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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 2 cents lower on Medium eggs, steady on larger sizes. Regional prices are lower on all sizes. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Supplies are mixed, light to at times heavy for current trade needs. Market activity is generally slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light to moderate. Spent fowl offerings are fully adequate to heavy for the moderate to good demand.

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 6 cents lower for extra large and large, and 7 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are steady with a weak undertone. Trading this morning is very limited but current supplies outweigh demand. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate and reported as unaggressive. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-108	102-105
LARGE	98-107	100-103
MEDIUM	82-91	84-87

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-114	107-109
LARGE	104-112	105-107
MEDIUM	88-96	89-91

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	80-90	84
MEDIUM	64-68	66
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 5 cents lower on Extra Large, 6 cents lower on Large and 7 cents lower on Mediums. Supplies are light. Demand is light to adequate. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light to moderate. Spent fowl offerings are generally sufficient for the moderate to good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-126	112-115
LARGE	104-118	109-111
MEDIUM	86-99	90-92

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 Mediums. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies are light to instances moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are mostly adequate for the moderate to good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.5-119	111-114
LARGE	108-114	109-112
MEDIUM	87.5-95	88-92

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower for extra large and large, 6 cents lower for medium. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
LARGE	108.5-117	110-113
MEDIUM	89.5-98	91-94

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents lower on Mediums, steady on larger sizes. Supplies are light. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	118-122
LARGE	116-120
MEDIUM	96-100

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, 6 cents lower for large and 8 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady to weak. The Pacific inventory declined 15% from last Monday, with California down 18% and OR-WA-UT declining 12%. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand moderate to good as retailers refill following the holiday weekend. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 5 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, 6 cents lower for large and 8 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is cautiously steady to weak. The Pacific inventory declined 15% from last Monday, with California down 18% and OR-WA-UT declining 12%. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand moderate to good as retailers refill following the holiday weekend. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.09.

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	146
EXTRA LARGE	156
LARGE	146
MEDIUM	129

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 29, 2011 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 22, 2011 were 242,079 cases which was 47 percent above the prior week and 46 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week.....	216,801	25,278	242,079
% change from the prior week.....	+51	+18	+47

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 barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate and reported as unaggressive. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	61-62	
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 25-Apr-2011

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. 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 steady. Offerings are generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal to less than normal as some operations took some down time due to the Religious holiday. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

	Range	Maj	Wtd Avg
At Farm Buyer Loading	8-17.75 cents/lb.		12.93
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 April 11, 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 11, 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	7.7	12.6	6.5	11.0	18.8	56.6
	Change	-1.6	-3.6	-1.1	-1.7	-6.0	-20%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	28.4	8.1	18.7	32.6	108
	Change	-8.7	-7.6	-7.7	-5.5	-11.2	-27%
Large	Curr Wk	36.1	83.4	45.2	103.7	116.7	385.1
	Change	-13.0	-28.7	-22.5	-12.6	-27.7	-21%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.9	39.4	21.3	18.1	38.0	125.7
	Change	-2.0	-5.2	-2.2	0.6	-5.2	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	3.9	2.8	2.7	5.6	17.4
	Change	-0.2	0.5	1.3	0.9	-1.4	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	21.7	12.4	9.6	10.5	56.2
	Change	-0.2	3.6	3.4	0.0	2.6	20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	6.0	55.2	9.2	7.3	26.1	103.8
	Change	-1.1	12.2	-3.1	0.8	3.9	14%
Total	Curr Wk	83.3	244.6	105.5	171.1	248.3	852.8
Percent	Change	-24%	-11%	-23%	-9%	-15%	-15%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	852.8	-15%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	262.5	7%	29
Total Shell Egg	1115.3	-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	4.1	7.9	1.6	8.8	6.4	28.8
	Change	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	17.2	4.0	0.0	0.0	21.2
	Change	0.0	5.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	30%
Total	Curr Wk	4.1	25.1	5.6	8.8	6.4	50.0
Percent	Change	-11%	27%	-8%	-3%	-17%	6%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	50.0	6%	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 22, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								21.25	FUTURE LOADS								9.00	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 W 1	81.00	--	84.00	85.00	--	--	4.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	83.00	3.00	GL W J	--	--	3.00			
GL W J	--	--	--	--	65.00	--	3.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	89.25	1.00	GL W LG	--	80.00	7.00			
GL W XL	--	--	95.00	97.00	73.00	--	2.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	84.50	7.00	GL W SM	--	--	65.00			
GL W LG	--	--	88.00	90.00	69.00	--	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	73.18	6.25	GL BR LG	--	--	69.00			
GL W MD	--	--	61.33	71.00	60.53	--	7.25															
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	62.00	65.00	.50															
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	69.00	76.50	.50															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 18, 2011 – APR 22, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								79.50	FUTURE LOADS								34.00	TOTAL LOADS				113.50
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	84.25	88.83	86.10	88.55	--	--	23.00	GNR W 1	--	90.33	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 1	--	90.33	3.00			
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	95.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 2	--	95.00	3.00			
GL W J	--	--	--	--	66.79	--	8.25	GL W J	79.15	87.00	--	91.50	75.20	84.91	12.75	GL W J	79.15	87.00	12.75			
GL W XL	--	101.00	97.93	100.14	74.36	--	13.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	90.43	1.75	GL W XL	--	--	1.75			
GL W LG	--	99.00	88.50	93.25	70.84	75.75	33.25	GL W LG	--	94.00	--	--	--	86.75	16.50	GL W LG	--	94.00	16.50			
GL W MD	--	--	65.00	72.75	71.56	--	14.75	GL W MD	65.25	72.50	--	--	--	73.56	11.75	GL W MD	65.25	72.50	11.75			
GL W SM	--	--	60.50	63.50	62.00	65.00	3.50	GL W SM	50.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W SM	50.00	--	1.00				
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	68.88	76.50	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	66.50	83.50	.25	GL BR J	--	--	.25			
GL BR MD	71.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR XL	64.00	--	--	--	--	78.00	.50	GL BR XL	64.00	--	.50			
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	1.00	GL BR LG	64.00	84.00	--	--	--	78.00	1.50	GL BR LG	64.00	84.00	1.50			
NRBS - 48	--	--	56.00	58.50	--	62.27	26.00	NRBS - 50	58.20	--	--	--	--	67.00	5.00	NRBS - 50	58.20	--	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)		
	04/18/11	04/11/11	04/19/10
PACIFIC COAST	32	3	34
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, 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	131.57
LARGE	128.71
MEDIUM	105.86
SMALL	93.00

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