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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 1 to 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 2 to 3 cents lower on Mediums. New York prices are unchanged. Retail demand is mixed, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand ranges light to good, generally light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate with normal to reduced 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 2 cents higher for extra large and large, and 2 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are unchanged. Market undertone is steady to fully steady. Food service demand is light to moderate, while retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate for the larger sizes and mostly moderate for medium. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80-89	83-86
LARGE	79-88	81-84
MEDIUM	73-82	75-78

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-95	88-90
LARGE	85-93	86-88
MEDIUM	79-87	80-82

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	61-71	65
MEDIUM	55-59	57
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 1 to 2 cents higher on Extra Large, 2 cents higher on Large, although 2 cents lower on Medium. Offerings are mixed, but mostly moderate. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for less than normal to normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings in the East are light to moderate for regular processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-104	90-93
LARGE	83-97	88-92
MEDIUM	76-89	81-83

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large, 1 to 2 cents higher on Large and 3 cents lower on Mediums. Retail and food service demand is moderate to at times good. Offerings are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Light type fowl offerings are light to moderate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-95	89-92
LARGE	85-93	87-90
MEDIUM	77.5-85	78-82

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher for extra large and large, 2 cents lower for medium. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89.5-98	91-94
LARGE	86.5-95	88-91
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged on Medium and larger eggs. Trade sentiment is steady to full steady. Offerings are moderate to light. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is usually moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	88-92

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large and large and 4 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is moderate on moderate offerings. Market activity is mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large and large and 4 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate with demand mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 96 cents.

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	137
EXTRA LARGE	132
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	116

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) ^{1/} (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.2	9.8	13.6	9.1	8.8	3.8	52.2
	% Change	-25.9%	4.5%	-2.7%	27.6%	-12.4%	16.1%	-2.3%
Extra Large	This Week	23.2	19.5	31.1	14.8	40.7	8.0	137.4
	% Change	-1.7%	-2.7%	-1.7%	11.9%	-11.1%	-16.8%	-4.6%
Large	This Week	52.2	85.1	114.6	81.1	92.6	46.1	471.6
	% Change	5.7%	2.1%	1.1%	18.8%	-1.8%	-1.2%	3.6%
Medium	This Week	18.2	18.5	42.6	25.1	28.2	13.2	145.8
	% Change	19.7%	9.6%	-8.1%	9.2%	4.2%	8.2%	3.6%
Small	This Week	1.9	3.9	4.4	2.1	1.3	2.4	16.0
	% Change	-12.4%	6.2%	-17.1%	32.1%	21.9%	-18.4%	-4.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	9.2	24.3	12.4	3.9	2.1	54.2
	% Change	88.9%	13.7%	9.9%	24.2%	19.3%	-39.8%	12.7%
Ungraded	This Week	9.2	7.6	77.0	10.2	15.1	11.6	130.6
	% Change	-23.5%	17.7%	11.8%	-32.6%	15.1%	28.9%	4.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	114.2	153.6	307.5	154.7	190.5	87.1	1,007.7
	% Change	0.8%	3.9%	2.0%	12.0%	-2.1%	0.0%	2.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,007.7	2.6%
Breaking Stock	248.5	-3.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,256.2	1.2%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory ^{1/2}

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	4.5	7.2	2.6	3.9	2.9	4.1	25.0
	% Change	-18.1%	27.9%	-13.0%	-1.0%	176.7%	-31.4%	0.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	25.8	5.6	0.0	0.0	31.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	41.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	32.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	4.5	7.2	28.4	9.5	2.9	4.1	56.5
	% Change	-18.1%	27.9%	34.2%	0.1%	176.7%	-31.4%	16.0%

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

Large:	32.4%
Ungraded:	32.2%
Total:	32.3%

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, and WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; **Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 03, 2011 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 27, 2011 were 138,548 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
119,970	18,578	138,548

% change from the prior week:

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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. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Breaking Stock	56-58	
Checks & Undergrades	37-46	37-41
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 May 16, 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 May 16, 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 weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for May 27, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 28.00								FUTURE LOADS 7.00								TOTAL LOADS 35.00	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	60.00	--	60.50	62.50	--	--	7.00	GL W J	91.71	--	--	98.75	--	97.20	4.75		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	80.17	--	3.00	GL W XL	81.50	87.00	--	--	--	89.50	2.50		
GL W XL	--	--	78.00	80.50	74.77	--	4.25	GL W LG	75.55	81.00	--	--	--	83.50	9.00		
GL W LG	--	--	75.00	83.00	70.38	76.00	7.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	72.45	2.50		
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	60.86	64.00	3.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	81.00	68.00	--	.25		
NRBS - 45	--	49.00	--	--	47.00	--	1.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	81.00	68.00	--	1.00		
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	36.50	39.50	1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for May 24, 2011 – May 30, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 79.00								FUTURE LOADS 22.50								TOTAL LOADS 101.50	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	59.75	71.00	59.88	62.25	--	59.40	19.00	GL W J	89.27	91.00	--	98.75	83.00	96.48	8.25		
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	52.00	56.00	1.00	GL W XL	79.81	79.56	81.00	--	--	88.85	15.25		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	79.65	95.00	5.00	GL W LG	75.29	78.23	--	--	--	82.48	21.50		
GL W XL	75.86	83.73	79.33	84.04	74.89	78.00	24.50	GL W MD	--	70.00	55.00	--	--	71.18	5.50		
GL W LG	70.00	78.80	73.33	73.68	69.36	76.00	27.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	59.00	1.00		
GL W MD	61.00	64.33	59.00	66.08	65.00	64.00	12.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	81.00	68.00	--	.25		
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	61.00	51.00	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	74.00	81.00	68.00	82.00	2.00		
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	58.00	9.00										
NRBS - 45	--	49.00	--	--	47.00	--	1.00										
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	36.50	39.50	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)		
	05/23/11	05/16/11	05/24/10
PACIFIC COAST	35	55	18
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on medium, higher 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	109.91
LARGE	106.81
MEDIUM	95.86
SMALL	93.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS MAY 30, 2011

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MAY 30, 2011	
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 pound.

Generally for slaughter the week of 30-May-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AVG**

*Weights under 7 pounds subject to discount.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices are trending generally steady when compared to the previous week. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Memorial Day holiday. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

**RANGE MAJORITY WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.5-18 13.11
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT**

*Weights under 7 pounds subject to discount.