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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 17 to 23 cents lower on Extra Large, 17 to 20 cents lower on Large and 1 to 1.5 cents lower on Medium. Prices in New York are steady on all sizes. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate with improvements noted in some regions. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy for trade needs. Market activity is mostly slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate; processing schedules are reduced.

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 17 cents lower for extra large and large, and 1 cent lower for medium. Daily producer prices are steady. Demand for both retail and food service is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	76-85	78-81
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	82-90	83-85

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-85	79
MEDIUM	58-62	60
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 18 to 20 cents lower on Extra Large, 18 cents lower on Large and 1 cent less on Medium. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy on heavier weight eggs and moderate on Medium. Demand improved and is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for a mostly moderate demand. Light type hen demand is light to moderate for moderate offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-119	104-108
LARGE	96-110	101-105
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices on Extra Large are 19 to 23 cents lower, 17 to 19 cents lower on Large and down 1.25 to 1.5 cents on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand remains light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is mostly slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.5-120.25	102-105
LARGE	99-116.25	100-103
MEDIUM	82-90	83-87

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 19 cents lower for extra large, 20 cents lower for large, and 1 cent lower for medium. The undertone is barely steady to steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate while food service demand remains moderate. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
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 on Medium and larger sizes. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	110-114
LARGE	108-112
MEDIUM	89-93

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 19 cents lower for jumbo, 21 cents lower for extra large, 19 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate and reported as improving while offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 19 cents lower for jumbo, 21 cents lower for extra large, 19 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate and reported as improving while offerings are light and not as readily available as last week. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

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	143
EXTRA LARGE	140
LARGE	136
MEDIUM	115

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	6.4	9.9	15.6	10.1	9.6	3.4	55.0
	% Change	9.6%	-12.2%	-0.6%	18.0%	6.6%	12.7%	3.0%
Extra Large	This Week	30.3	24.5	31.1	17.8	30.6	4.1	138.3
	% Change	-11.6%	-6.7%	-30.3%	22.4%	-4.0%	-16.1%	-11.6%
Large	This Week	59.4	101.4	96.2	88.9	80.4	48.6	474.9
	% Change	-2.3%	-1.5%	-24.2%	-0.5%	-6.4%	-6.6%	-8.3%
Medium	This Week	14.8	30.6	43.3	21.1	23.0	11.5	144.3
	% Change	-24.9%	-0.3%	-4.3%	-11.9%	4.1%	-11.7%	-6.8%
Small	This Week	2.0	4.9	7.7	2.9	1.6	3.9	22.9
	% Change	-35.7%	-26.9%	2.5%	17.5%	27.1%	-0.8%	-7.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	10.7	31.8	12.3	3.7	1.8	63.4
	% Change	42.2%	10.6%	-3.7%	-1.1%	6.6%	17.1%	1.7%
Ungraded	This Week	19.7	6.6	61.4	14.2	12.4	15.5	129.9
	% Change	39.5%	-1.6%	3.7%	-24.3%	42.2%	37.5%	9.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	135.7	188.6	287.0	167.4	161.3	88.6	1,028.5
	% Change	-3.1%	-2.9%	-13.6%	-1.6%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-5.5%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,028.5	-5.5%
Breaking Stock	262.1	-4.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,290.6	-5.4%

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	3.6	6.0	1.3	3.8	1.4	2.7	18.8
	% Change	-27.5%	7.0%	-63.3%	-2.6%	-28.1%	515.9%	-7.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	9.8	2.9	0.0	1.0	13.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	3.8%	6.7%	0.0%	-66.5%	-9.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	3.6	6.0	11.1	6.6	1.4	3.7	32.4
	% Change	-27.5%	7.0%	-14.2%	1.2%	-28.1%	11.6%	-8.2%

Large: 27.1%

Ungraded: 31.3%

Total: 28.8%

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

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 September 16, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 09, 2011 were 160,805 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
142,321 18,484 160,805

% change from the prior week:
+10 -25 +5

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

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

RANGE MOSTLY
Breaking Stock 71-73
Checks & Undergrades 52-61 52-56

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 August 29, 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
	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.53

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
	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for September 09, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 61.00									FUTURE LOADS 7.00				TOTAL LOADS 68.00			
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	76.00	78.00	--	--	76.00	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	78.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	78.00	--	--	--	79.00	86.45	2.75	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	1.25	GL W XL	74.75	95.25	--	--	--	82.00	4.25	
GL W XL	86.00	89.00	--	95.94	81.61	91.00	12.00	GL W LG	69.75	84.83	--	--	--	77.28	16.00	
GL W LG	75.00	--	--	--	76.67	83.25	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	
GL W MD	56.00	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	NRBS - 50	66.00	--	--	--	--	73.00	4.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	69.00	71.45	68.00	71.00	12.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Sept. 05, 2011 – Sept. 09, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 129.75									FUTURE LOADS 39.00				TOTAL LOADS 168.75			
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	77.60	81.80	79.50	84.00	76.00	--	19.00	GNR W 1	--	78.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	1.00	GL W J	78.00	--	--	--	79.00	85.00	3.75	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	151.00	143.00	--	2.50	GL W XL	74.04	86.68	--	--	--	81.97	19.75	
GL W J	--	--	103.00	105.00	71.44	--	3.25	GL W LG	69.97	84.08	--	--	--	76.38	38.00	
GL W XL	86.00	84.80	87.70	92.66	74.96	82.00	41.00	GL W MD	59.17	71.50	--	--	--	69.27	11.00	
GL W LG	75.00	81.93	83.00	79.75	75.59	80.65	40.75	GL BR MD	67.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W MD	61.40	--	59.00	61.00	59.82	61.00	17.00	NRBS - 50	66.00	--	--	--	--	73.00	4.00	
GL W SM	--	--	53.50	56.50	56.00	--	3.00									
GL BR J	--	--	--	87.00	80.00	--	.25									
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	66.00	--	2.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	69.00	71.45	68.00	71.00	12.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	55.50	59.50	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

	(In Thousands)		
ON HAND	09/05/11	08/29/11	09/06/10
PACIFIC COAST	30	31	46
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are heavy. 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	127.41
LARGE	124.31
MEDIUM	98.86
SMALL	82.00

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices continue to trend steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. Feature activity was noted as moderate. Finished product supplies are fully sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.5 – 19.3 Wtd Avg 13.28
Prices in cents per pound.

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (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