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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are steady on larger sizes, lower on Mediums while higher to unchanged on Larges in the Southeast. New York prices are unchanged on all sizes. Retail demand is mixed, ranging light to good. Food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Current supplies are at a full range of light to instances heavy for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are light to at least adequate with normal to part time processing schedules.

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 for extra-large and large, and 2 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are unchanged for all sizes. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate, but increasing availability is noted on jumbo and medium sizes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate on light to mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	105-114	108-111
Large	104-113	106-109
Medium	89-98	91-94

Delivered to store door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	112-120	113-115
Large	110-118	111-113
Medium	95-103	96-98

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	Range	Mostly
Large	86-96	90
Medium	71-75	73
Small	55-61	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, & western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 2 to 3 cents lower on medium, steady on larger sizes. Offerings are moderate. Current demand ranges light to good, mostly light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are about adequate for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen demand is moderate to good for no more than adequate offerings.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	114-131	117-120
Large	108-122	113-117
Medium	92-105	97-99

Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady on Extra Large eggs, higher to unchanged on Large and lower on Mediums. Retail demand is good. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for present trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to light. Spent hen offerings are no more than sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	113.5-121	115-118
Large	112-119	113-116
Medium	94.5-102	95-99

Area: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady for extra-large and large, 2 cents lower for medium. Retail demand is fairly good to good. Food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Delivered to warehouse:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	118.5-127	120-123
Large	113.5-122	115-118
Medium	95.5-104	97-100

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are moderate for trading purposes. Demand into all channels is mixed, ranging light to good. Market activity is moderate.

Delivered to store door:	Range
Extra Large	122-126
Large	120-124
Medium	104-108

**WESTERN** Prices are 5 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged on extra-large and large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 23% from last Monday, with California down 23% and OR-WA-UT down 22%. Demand ranges moderate to very good, mostly fairly good while offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to active.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices are 5 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged on extra-large and large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. The Pacific inventory declined 23% from last Monday, with California down 23% and OR-WA-UT declining 22%. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy while demand is moderate to very good, mostly fairly good. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

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	151
Extra Large	161
Large	152
Medium	137

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 22, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 15, 2011 were 165,231 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week.....	143,752	21,479	165,231

% change from the prior week..... +3 -8 +1  
 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 steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate on light to mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	61-63	62-63
Checks & Undergrades	42-49	42-46

Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

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**LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** (7 pounds and up)\*  
 Final Price, Generally for Slaughter the Week of 18-Apr-2011

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate. 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 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.

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**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 April 04, 2011

Grade A	Ex Large	Large	Medium	Small
	2.31	2.29	2.07	1.50

Minimum prices for producers f.o.b. farm for the week of April 04, 2011 as set by Ontario egg producers

Grade A	Ex Large	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	9.3	16.2	7.6	12.7	24.8	70.6
	Change	-1.4	1.8	0.6	0.4	2.0	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.9	36.0	15.8	24.2	43.8	148.7
	Change	-4.6	2.1	-4.9	-2.3	-15.2	-14%
Large	Curr Wk	49.1	112.1	67.7	116.3	144.4	489.6
	Change	-10.0	-4.2	-21.8	-20.4	-62.4	-20%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	44.6	23.5	17.5	43.2	139.7
	Change	-2.0	5.5	-1.5	-3.2	-3.5	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	3.4	1.5	1.8	7.0	16.3
	Change	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	18.1	9.0	9.6	7.9	46.8
	Change	0.5	-2.5	0.3	2.9	-0.5	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.1	43.0	12.3	6.5	22.2	91.1
	Change	-3.8	-10.6	-2.9	-6.6	-6.5	-25%
Total	Curr Wk	110.1	273.4	137.4	188.6	293.3	1002.8
Percent	Change	-16%	-3%	-18%	-13%	-23%	-15%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1002.8	-15%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	246.0	11%	29
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Total Shell Egg	1248.8	-11%	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	4.6	7.6	1.9	9.1	7.7	30.9
	Change	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.6	-1.0	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	12.1	4.2	0.0	0.0	16.3
	Change	0.0	3.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	29%
Total	Curr Wk	4.6	19.7	6.1	9.1	7.7	47.2
Percent	Change	2%	22%	11%	7%	-11%	9%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	47.2	9%	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 weighted average prices (cents/doz.) national trading for April 15, 2011

Current Loads 29.00 Future Loads 14.00 Total Loads 43.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	88.00	91.00	88.00	90.50	--	--	--	GNR W 1	--	90.00	--	--	--	--	--
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	73.50	--	--	GL W J	--	--	--	--	84.00	91.26	--
GL W XL	--	--	100.50	98.25	80.00	84.00	--	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	GL W MD	60.00	76.00	--	--	--	75.00	--
GL W MD	--	--	80.00	82.00	62.00	--	--	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	90.00	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	72.00	--	--								
NRBS - 48	--	--	59.43	61.75	--	--	--								

Weekly 5-day weighted average prices (cents/doz.) national trading for April 11, 2011-April 15, 2011

Current Loads 88.00 Future Loads 44.25 Total Loads 132.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	88.00	90.50	88.00	92.29	--	83.00	26.00	GNR W 1	--	90.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	84.25	--	4.00	GNR W 2	87.75	99.00	--	--	--	--	8.00
GNR W 3	--	--	70.00	71.00	--	--	1.75	GL W J	83.33	--	--	98.00	89.67	93.95	21.50
GL W J	--	--	106.00	107.00	76.52	83.00	16.50	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	87.00	1.25
GL W XL	--	105.00	100.21	100.86	89.53	94.63	13.50	GL W LG	--	100.50	--	--	--	92.71	5.50
GL W LG	--	100.50	--	100.20	90.30	--	19.50	GL W MD	66.44	76.00	--	84.53	--	79.33	11.25
GL W MD	--	--	78.33	80.50	70.76	--	16.00	GL W SM	47.00	--	--	--	--	65.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	63.00	64.50	57.00	60.00	3.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	93.50	.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	75.50	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	125.00	--	.50								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	59.43	61.75	--	--	20.00								
NRBS - 42	--	51.00	--	--	49.00	58.00	4.75								

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** (in thousands)

On Hand	04/11/11	04/04/11	00/12/10
Pacific Coast	3	17	36
Los Angeles	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is lower on medium, steady 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	135.44
Large	131.47
Medium	112.86
Small	95.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	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

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