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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast prices are steady to lower on larger sizes, unchanged on Mediums. New York and regional prices are steady. Food service and retail demand range light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are light to sufficient; demand is adequate 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 are unchanged. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. Market undertone is steady with all sizes well balanced. Demand and offerings moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84
LARGE	77-86	79-82
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-93	86-88
LARGE	83-91	84-86
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	59-69	63
MEDIUM	57-61	59
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 steady on all sizes. Offerings are mixed, ranging light to at times heavy. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Light hen offerings are about adequate to adequate for a moderate to good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-102	88-91
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	78-91	83-85

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to lower on larger sized eggs, unchanged on Mediums. Demand is moderate to instances good. Offerings range light to mostly moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the East are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; demand is moderate to good.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	84-91	85-88
MEDIUM	80.5-88	81-85

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate while supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate with offering moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	84.5-93	86-89
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are mostly moderate. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	90-94

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged for jumbo, extra large and large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy, heaviest for large, with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are steady for jumbo, extra large and large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy, heaviest for large, while demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.00.

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	130
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	122

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	9.7	9.4	13.9	7.1	10.1	3.2	53.5
	% Change	-2.4%	-7.0%	-4.7%	-17.9%	-13.1%	15.4%	-7.4%
Extra Large	This Week	23.6	20.1	31.7	13.2	45.7	9.6	143.9
	% Change	-7.4%	3.0%	5.0%	2.4%	18.4%	25.3%	7.1%
Large	This Week	49.4	83.3	113.4	68.2	94.3	46.6	455.1
	% Change	-1.8%	-14.1%	-18.2%	-12.7%	11.4%	-0.7%	-8.2%
Medium	This Week	15.2	16.9	46.4	23.0	27.1	12.2	140.7
	% Change	-0.7%	-17.1%	3.3%	1.3%	5.7%	37.4%	2.2%
Small	This Week	2.2	3.7	5.3	1.6	1.1	3.0	16.8
	% Change	-4.4%	17.4%	22.1%	54.4%	-25.5%	72.8%	20.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.3	8.1	22.1	10.0	3.3	3.4	48.1
	% Change	-24.1%	31.5%	2.1%	-19.8%	-6.6%	61.5%	1.3%
Ungraded	This Week	12.0	6.4	68.9	15.1	13.1	9.0	124.5
	% Change	-17.8%	-2.7%	-3.1%	-13.4%	-13.8%	-18.1%	-8.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	113.3	147.8	301.5	138.2	194.6	87.1	982.5
	% Change	-5.2%	-9.2%	-7.3%	-9.9%	7.8%	7.3%	-3.9%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		982.5	-3.9%
Breaking Stock		258.5	-5.0%
Total Shell Egg		1,241.0	-4.1%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	5.5	5.6	3.0	3.9	1.0	6.0	24.9
	% Change	4.2%	18.9%	-57.2%	-10.6%	-50.2%	-25.3%	-20.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	18.2	5.6	0.0	0.0	23.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-12.8%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	-8.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.5	5.6	21.2	9.5	1.0	6.0	48.7
	% Change	4.2%	18.9%	-23.9%	1.4%	-50.2%	-25.3%	-14.8%

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

Large:	44.4%
Ungraded:	40.9%
Total:	42.7%

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 27, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 20, 2011 were 155,258 cases which was 15 percent above the prior week and 15 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	134,413	20,845	155,258

% change from the prior week:
+16 +12 +15

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 mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	57-59	
Checks & Undergrades	38-45	38-42
Central States Area:	AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI	

Canadian Eggs Week of May 09, 2011

Quebec/Montreal: Wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

Grade A Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
2.31	2.29	2.07	1.50

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm, 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 20, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 34.75								FUTURE LOADS 6.00								TOTAL LOADS 40.75							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	73.00	--	7.50	GL W LG	--	--	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	2.25				
GL W J	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	73.00	--	7.50	GL W LG	--	--	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	2.25	GL W SM	56.50	--	4.00				
GL W XL	73.00	--	7.50	GL W LG	--	--	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	2.25	GL W SM	56.50	--	4.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	6.00				
GL W LG	--	--	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	2.25	NRBS - 48	--	--	6.00												
GL W MD	--	--	2.25																				
GL W SM	56.50	--	4.00																				
NRBS - 48	--	--	6.00																				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 16, 2011 – MAY 20, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 130.75								FUTURE LOADS 31.50								TOTAL LOADS 162.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W XL	58.00	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	64.50	2.00	GL W J	85.05	90.10	12.00	GL W XL	73.75	79.77	27.50	GL W LG	68.90	76.45	33.75				
GNR W 1	--	--	8.00	GL W J	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	73.75	79.77	27.50	GL W LG	68.90	76.45	33.75	GL W MD	60.50	68.00	17.75				
GNR W 2	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	72.33	76.00	38.75	GL W LG	--	--	46.75	GL W MD	60.50	68.00	17.75	GL W SM	56.50	--	2.00				
GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	--	46.75	GL W MD	81.00	--	14.75	GL BR LG	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	.50				
GL W J	--	--	8.00	GL W MD	81.00	--	14.75	NRBS - 48	53.00	55.50	26.75												
GL W XL	72.33	76.00	38.75	GL W SM	56.50	--	7.00																
GL W LG	--	--	46.75	GL BR XL	74.00	--	1.00																
GL W MD	81.00	--	14.75	GL BR LG	71.00	--	1.00																
GL W SM	56.50	--	7.00																				
GL BR XL	74.00	--	1.00																				
GL BR LG	71.00	--	1.00																				
NRBS - 48	53.00	55.50	26.75																				

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	05/16/11	05/09/11	05/17/10
PACIFIC COAST	55	81	43
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is fairly 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	109.04
LARGE	105.94
MEDIUM	97.86
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

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

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-MAY-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. 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 steady to instances firm. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate to good demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	WTD
	RANGE MAJORITY AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-18 13.10
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT