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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. Regional prices are steady with a firm undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply higher. Retail demand ranges light to instances good and best where current ads are in place. Distributive demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are very light to moderate. Market activity continues moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light and reported as short of current needs; demand is mixed, light to instances good. Light type fowl offerings are adequate with normal 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 for next week are 9 cents higher for all reported sizes. Daily producer prices are 3 cents higher for large and medium, and 2 cents higher for small. The undertone remains higher. Retail demand is fairly good, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings are light and reported as short of current needs while demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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	84-94	88
MEDIUM	69-73	71
SMALL	51-57	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a firm undertone. Next week's asking prices are 11 cents higher for extra large, large, and medium. Retail demand ranges moderate to good. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light, while supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for present trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light to moderate. Spent fowl offerings are adequate for the 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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply higher. Offerings are very light to light on Extra Large, light to moderate on Large and Medium. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light for a light to moderate demand. Eastern region light type hen offerings are about adequate to adequate for a light to moderate demand.

	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, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 1 cent higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium. Offerings range very light to moderate on larger sizes, light to moderate on Medium. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120-124	-
LARGE	118-122	-
MEDIUM	101-105	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is firm. Asking prices for next week are 8 cents higher for jumbo and 9 cents higher for the balance of sizes. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for medium and light to moderate on the remainder of sizes. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 8 cents higher for jumbo and 9 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is firm. Offerings are light for medium and light to mostly moderate for the remainder of sizes. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

CALIFORNIA: Shell egg marketers 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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
JUMBO	125-135
EXTRA LARGE	123-131
LARGE	114-125
MEDIUM	97-107

Weekly National Egg Products - F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.**Liquid**

Whole egg and white prices are higher with yolk prices irregular although usually higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm for whole egg, firm for whites and steady for yolk. Demand is moderate for whole egg and moderate to fairly good for whites and yolk. Offerings are light for whole egg and whites and moderate for instances heavy for yolk. Retail shell egg ads have taken some previously available liquid away from the marketplace as graders take advantage of higher shell egg sales. Market activity moderate to active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Aug Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	59.00 - 61.00	4	59.75	56.00 - 60.00	10	57.70	54	63.35
Whites	51.50 - 54.50	9	52.94	48.00 - 52.50	9	50.56	51	47.19
Yolk	76.00 - 83.50	15	80.63	77.00 - 79.50	8	78.13	40	80.94

Frozen

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites and sugared yolk steady and salted yolk higher. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady for all frozen products. Demand is light to moderate with offerings light to moderate and confidently held. Supplies are mostly light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	79.00 - 88.00	84.00	82.00 - 88.00	82.00 - 83.00	82.35	74.13
Whites	71.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 76.00	73.60	72.63
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	104.00 - 107.00	105.00 - 106.00	104.00 - 107.00	105.00 - 106.00	102.80	92.75
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	101.00 - 107.00	101.00 - 103.00	100.00 - 104.00	101.00 - 103.00	99.50	89.25

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	86.00 - 88.00		86.00 - 88.00		84.60	76.40
Whites	75.00 - 76.00		75.00 - 76.00		75.70	76.25
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	107.00		105.00 - 106.00		103.40	95.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	107.00		105.00 - 106.00		103.75	95.00

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

Dried

Mostly prices for dried whole eggs are lower with the balance of prices steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are generally light to moderate. Trading consist of contractual sales and limited spot orders. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.40 - 3.00	2.90 - 2.95	2.70 - 3.15	2.95 - 3.00	2.92	2.76
Yolk	2.15 - 2.35	2.20 - 2.25	2.15 - 2.38	2.20 - 2.25	2.15	2.02
Albumen ^{2/}	4.65 - 5.00	4.80 - 4.90	4.70 - 5.05	4.80 - 4.90	4.84	4.77
Blends ^{3/}	2.40 - 2.45		2.40 - 2.45		2.27	2.12

^{2/}Spray Dried; ^{3/}Whole plus sweetener.

Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection

W/E 17-Sep-2011 (lbs. in thousands) (excludes ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid				
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,368,577	32,303	13,244	7,196	2,618	4,784
PW	1,328,136	32,007	12,854	6,278	3,056	4,271
LY	1,555,800	37,218	15,424	7,635	3,483	4,818
% PW	3%	1%	3%	15%	-14%	12%
% LY	-12%	-13%	-14%	-6%	-25%	-1%
2011	49,834,206	1,170,194	508,691	257,115	110,649	166,140
2010	48,970,067	1,185,461	483,507	235,694	105,571	163,123
% YTD	2%	-1%	5%	9%	5%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.03	41.72	41.84
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.54	38.50	38.74

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
Current Week	739,554	54.0%	19,586	60.6%
Previous Week	756,662	57.0%	19,786	61.8%
Last Year	759,942	48.8%	19,344	52.0%

Breaking Stock - Prices in cents/doz., dlvr'd. to breakers, 48 lb. min. net wt. per 30 doz. case, eggs from table egg layers. Pkg. may vary.

Central Region All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings are light and reported as short of current needs while demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	77-80	77-79
Checks & Undergrades	58-67	58-62
Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

Eastern Region Prices are higher. Offerings are light for a light to moderate demand. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 17-Sep-2011 are 16 percent higher than the previous week, however 20 percent less than the same week last year.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	72-83	77-80
Checks & Undergrades	54-65	54-58
Eastern States Area: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for September 16, 2011 – September 22, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 110.50								FUTURE LOADS 48.25				TOTAL LOADS 158.75							
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	81.00	83.25	82.33	84.22	--	82.00	16.00	GL W J	93.90	--	--	119.50	93.25	100.43	12.00				
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	151.00	--	146.00	3.00	GL W XL	96.79	107.22	100.38	--	--	106.56	14.00				
GL W J	--	--	--	--	90.18	--	6.00	GL W LG	89.24	96.10	--	--	94.33	98.97	43.75				
GL W XL	--	86.75	99.71	106.66	96.46	--	26.75	GL W MD	73.75	89.50	--	--	80.50	85.59	12.25				
GL W LG	90.00	105.00	93.00	94.73	88.46	83.78	61.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	95.00	.25				
GL W MD	80.00	--	72.33	79.36	83.26	77.00	17.00	NRBS - 50	64.17	--	--	--	69.00	71.71	7.00				
GL W SM	60.00	--	55.00	58.00	--	--	6.00												
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	.25												
GL BR LG	--	--	--	159.75	147.00	--	1.00												
NRBS - 48	--	--	79.33	80.00	--	78.00	10.00												
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	77.00	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.

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 moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity was noted as moderate to mostly good. Finished product supplies are adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: **Price Range** **Wtd Avg**
Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 – 19.5 13.32

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady. Demand is light to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority of removal costs was unchanged ranging 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	107.00	103.00	85.00
SOUTHEAST	103.50	101.50	85.00
MIDWEST	98.50	96.50	81.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	108.50	104.50	87.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	104.55	101.50	84.85

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY**SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 17-Sep-11 (PRELIMINARY)

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,585	1,602	3,187
Last Week	1,293	1,579	2,872
Same week yr ago	1,487	1,466	2,953
To-date/2011*	50,683	57,038	107,721
To-date/2010*	51,961	52,107	104,068

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	388	0	388
Last Week	270	13	283
Same week yr ago	417	0	417
To-date/2011*	13,825	384	14,209
To-date/2010*	12,616	346	12,962

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

Thousands	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,973	1,602	3,575
Last Week	1,563	1,592	3,155
Same week yr ago	1,904	1,466	3,370
To-date/2011*	64,508	57,422	121,930
To-date/2010*	64,577	52,453	117,030

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Import/Export Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 10, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	144	247	1,449	2,911
Frozen	0	0	0	88
Dried	0	11	139	305
Total	144	258	1,588	3,304

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Sep 10, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	198	283	11,228	14,001
Frozen	0	4	693	358
Dried	0	0	48	151
Total	198	287	11,969	14,510

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S. Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Sep 10, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,250	600	55,369	55,621
Large	3,930	1,670	109,521	95,455
Medium	750	1,290	28,485	31,202
Ungraded	5,928	14,286	123,320	156,916
Misc	0	0	600	900
Total	12,858	17,846	317,295	340,094

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands of pounds)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
AM 09/19/11	3,250	172,138	42,755
AM 09/01/11	3,236	174,551	48,843
CHG	14	-2413	-6088
PCT CHG	0%	-1%	-12%

Weekly New England Shell Egg Report September 20, 2011

Prices paid/doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
Maine	181	180	121	86
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	175-179	174-178	115-119	80-84
Mostly	177-178	176-177	117-118	82-83
Rhode Island	180-184	179-183	120-124	85-89
Mostly	180	179	120	85
Vermont	181-183	180	121-123	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

Weekly Commercial Egg Movement (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 17-Sep-2011	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	205.7	2	13
East North Central	667.2	1	2
West North Central	280.6	-1	36
South Atlantic	143.4	2	8
South Central	51.0	1	-13
West	49.4	-8	-7
Total	1397.3	1	8
Matched plants reporting		71	71
Areas Covered: N. Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)			
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)			
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)			
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)			
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)			
Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)			

Weekly Movement of Eggs Into Retail Channels W/E 17-Sep-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.2	21.8	6	25
Boston	2.6	3.1	-16	-7
Chicago	61.3	61.9	-1	17
Los Angeles	57.4	59.4	-3	-13
New Orleans	5.9	5.8	2	11
New York	38.7	32.5	19	30
St. Louis	74.6	77.0	-3	-4
San Francisco	15.9	17.2	-8	-22
Total	279.6	278.7	0	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	274.4			

CHICKENS AND EGGS**August Egg Production Down Slightly**

United States egg production totaled 7.74 billion during August 2011, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,301 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2010.

All layers in the United States on September 1, 2011 totaled 337 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 337 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.01 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2011, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from September 1, 2010.

Source: USDA/NASS

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity					Aug 31, 2011 as a Percent of	
	Jul-31 2010	Jul-31 2011	Aug-31 2010	Aug-31 2011	Aug-31 2010	Jul-31 2011
FROZEN EGG	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,398	3,354	3,134	3,745	119%	112%
Yolks	620	2,485	597	1,300	218%	52%
Whole and mixed	6,755	8,712	7,267	8,297	114%	95%
Unclassified	13,911	19,373	13,690	17,660	129%	91%
Total frozen eggs	24,684	33,924	24,688	31,002	126%	91%

Source: USDA/NASS