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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are higher on all sizes. New York prices are steady. Retail and food service demand are moderate to good while light to moderate in the Midwest. The best movement is noted in areas with current or planned features. Supplies are light to moderate however moderate to instances heavy in the Southeast. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings are 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 prices are 7 cents higher for extra large and large, and 3 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Demand for the wholesale sector is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light on moderate to mostly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-112	106-109
LARGE	102-111	104-107
MEDIUM	91-100	93-96
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-118	111-113
LARGE	108-116	109-111
MEDIUM	97-105	98-100

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	84-94	88
MEDIUM	73-77	75
SMALL	55-61	
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-128	114-117
LARGE	105-119	110-114
MEDIUM	95-106	98-100
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium sized eggs. Demand into retail and distributive channels is moderate to good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is mostly moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is moderate to good on light to moderate offerings. Light type hen offerings are adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-119	113-116
LARGE	104-117	111-114
MEDIUM	94-103	96-100
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents higher for extra large and large, 3 cents higher for large. The undertone ranges steady to firm. Retail demand is moderate to good with best movement into areas with planned or active features. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light while supplies are light to moderate. Market activity remains moderate to active. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.5-124	117-120
LARGE	111.5-120	113-116
MEDIUM	96.5-105	98-101
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX		

NEW YORK EGGS Extra Large, Large and Medium prices are steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Supplies are moderate for current needs. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	120-124
LARGE	118-122
MEDIUM	105-109

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large and large and 7 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory increased 30% from last Monday, with California up 39% and OR-WA-UT increasing 19%. Demand is moderate to good on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy as buyers build inventories for the upcoming Easter holiday. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large and 7 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory increased 30% from last Monday, with California up 39% and OR-WA-UT increasing 19%. Offerings are moderate while demand ranges moderate to good. Supplies are moderate to heavy as buyers build for the upcoming Easter holiday. Market activity is mostly moderate to active.

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	156
EXTRA LARGE	159
LARGE	150
MEDIUM	138

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 08, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 01, 2011 were 152,888 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 10 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	127,929	24,959	152,888
% change from the prior week.....	+10	+9	+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 Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light on moderate to mostly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	59-62	60-62
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	41-48	41-45

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 04-APR-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for full adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were 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 generally steady. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17.75 CENTS/LB.		12.95
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 MARCH 21, 2011

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.31	2.29	2.07	1.50

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2011 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.80	1.80	1.64	1.16

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	12.5	14.8	7.7	10.4	20.2	65.6
	Change	3.0	-3.0	1.6	-0.9	3.4	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.3	30.5	16.8	25.0	51.0	147.6
	Change	2.4	3.3	1.7	2.4	13.3	19%
Large	Curr Wk	54.5	123.1	96.5	115.9	181.3	571.3
	Change	-8.2	13.4	18.7	19.3	47.0	19%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	46.6	22.1	20.9	38.4	144.9
	Change	-1.7	-0.4	1.2	1.5	4.2	3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	2.7	1.2	2.5	6.4	15.2
	Change	-2.6	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	1.6	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	19.4	7.9	9.0	7.1	46.4
	Change	1.9	2.5	-2.6	0.1	0.4	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.6	58.7	17.3	13.7	33.9	145.2
	Change	16.3	11.4	6.3	9.0	9.1	56%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	295.8	169.5	197.4	338.3	1136.2
Percent	Change	9%	10%	19%	19%	30%	18%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1136.2	18%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.7	-4%	29
Total Shell Egg	1356.9	14%	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	4.5	6.3	2.4	7.0	8.0	28.2
	Change	-0.4	0.9	0.8	-0.1	1.5	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	9.6	3.2	0.0	0.0	12.8
	Change	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	4.5	15.9	5.6	7.0	8.0	41.0
Percent	Change	-8%	2%	17%	-1%	23%	5%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	41.0	5%	44

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 APRIL 01, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								25.25	FUTURE LOADS								11.50	TOTAL LOADS				36.75
		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	86.00	--	88.00	89.50	73.86	--	10.00		GL W J	--	--	--	116.25	--	114.00	2.00						
GL W J	--	--	--	--	95.50	--	2.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	118.00	.25						
GL W XL	--	--	102.00	107.08	101.50	--	3.50		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	111.00	1.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	5.00		GL W MD	89.42	--	--	101.25	--	98.00	3.00						
GL W MD	--	--	83.00	85.00	85.00	89.00	3.00		GL W SM	55.00	--	--	--	--	64.00	.50						
GL W SM	--	--	67.00	70.00	--	--	1.00															
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	8.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	35.00	37.00	--	--	.25															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 28, 2011 – APR 01, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								87.00	FUTURE LOADS								57.50	TOTAL LOADS				144.50
		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	83.67	91.42	84.70	88.88	79.94	87.50	81.00		GNR W 1	--	93.87	--	--	--	--	20.00						
GNR W 3	--	--	--	72.00	66.00	--	1.00		GNR BR 1	--	134.00	--	--	--	--	1.00						
GNR W 4	--	--	64.00	65.00	--	--	1.00		GL W J	--	--	--	116.25	110.57	114.14	13.75						
GL W J	--	--	--	--	95.56	--	12.00		GL W XL	101.00	113.00	--	--	--	116.25	7.50						
GL W XL	--	108.00	102.92	107.48	103.11	--	29.75		GL W LG	98.33	106.33	99.00	--	104.50	108.50	17.00						
GL W LG	--	105.00	97.25	96.11	99.40	--	32.50		GL W MD	90.32	--	--	101.25	--	97.79	6.50						
GL W MD	93.00	71.00	78.83	84.50	86.75	89.50	13.00		GL W SM	55.00	--	--	--	--	64.00	.50						
GL W SM	64.00	66.67	64.00	66.33	57.00	60.00	5.00		GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	114.00	.25						
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	.25															
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50															
NRBS - 48	--	--	62.00	65.00	--	68.00	10.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	35.00	37.00	--	--	.25															

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)		
	03/28/11	03/21/11	03/29/10
PACIFIC COAST	17	23	28
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 light. 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	130.75
LARGE	125.75
MEDIUM	113.86
SMALL	95.00

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