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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in the Southeast region are steady to higher on Large and Medium sized eggs, unchanged on Extra Large. Regional and New York prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand into retail channels ranges light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate. The total shell egg inventory is 3.3 percent lower than a week ago. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy on larger sizes, mixed on Medium. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate with normal to heavy breaking schedules. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light.

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 barely steady to steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-117	111-114
LARGE	107-116	109-112
MEDIUM	96-105	98-101

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-123	116-118
LARGE	113-121	114-116
MEDIUM	102-110	103-105

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	89-99	93
MEDIUM	78-82	80
SMALL	54-60	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on larger sizes, mixed on lighter weights. Demand into all channels is mostly light to at times moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules. Light hen offerings in the East are adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-134	119-120
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	97-110	102-104

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 higher on Large and Medium eggs, unchanged on Extra Large. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy on heavier weights and moderate on Mediums. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116.5-124	118-121
LARGE	115-122	116-119
MEDIUM	102.5-110	103-107

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 light to moderate, instances fairly good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady to barely steady undertone. Demand is light, while offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
LARGE	118.5-127	120-123
MEDIUM	103.5-112	105-108

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Supplies are mixed, usually moderate to heavy for current trading purposes. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	109-113

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate with offerings of the larger sizes moderate to heavy and light to moderate for medium. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is mostly moderate with offerings moderate to heavy with medium offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is 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	152
EXTRA LARGE	152
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	136

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	10.3	10.2	19.7	9.2	11.9	5.3	66.5
	% Change	0.1%	11.8%	1.9%	-19.1%	1.5%	-2.4%	-1.0%
Extra Large	This Week	35.6	24.1	40.7	16.7	30.0	5.7	152.7
	% Change	14.4%	27.1%	18.6%	-9.3%	-5.1%	-17.6%	8.1%
Large	This Week	64.8	105.6	104.5	83.0	82.3	55.8	495.8
	% Change	-11.7%	5.5%	-6.6%	-13.0%	-12.5%	-1.8%	-6.7%
Medium	This Week	10.7	19.8	42.3	18.7	24.7	11.3	127.5
	% Change	-10.8%	-7.3%	-18.3%	-6.0%	-14.1%	7.2%	-11.7%
Small	This Week	0.9	2.0	7.3	1.4	2.5	0.9	15.0
	% Change	-16.7%	-22.2%	-1.8%	5.2%	1.6%	46.0%	-3.1%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	12.5	28.3	7.7	4.0	1.3	56.9
	% Change	43.0%	10.8%	1.6%	-15.7%	28.4%	-32.3%	2.5%
Ungraded	This Week	17.3	3.4	72.2	18.8	8.7	8.5	128.9
	% Change	-2.6%	-15.7%	-5.8%	14.4%	-32.7%	-3.0%	-5.6%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	142.5	177.5	315.1	155.5	164.0	88.8	1,043.3
	% Change	-3.5%	6.1%	-4.3%	-9.6%	-11.1%	-2.5%	-4.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,043.3	-4.4%
Breaking Stock	283.8	1.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,327.1	-3.3%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory²

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	7.6	7.0	2.5	2.7	3.9	1.6	25.3
	% Change	34.2%	18.4%	73.1%	-1.8%	16.8%	-8.0%	21.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	8.9	4.9	0.0	1.3	15.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	162.2%	9.2%	0.0%	-22.1%	58.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	7.0	11.4	7.6	3.9	2.9	40.3
	% Change	34.2%	18.4%	135.5%	5.0%	16.8%	-14.7%	33.0%

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

Large:	32.3%
Ungraded:	49.4%
Total:	38.7%

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 October 14, 2011 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 07, 2011 were 171,238 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
147,231	24,007	171,238

% change from the prior week:
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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 barely steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand light as regular commitments arrive more frequently. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	80-82	
Checks & Undergrades	62-71	62-66

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 Sept. 26, 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 Sept. 26, 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 October 07, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 20.75								FUTURE LOADS 13.00				TOTAL LOADS 33.75			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.00	87.00	.75		
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	78.44	86.50	18.00	--	--	--	--	92.44	6.50		
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	1.00	--	--	--	--	82.00	5.00		
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	--	--	--		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Oct. 03, 2011 – Oct. 07, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 89.50								FUTURE LOADS 28.25				TOTAL LOADS 117.75			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	90.00	94.00	89.33	94.25	85.00	88.29	33.00	--	100.50	--	--	--	6.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	162.00	--	--	2.00	152.25	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W J	80.00	--	111.00	113.00	73.81	--	12.50	82.71	86.00	--	--	84.40	89.27	16.25	
GL W XL	--	112.67	99.00	101.65	85.17	90.92	22.25	81.35	102.00	--	--	--	88.00	4.00	
GL W LG	--	112.00	94.50	94.83	80.19	87.45	37.50	76.54	98.70	--	--	--	87.31	18.25	
GL W MD	--	--	85.50	87.50	--	95.50	7.50	--	--	--	--	--	69.50	1.00	
GL W SM	--	--	64.00	66.00	62.50	--	3.00	--	--	--	--	--	82.00	5.00	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	75.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	
NRBS - 48	--	--	81.00	83.90	--	83.00	7.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	65.83	73.50	2.25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	56.50	60.00	2.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
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)		
	10/03/11	09/26/11	10/04/10
PACIFIC COAST	81	50	54
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS October 10, 2011

The market is steady on all sizes. 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	136.89
LARGE	133.79
MEDIUM	120.86
SMALL	96.00

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady when compared to the previous week. Offerings are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are more than sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.5 – 19.3 Wtd Avg 13.33
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