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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in the Midwest and Southeast areas are higher on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. In New York and remaining regions, prices are steady. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate, although moderate to fairly good in the South Central region. Food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies range light to heavy, mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate for a mixed, but mostly 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 1 cent higher for extra large and large, and steady for medium. Daily producer prices are steady for all sizes. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Food service demand is light to moderate while retail demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to instances moderate with offerings light to unavailable. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	94-97
LARGE	90-99	92-95
MEDIUM	69-78	71-74

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-106	99-101
LARGE	96-104	97-99
MEDIUM	75-83	76-78

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	72-82	76
MEDIUM	51-55	53
SMALL	41-47	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Supplies are mostly moderate on Extra Large, moderate to occasionally heavy on Large and Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are fully sufficient for normal to overtime breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to at times good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-119	102-105
LARGE	92-106	97-101
MEDIUM	70-83	75-77

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged to 2 cents higher for extra large, unchanged to 1 cent higher for large, and unchanged for mediums. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to readily available for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock floor stocks are fully adequate for normal to over-time breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to good.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.5-110.25	98-101
LARGE	95-102	96-99
MEDIUM	70.5-78	71-75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices remain steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. The trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to instances moderate with offerings light to unavailable. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
LARGE	101.5-110	103-106
MEDIUM	73.5-82	75-78

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. Supplies are mixed, although mostly moderate. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-110
LARGE	104-108
MEDIUM	82-86

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies range light to heavy, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 90 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	152
EXTRA LARGE	143
LARGE	135
MEDIUM	110

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	6.7	9.4	11.5	6.9	10.1	3.9	48.4
	% Change	-3.7%	12.4%	-16.1%	-9.6%	-6.4%	20.3%	-4.3%
Extra Large	This Week	21.9	25.2	35.4	14.0	36.7	6.1	139.3
	% Change	-8.8%	17.8%	11.6%	19.3%	-4.2%	-9.9%	4.0%
Large	This Week	52.5	93.7	94.8	74.2	69.9	26.8	411.9
	% Change	-25.3%	13.3%	-2.4%	2.7%	-9.6%	-14.3%	-4.4%
Medium	This Week	16.1	26.1	43.3	35.8	30.4	11.7	163.4
	% Change	6.6%	7.4%	-0.2%	22.0%	7.3%	19.2%	8.7%
Small	This Week	1.3	7.9	7.7	4.2	1.6	4.3	26.9
	% Change	-18.5%	35.8%	-5.3%	-8.8%	85.7%	-0.2%	6.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.6	8.0	28.7	11.4	3.2	1.7	55.6
	% Change	-16.2%	-12.4%	-0.9%	22.2%	-17.4%	-8.1%	-1.1%
Ungraded	This Week	11.0	8.2	73.6	21.3	18.7	17.1	149.9
	% Change	11.9%	29.8%	24.4%	41.8%	6.7%	7.3%	21.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	112.0	178.5	294.9	167.8	170.6	71.7	995.4
	% Change	-14.4%	13.0%	4.5%	11.9%	-3.6%	-2.2%	2.5%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		995.4	2.5%
Breaking Stock		259.3	3.7%
Total Shell Egg		1,254.7	2.7%

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	4.4	5.9	1.6	3.4	2.5	4.7	22.4
	% Change	-2.0%	-19.2%	-45.3%	-15.6%	4.6%	0.2%	-12.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	22.1	5.5	0.0	1.5	29.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	22.0%	8.5%	0.0%	0.0%	25.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	4.4	5.9	23.7	8.8	2.5	6.2	51.5
	% Change	-2.0%	-19.2%	12.7%	-2.1%	4.6%	32.0%	5.3%

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

Large:	30.0%
Ungraded:	36.0%
Total:	33.4%

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 July 15, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 08, 2011 were 176,195 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	152,628	23,567	176,195
% change from the prior week:	-4	+21	-2

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

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	57-61	57-59
Checks & Undergrades	38-47	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 June 27, 2011

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

	Extra	Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.53	

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm, as set by Ontario egg producers

	Extra	Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 08, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 26.50								FUTURE LOADS 24.25								TOTAL LOADS 50.75			
SE			NE			MW		SC			NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	71.00	--	--	74.00	70.00	--	11.00	GL W J	98.00	--	--	110.00	96.00	101.00	2.00				
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	80.00	84.00	--	--	--	88.94	5.50				
GL W XL	--	--	85.00	89.00	75.39	79.00	7.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	74.71	4.75				
GL W LG	74.00	76.00	--	--	63.21	--	5.75	GL W MD	53.00	--	--	70.75	--	59.00	3.25				
GL W MD	--	--	52.00	54.00	56.00	53.00	3.25	NRBS - 50	50.00	--	--	--	--	57.00	3.00				
GL W SM	--	--	48.00	51.00	--	--	1.00												
GL BR LG	--	--	--	98.50	90.00	--	1.00												
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00												
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00												

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 04, 2011 – July 08, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 91.00								FUTURE LOADS 55.25								TOTAL LOADS 146.25			
SE			NE			MW		SC			NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	71.00	73.60	70.50	74.83	70.00	--	45.00	GNR W 1	--	82.38	--	--	--	--	17.00				
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	103.00	--	--	4.00	GL W J	97.00	--	--	110.00	96.00	102.43	6.25				
GL W J	--	--	92.25	95.33	90.00	--	5.25	GL W XL	80.00	89.80	--	95.50	--	87.98	12.25				
GL W XL	--	89.00	85.00	88.25	77.02	79.00	26.50	GL W LG	--	84.47	--	90.25	--	76.84	28.25				
GL W LG	74.00	76.00	79.00	78.33	71.26	--	39.75	GL W MD	51.87	--	--	70.75	--	63.00	14.75				
GL W MD	57.00	47.50	52.00	57.83	54.22	58.14	16.00	NRBS - 50	50.00	--	--	--	--	57.00	3.00				
GL W SM	--	47.00	46.40	49.20	39.00	--	6.00												
GL BR LG	105.00	--	--	98.50	90.00	--	1.50												
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	52.00	--	--	.25												
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	52.00	--	--	7.00												
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	59.00	9.00												

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)		
	07/04/11	06/27/11	07/05/10
PACIFIC COAST	29	32	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on extra large, steady 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	120.77
LARGE	113.79
MEDIUM	88.86
SMALL	83.00

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 pound.

Generally for slaughter the week of 11-Jul-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Sales were TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices are trending steady. Offerings are moderate for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is moderate.

	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	RANGE MAJORITY AVG
	8.5-19 13.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*Weights under 7 pounds subject to discount.