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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are steady to 1 cent higher on Extra Large and Large, 2 cents higher on Medium. Southeast prices are steady to lower on larger sizes and steady to higher on Medium. New York prices are unchanged. Retail demand ranges light to instances good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is moderate. Current offerings are light to moderate for trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to at times active. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; processing schedules are 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 steady for extra large and large, and 2 cents higher for medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Demand is moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	84-92	85-87

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-85	79
MEDIUM	60-64	62
SMALL	45-51	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large, 2 cents higher on Medium and steady on Large. Offerings are light to at times moderate with Large in the heaviest position. Retail and food service demand are mixed, light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type fowl offerings are mostly moderate; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-120	105-109
LARGE	96-110	101-105
MEDIUM	79-92	84-86

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 sizes and steady to higher on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate to fairly good. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.5-108	102-105
LARGE	99-106	100-103
MEDIUM	82.5-90	83-87

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for extra large and large, while medium are 2 cents higher. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings remain light to moderate and confidently held. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is moderate with offerings light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105.5-114	107-110
LARGE	101.5-110	103-106
MEDIUM	84.5-93	86-89

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are light to instances moderate. Demand into all channels is light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	110-114
LARGE	108-112
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher for extra large, unchanged for large and 2 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment is firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good on light to mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged for jumbo, 1 cent higher for extra large, unchanged on large and 2 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light to moderate with demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price 97 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	143
EXTRA LARGE	141
LARGE	136
MEDIUM	117

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	6.9	11.5	15.2	11.2	10.1	3.8	58.8
	% Change	7.5%	16.2%	-2.3%	11.2%	5.6%	12.1%	6.9%
Extra Large	This Week	25.3	20.6	33.7	16.4	25.6	4.3	125.9
	% Change	-16.6%	-15.7%	8.5%	-7.8%	-16.3%	6.2%	-8.9%
Large	This Week	52.6	100.3	104.2	80.8	79.7	56.4	474.0
	% Change	-11.5%	-1.1%	8.4%	-9.1%	-0.8%	16.1%	-0.2%
Medium	This Week	14.9	26.6	33.7	21.1	23.8	11.5	131.6
	% Change	0.6%	-13.0%	-22.3%	0.1%	3.7%	-0.2%	-8.8%
Small	This Week	1.3	4.1	5.4	2.1	1.9	2.5	17.2
	% Change	-35.9%	-16.6%	-29.6%	-26.3%	12.8%	-34.3%	-24.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.9	9.6	30.9	9.2	3.7	1.1	57.4
	% Change	-4.7%	-10.3%	-3.0%	-25.2%	-0.3%	-36.0%	-9.4%
Ungraded	This Week	22.1	7.4	61.2	16.7	10.4	9.8	127.6
	% Change	12.3%	12.0%	-0.3%	17.6%	-16.7%	-36.8%	-1.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	125.9	180.1	284.3	157.7	155.2	89.4	992.5
	% Change	-7.2%	-4.5%	-1.0%	-5.8%	-3.8%	0.9%	-3.5%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		992.5	-3.5%
Breaking Stock		261.0	-0.4%
Total Shell Egg		1,253.5	-2.9%

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	2.7	5.4	1.9	2.8	3.1	1.5	17.4
	% Change	-25.1%	-9.5%	48.8%	-26.1%	114.7%	-44.3%	-7.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	8.6	5.3	0.0	1.8	15.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-12.7%	86.0%	0.0%	86.3%	15.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	2.7	5.4	10.4	8.1	3.1	3.3	33.0
	% Change	-25.1%	-9.5%	-5.6%	22.4%	114.7%	-10.4%	2.0%

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

Large:	34.0%
Ungraded:	39.5%
Total:	36.6%

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 September 23, 2011 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 16, 2011 were 155,418 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	133,809	21,609	155,418

% change from the prior week:

	-6	+17	-3
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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 to fully steady. Demand is moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	73-80	73-75
Checks & Undergrades	54-63	54-58
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 September 05, 2011**

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

Extra				
Grade A	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

Extra				
Grade A	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 September 16, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 26.25								FUTURE LOADS 12.50				TOTAL LOADS 38.75			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	76.00	--	76.00	78.50	--	--	--	--	83.82	92.67	93.00	93.13	3.00		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	--	--	--	101.80	101.36	18.00		
GL W XL	--	--	98.00	100.50	90.00	--	--	--	--	--	94.55	91.57	27.00		
GL W LG	--	--	88.50	91.00	82.00	--	--	--	--	--	80.50	79.63	12.25		
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	95.00	.25		
GL W SM	60.00	--	54.00	57.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	69.00	72.75	4.00		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 48	--	--	73.50	80.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Sept. 12, 2011 – Sept. 16, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 90.75								FUTURE LOADS 37.75				TOTAL LOADS 128.50			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	75.33	--	76.75	78.57	--	77.00	--	89.00	--	95.00	85.38	93.13	5.75		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	151.00	--	--	--	95.63	96.00	--	--	101.36	18.00		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	77.92	--	--	88.48	--	--	--	91.57	27.00		
GL W XL	86.00	86.75	96.71	96.71	89.04	90.75	31.25	72.17	--	--	80.50	79.63	12.25		
GL W LG	79.00	86.56	87.00	82.65	79.29	78.75	46.00	53.00	--	--	--	--	3.00		
GL W MD	--	--	66.00	67.00	66.17	--	12.25	--	--	--	--	95.00	.25		
GL W SM	59.60	61.75	53.50	56.50	54.00	--	11.00	66.00	--	--	--	69.00	72.75		
GL BR J	--	--	--	88.00	82.00	--	.50	--	--	--	--	--	--		
GL BR SM	--	--	55.00	57.00	--	--	.25	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 48	--	--	74.50	80.00	77.00	80.00	9.00	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	52.00	55.00	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)		
	09/12/11	09/05/11	09/13/10
PACIFIC COAST	50	30	18
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are moderate. 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	125.16
LARGE	122.06
MEDIUM	100.86
SMALL	86.00

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady to firm when compared to the previous week. Offerings are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are back to normal following the Labor Day holiday. Feature activity was noted as moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.5 – 19.5 Wtd Avg 13.30
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