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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. New York prices are steady on all sizes. Retail demand is light to mostly moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate while moderate to good in the Northeast. Supplies are moderate to heavy for present trading purposes. Market activity ranges slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is mostly moderate. Spent hen offerings are adequate 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 10 cents lower for extra large and large, and 1 cent lower for medium. Daily producer prices are steady for all sizes. Retail demand is light, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to cautiously steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-94	88-915
LARGE	84-93	86-89
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-100	93-105
LARGE	90-98	91-93
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	66-76	70
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	51-57	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 9 to 10 cents less on Extra Large, 12 cents less on Large and 2 cents lower on Medium eggs. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy. Retail demand is mostly moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-109	95-98
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	79-92	84-86

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. Retail demand is light. Food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to mostly heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is mostly moderate. Light type hen demand is moderate on fully sufficient offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-108.5	96-99
LARGE	93-106.5	94-97
MEDIUM	80.5-88	81-85

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 10 cents lower for extra large, 12 cents lower for large, and 1 cent lower for medium. The undertone is cautiously steady to barely steady. Both retail and food service demand continue light to moderate while offerings and supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-104	97-100
LARGE	92.5-101	94-97
MEDIUM	83.5-92	85-88

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate for immediate needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 6 cents lower for jumbo, 10 cents lower for extra large, 11 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Offerings are light for jumbo and medium and moderate to heavy on the balance of sizes. Demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 6 cents lower for jumbo, 10 cents lower for extra large, 11 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Offerings of jumbo and mediums are light with the balance of offerings moderate to heavy on light to mostly moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

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	135
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	131
MEDIUM	123

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ¹ (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.1	9.8	15.5	8.6	10.6	3.5	55.1
	% Change	-8.1%	4.0%	10.0%	-2.5%	-5.1%	-26.0%	-1.5%
Extra Large	This Week	26.4	21.8	40.8	14.3	28.2	10.4	141.8
	% Change	2.4%	11.1%	-7.2%	13.1%	14.5%	87.9%	7.3%
Large	This Week	46.3	94.4	138.9	78.4	79.1	42.2	479.2
	% Change	-5.2%	3.2%	10.9%	10.4%	19.1%	-12.4%	6.2%
Medium	This Week	17.1	18.7	42.6	21.7	28.0	9.4	137.5
	% Change	19.0%	9.3%	2.0%	-14.7%	10.4%	-10.7%	2.2%
Small	This Week	2.9	4.3	3.5	1.6	1.8	2.9	17.1
	% Change	48.0%	69.3%	7.4%	-24.4%	-20.2%	21.3%	17.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.5	10.9	22.6	13.8	3.4	2.5	54.7
	% Change	-54.0%	17.1%	-12.7%	7.7%	3.1%	-24.6%	-5.4%
Ungraded	This Week	14.8	10.8	58.8	9.6	15.9	17.0	127.0
	% Change	53.6%	-5.3%	19.3%	17.8%	4.2%	-1.4%	14.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	116.0	170.8	322.7	148.1	167.0	87.8	1,012.4
	% Change	4.2%	6.1%	6.3%	5.0%	12.6%	-4.4%	5.8%
Totals		Cases			Percent Change			
Shell Egg		1,012.4			5.8%			
Breaking Stock		271.9			8.3%			
Total Shell Egg		1,284.3			6.3%			

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory ²

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	5.2	4.5	2.3	3.6	1.9	7.3	24.8
	% Change	-4.4%	-28.7%	-58.6%	16.7%	-81.1%	14.8%	-32.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	15.1	5.5	0.0	0.0	20.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	7.0%	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.2	4.5	17.4	9.1	1.9	7.3	45.4
	% Change	-4.4%	-28.7%	-11.6%	13.3%	-81.1%	14.8%	-18.7%

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large:	40.4%	47
Ungraded:	39.0%	35
Total:	39.8%	43

^{1/} 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.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV, **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 13, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 06, 2011 were 109,721 cases which was 21 percent below the prior week and 22 percent below estimates.

Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:		
91,750	17,971	109,721

% change from the prior week:		
-18	-35	-21

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 steady to cautiously steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	59-61	
Checks & Undergrades	40-47	40-44
Central States Area:	AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI	

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 25, 2011

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	2.31	2.29	2.07	1.50

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of April 25, 2011 as set by Ontario egg producers

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	1.80	1.80	1.64	1.16

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 06, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 26.25								FUTURE LOADS 6.00				TOTAL LOADS 32.25			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	60.50	59.00	67.00	68.50	--	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	86.00 92.00 .75		
GL W XL	75.00	--	79.00	81.50	71.80	--	9.00	GL W XL	77.63	80.50	--	--	86.90 9.00		
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	64.27	--	5.50	GL W LG	--	76.71	--	--	77.93 5.50		
GL W SM	57.50	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W MD	63.00	--	--	--	71.25 2.00		
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.00 -- 1.00		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 02, 2011 – MAY 06, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 113.50								FUTURE LOADS 30.50				TOTAL LOADS 144.00			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	68.00	59.00	71.80	74.25	--	--	9.00	GL W J	83.45	--	--	95.75	86.00 91.93 15.75		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	70.50	78.00	1.00	GL W XL	77.32	83.43	80.75	--	87.48 22.25		
GL W J	--	--	89.00	91.00	74.51	78.00	10.75	GL W LG	73.00	79.87	--	84.00	80.24 18.00		
GL W XL	75.00	90.00	84.00	84.92	72.61	--	33.00	GL W MD	62.25	75.00	--	--	70.27 8.00		
GL W LG	--	--	86.50	76.83	67.00	71.36	28.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	56.00	-- 1.00		
GL W MD	--	--	60.22	65.00	81.00	--	6.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	92.00 .50		
GL W SM	57.63	--	57.50	60.50	--	--	7.00	GL BR XL	64.00	--	--	--	78.00 .75		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	76.00	--	.50	GL BR LG	64.00	--	--	--	78.00 1.75		
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	.75								
GL BR MD	--	--	54.00	58.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	60.17	59.80	26.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	42.50	46.00	1.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	38.50	42.00	1.00								

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)		
	05/02/11	04/25/11	05/03/10
PACIFIC COAST	93	48	3
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-MAY-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from primary users. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WTD
RANGE MAJORITY AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices are trending slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Offerings are generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

WTD
RANGE MAJORITY AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.5-18 13.05
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is light.

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	118.39
LARGE	116.06
MEDIUM	98.86
SMALL	93.00

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