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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are unchanged to higher on Extra Large, steady on remaining sizes. Prices in the Southeast region are lower on Extra Large and Large, steady on Mediums. New York prices are steady. Retail demand ranges light to instances good while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light on Extra Large, moderate to heavy on Large and Mediums as extreme temperatures and humidity continue to affect production. Market activity is at times slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to sufficient; processing schedules are part-time to mostly normal.

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 on all sizes. Daily producer prices are also unchanged. The undertone is steady to firm on large, extra large, and jumbo. Offerings of jumbo and extra large are light, while offerings of large, medium and small are moderate to heavy. Demand is light to moderate for retail and food service. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
MEDIUM	64-73	66-69

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-103	96-98
LARGE	93-101	94-96
MEDIUM	70-78	71-73

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	69-79	73
MEDIUM	46-50	48
SMALL	34-40	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged to 3 cents higher on Extra Large, steady on Large and Medium. Supplies are very light on Extra Large, moderate to heavy on the balance as hot weather in the Northeast continues to be a factor in production. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking offerings are light to moderate for a moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-117	98-103
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	65-78	70-72

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 Extra Large and Large eggs, unchanged on Mediums. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good and distributive demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light on Extra Large, moderate to heavy on the balance due to noted heat and high humidity. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; mostly normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-105	94-97
LARGE	91-98	92-95
MEDIUM	66.5-74	67-71

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher for extra large, steady for large and medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings of jumbo and extra large remain light, large moderate, and medium moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady with a firm undertone. Offerings are light for the moderate demand. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101.5-110	103-106
LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
MEDIUM	68.5-77	70-73

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Trade sentiment ranges steady to firm. Offerings are very light on Extra Large, moderate to heavy on Large and Medium. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	77-81

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, unchanged on large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is firm for jumbo and extra and mostly steady on the balance of sizes. Demand is moderate while offerings are light for jumbo and extra large and moderate to heavy for large and medium. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, unchanged for large and 2 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is firm for jumbo and extra large, steady for large and steady to barely steady for medium. Demand is moderate with offerings light for jumbo and extra large and moderate to heavy on the balance of sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 83 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	148
EXTRA LARGE	140
LARGE	132
MEDIUM	103

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	5.8	9.2	6.6	6.5	10.2	3.5	41.8
	% Change	-26.1%	-5.6%	-41.1%	1.9%	9.7%	-20.8%	-14.5%
Extra Large	This Week	17.0	22.2	22.4	13.6	30.4	5.1	110.7
	% Change	-25.8%	-14.7%	-38.9%	17.7%	-2.9%	32.6%	-16.3%
Large	This Week	49.3	90.2	78.3	77.3	67.3	43.4	405.8
	% Change	-10.5%	1.6%	-14.6%	10.9%	-4.3%	37.8%	-0.3%
Medium	This Week	21.1	22.0	56.8	34.3	30.6	12.2	177.0
	% Change	34.1%	19.2%	40.9%	21.9%	-10.5%	9.7%	19.6%
Small	This Week	5.3	6.9	6.7	1.4	1.1	6.2	27.7
	% Change	-0.4%	-0.7%	5.0%	-69.3%	34.9%	32.2%	-4.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.5	9.4	32.0	10.5	5.1	1.6	61.2
	% Change	-14.5%	-0.6%	22.6%	4.5%	20.2%	3.1%	12.5%
Ungraded	This Week	6.1	6.9	55.8	17.5	13.3	7.7	107.3
	% Change	-45.8%	2.4%	-4.2%	-11.9%	-26.9%	-32.3%	-14.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	107.1	166.8	258.6	161.2	158.0	79.6	931.3
	% Change	-11.5%	0.4%	-4.4%	7.2%	-6.2%	16.4%	-1.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	931.3	-1.4%
Breaking Stock	258.4	-2.1%
Total Shell Egg	1,189.7	-1.6%

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	5.3	7.5	1.7	2.6	3.5	3.4	24.0
	% Change	19.0%	33.9%	-7.7%	15.9%	19.3%	-23.6%	11.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	12.3	5.5	0.0	0.0	17.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-33.3%	12.4%	0.0%	-100.0%	-28.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.3	7.5	14.0	8.2	3.5	3.4	41.9
	% Change	19.0%	33.9%	-31.0%	13.5%	19.3%	-45.2%	-10.2%

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

Large:	32.1%
Ungraded:	37.9%
Total:	34.6%

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 29, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 22, 2011 were 156,387 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:		
134,231	22,156	156,387

% change from the prior week:

-2	-2	-2
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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 firm. Offerings are light on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	59-61	
Checks & Undergrades	40-49	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 Week of July 11, 2011

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

Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.53

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

Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 22, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								21.50	FUTURE LOADS								8.00	TOTAL LOADS			29.50		
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	71.00	--	70.75	73.00	--	--	5.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	107.00	112.00	1.00							
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	4.00	GL W XL	--	102.00	--	--	--	105.00	--	1.50							
GL W XL	--	--	93.00	99.50	90.43	--	4.50	GL W LG	--	92.00	--	--	--	91.00	--	1.75							
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	6.75	GL W MD	51.00	--	--	--	--	58.56	--	2.25							
GL W MD	--	--	48.00	50.00	48.00	--	4.00																
GL W SM	--	--	47.00	50.00	--	--	1.00																
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																
GL BR MD	--	70.00	65.00	--	--	--	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for July 18, 2011 – July 22, 2011

CURRENT LOADS								122.00	FUTURE LOADS								25.25	TOTAL LOADS			147.25		
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	69.80	69.00	69.70	72.31	57.00	--	23.00	GNR W 1	--	80.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00						
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	4.00	GNR BR 1	--	99.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	112.40	--	--	7.00	GL W J	105.00	100.00	--	105.00	107.67	110.76	110.76	6.25							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	93.67	--	4.00	GL W XL	--	96.71	--	--	103.25	99.21	20.50								
GL W XL	95.00	--	91.50	96.21	86.26	--	31.25	GL W LG	--	82.56	--	91.50	--	84.87	23.75								
GL W LG	78.00	83.00	70.75	74.51	73.78	82.50	44.00	GL W MD	52.05	--	--	62.00	--	58.38	11.25								
GL W MD	--	49.00	45.40	49.00	48.54	52.88	19.75	GL W SM	36.50	--	--	--	41.00	--	2.00								
GL W SM	43.67	--	46.50	49.50	35.00	40.33	9.00	GL BR LG	97.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	113.00	--	108.00	--	107.00	5.00	NRBS - 50	53.00	--	--	--	--	61.00	4.00								
GL BR MD	--	70.00	65.00	--	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 48	--	52.00	--	--	50.00	58.60	6.00																
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	59.00	2.00																

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)		
	07/18/11	07/11/11	07/19/10
PACIFIC COAST	20	47	16
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher 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	122.39
LARGE	111.36
MEDIUM	84.86
SMALL	78.00

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

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<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/PYMarketNewsReportsChickenFowl>***

(7 pounds and up) *

Final Price, Cents per pound.

Generally for slaughter the week of 25-Jul-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was slow and TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. 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. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate to good demand as hot and steamy weather conditions hampers much of the area. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

	WTD
	RANGE MAJORITY AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-19 13.15
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*Weights under 7 pounds subject to discount.