higher for medium and small. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 18 cents higher for jumbo, 16 cents higher for extra large, 17 cents higher for large and 16 cents higher for medium and small. Offerings are moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 95 cents.

### CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketers 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	129
EXTRA LARGE	134
LARGE	124
MEDIUM	115

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	116-124
LARGE	104-114
MEDIUM	95-105

**BREAKING STOCK**

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

**CENTRAL REGION** All prices are steady. Trade sentiment continues firm. Demand is good with offerings limited. Most breakers continue to work from regular commitments and company owned production at this time. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-58	56-58
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	37-44	37-41
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices are steady on breaking stock and higher on checks and undergrades. Demand is moderate to at times good on light to moderate offerings. Market activity is moderate. Case broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 19-Mar-2011 were 5 percent higher than the previous week and 16 percent more than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	49-58	53-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	37-42	39-41
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 19-MAR-2011	(lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,366,019	32,036	14,080	6,978	2,952	4,466
PW	1,347,636	31,436	14,058	7,404	2,987	4,331
LY	1,195,753	29,781	11,498	5,632	2,181	4,157
% PW	1%	2%	0%	-6%	-1%	3%
% LY	14%	8%	22%	24%	35%	7%
2011	14,505,431	342,639	149,984	75,959	33,556	48,948
2010	13,488,945	327,547	133,355	65,852	27,372	46,479
% YTD	8%	5%	12%	15%	23%	5%

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.14	42.47	42.71
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.87	39.25	39.23

**IN LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	748,455	54.8%	19,388	60.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	753,176	55.9%	18,808	59.8%
LAST YEAR	660,350	55.2%	17,919	60.2%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is firm for all liquid products. Offerings are light to moderate and reported as tightening from last week's levels. Demand is good for whole egg and whites and moderate for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	21	45-54	51.00	2.65
WHITES	11	44-67	51.09	3.75
YOLKS	10	65-72	68.83	1.50

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices are unchanged on whole, yolks, albumen and blends. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Asking prices are steadily advancing, while most trading is based on contractual sales. Market activity remains moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Mar-2011 are 1% lower than the previous week and 35% higher than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced is 23% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.45-2.70	MOSTLY	2.55-2.65
YOLKS	1.79-2.05	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.95-5.25	MOSTLY	4.10-4.15
BLENDS (whole plus sweetener)	2.15-2.25	MOSTLY	2.15-2.20

**NATIONAL FROZEN** Prices are steady to higher on whites and salted yolks, steady on sugar yolks and irregular on whole. Trade sentiment is firm. Supplies are balanced. Asking prices are steadily advancing, although most trading centers around LTL and contractual sales. Demand remains seasonally moderate on all products. Market activity is moderate.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	62-69	64-66	70-76	71-72
WHITES	61-68	62-63	67-73	68-70
SUGARED YOLKS	85-90	88	90-96	90-92
SALTED YOLKS	81-87	84-85	88-93	88-90

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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 18, 2011 – MAR 24, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 105.50

FUTURE LOADS 53.75

TOTAL LOADS 159.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	58.90	77.00	61.00	66.73	--	--	41.00	GNR W 1	--	87.00	--	--	--	--	17.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	67.00	60.00	--	1.00	GL W J	95.00	--	--	--	99.00	107.39	16.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	104.70	6.75
GL W J	--	116.50	82.00	83.50	89.51	--	16.50	GL W LG	96.50	81.17	--	--	--	100.99	30.75
GL W XL	--	109.50	89.07	95.82	90.03	98.00	30.25	GL W MD	80.67	--	--	--	--	86.67	10.25
GL W LG	--	--	80.00	85.50	84.38	--	40.25	GL W SM	57.00	--	--	--	--	66.00	1.00
GL W MD	--	--	71.56	73.89	76.90	--	19.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	114.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	60.50	63.75	--	--	4.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	137.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	96.50	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	135.00	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	119.50	--	.25	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	80.50	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	142.25	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	67.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	56.00	55.86	7.00								

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.

**LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,  
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN** Prices continue to trend steady. Demand is moderate to good for the sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices are unchanged. Offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules mostly full time. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	90.50	87.00	80.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	78.00
MIDWEST	83.50	81.50	75.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	93.50	89.50	79.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	89.21	86.26	78.28

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Sales are noted as too few to report prices. Offerings are mostly moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY  
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 19-Mar-11 (PRELIMINARY)

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,423	1,498	2,921
Last Week	1,598	1,476	3,074
Same week yr ago	1,466	1,426	2,892
To-date/2011*	16,100	16,571	32,671
To-date/2010*	15,884	14,763	30,647

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	420	0	420
Last Week	448	0	448
Same week yr ago	442	0	442
To-date/2011*	4,207	96	4,303
To-date/2010*	3,886	56	3,942

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Thousands	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,843	1,498	3,341
Last Week	2,046	1,476	3,522
Same week yr ago	1,908	1,426	3,334
To-date/2011*	20,307	16,667	36,974
To-date/2010*	19,770	14,819	34,589

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-  
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	0	50	240	1,310
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	116
Total	0	50	240	1,426

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	333	325	3,393	4,199
Frozen	49	3	163	95
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	382	328	3,556	4,294

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports to Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,040	720	6,189	4,920
Large	4,310	6,330	8,970	13,870
Medium	630	1,650	3,235	6,090
Ungraded	1,133	5,544	10,384	37,002
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	8,113	14,244	28,778	61,882

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts from Producers)

REGIONS	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	208.7	0	7
East North Central	637.2	-5	-8
West North Central	250.8	1	-27
South Atlantic	138.8	-1	-15
South Central	52.2	2	-6
West	58.7	18	-9
Total	1346.4	-2	-11

Matched plants reporting

71 71

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 19-Mar-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	17.0	18.6	-9	18
Boston	2.4	3.1	-23	-20
Chicago	57.3	57.9	-1	-7
Los Angeles	55.5	62.4	-11	-5
New Orleans	7.0	6.5	8	30
New York	31.5	32.1	-2	2
St. Louis	87.7	86.3	2	-1
San Francisco	19.8	20.5	-3	-7
Total	278.2	287.4	-3	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	282.8			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS** – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
AM 03/21/11	3,681	116,272	56,695
AM 03/01/11	3,664	111,834	59,835
CHG	17	4438	-3140
PCT CHG	0%	4%	-5%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Mar 22, 2011

Prices paid/doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	193	183	133	94
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	186-190	176-180	126-130	87-91
MOSTLY	188-189	178-179	128-129	89-90
RHODE ISLAND	192-196	182-186	132-136	93-97
MOSTLY	192	182	132	93
VERMONT	193-195	183-185	133	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

Commodity	Jan-31 2010	Jan-31 2011	Feb-28 2010	Feb-28 2011	Feb 28, 2011 as a Percent of	
					Feb-28 2010	Jan-31 2011
FROZEN EGG						
		(1,000 pounds)			(percent)	
Whites	3,435	3,795	3,246	3,239	100%	94%
Yolks	871	1,162	642	2,123	331%	244%
Whole and mixed	7,402	7,831	6,492	7,103	109%	96%
Unclassified	12,632	14,000	13,726	13,722	100%	109%
<b>Total frozen eggs</b>	<b>24,340</b>	<b>26,788</b>	<b>24,106</b>	<b>26,187</b>	<b>109%</b>	<b>98%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****February Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, and 974 million hatching eggs, of which 908 million were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2011 averaged 339 million, down slightly from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2011 totaled 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.02 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2011, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from March 1, 2010.

Source: USDA/NASS