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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 2.75 to 6 cents lower on Medium, unchanged on Extra Large and Large sizes. New York prices are steady. Demand into retail channels is good to very good while light to at times good in the Northeast region. Food service demand is mixed, moderate to instances good. Supplies range light to heavy, mostly moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are sufficient to instances heavy 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 are unchanged for extra large and large, and 6 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are unchanged on all reported sizes. The undertone is unsettled. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand is light to moderate. Supplies and offerings are moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-118	112-115
LARGE	108-117	110-113
MEDIUM	90-99	92-95

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-124	117-119
LARGE	114-122	115-117
MEDIUM	96-104	97-99

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	90-100	94
MEDIUM	72-76	74
SMALL	59-65	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 6 cents lower on Medium, steady on Extra Large and Large. Offerings are mostly moderate on all sizes. Retail demand is light to occasionally fairly good. Distributive demand is good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for a light demand. Light hen offerings are moderate to instances heavy for a seasonally light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117-134	119-120
LARGE	111-125	116-120
MEDIUM	97-104	96-98

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2.75 to 6 cents lower on Mediums, unchanged on Extra Large and Large. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is good to very good. Distributive demand remains moderate. Supplies are light to moderate on all sized eggs. Market activity is moderate at times active. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117.5-125	119-122
LARGE	116-123	117-120
MEDIUM	96.5-107.25	97-101

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 6 cents lower for medium and unchanged for the balance of sizes. Retail demand remains fairly good to very good, while food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady. Offerings are moderate for the light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
MEDIUM	97.5-106	99-102

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Offerings are mostly moderate for needs. Demand ranges moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	125-129
LARGE	123-127
MEDIUM	103-107

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 4 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged for extra large and large and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is mostly steady to instances cautiously steady. Offerings are moderate with demand good to very good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 4 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged for extra large and large and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to cautiously steady. Offerings are moderate with demand fairly good to good. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.10.

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	144
EXTRA LARGE	152
LARGE	150
MEDIUM	130

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	7.2	10.0	22.0	5.8	8.6	3.3	57.0
	% Change	-27.3%	-13.0%	-14.4%	-15.3%	-22.3%	-27.9%	-18.2%
Extra Large	This Week	33.6	17.5	30.4	12.7	27.1	3.8	125.0
	% Change	-16.0%	-27.7%	-9.4%	-26.2%	-26.5%	23.9%	-19.2%
Large	This Week	57.3	98.8	109.6	65.3	63.9	30.3	425.1
	% Change	-13.4%	-21.0%	-20.0%	-24.1%	-26.5%	-27.5%	-21.7%
Medium	This Week	10.5	23.9	49.1	23.4	27.9	6.1	140.8
	% Change	-8.9%	-9.8%	-8.4%	2.1%	-7.0%	-23.1%	-7.6%
Small	This Week	1.8	3.7	5.8	0.4	1.1	1.0	13.8
	% Change	83.3%	65.6%	-28.6%	-42.9%	-27.4%	-51.9%	-11.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	10.0	31.3	13.7	5.7	1.4	64.9
	% Change	-31.2%	-2.7%	-6.6%	19.3%	24.6%	-23.4%	-1.3%
Ungraded	This Week	12.4	7.2	62.1	17.8	11.8	7.9	119.0
	% Change	-26.6%	-10.9%	-27.2%	60.4%	-18.9%	-34.2%	-19.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	125.4	171.1	310.3	139.1	146.0	53.8	945.7
	% Change	-16.0%	-17.7%	-17.7%	-11.0%	-21.2%	-26.6%	-17.7%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		945.7	-17.7%
Breaking Stock		275.0	-2.0%
Total Shell Egg		1,220.7	-14.6%

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	7.5	6.9	4.3	2.1	4.4	1.7	26.9
	% Change	6.6%	8.1%	82.8%	-7.4%	0.2%	-11.0%	10.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	8.0	6.4	0.0	0.8	15.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-24.4%	8.0%	0.0%	-44.0%	-15.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.5	6.9	12.2	8.5	4.4	2.5	42.0
	% Change	6.6%	8.1%	-5.0%	3.7%	0.2%	-25.0%	-0.4%

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

Large:	29.7%
Ungraded:	29.8%
Total:	29.7%

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, & 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 November 25, 2011 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 18, 2011 were 218,261 cases which was 18 percent above the prior week and 16 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	188,240	30,021	218,261

% change from the prior week:
 +18 +17 +18
 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 barely steady. Offerings are moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	65-71	68-71
Checks & Undergrades	53-62	53-57
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 November 07, 2011**

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

	Extra	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	2.34	2.32	2.10	1.53

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

	Extra	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	1.85	1.85	1.69	1.21

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for November 18, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 26.00								FUTURE LOADS 14.00				TOTAL LOADS 40.00			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	89.00	--	91.00	92.50	--	--	10.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	.50		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	116.00 1.75		
GL W XL	--	--	101.00	103.00	--	--	3.75	NRBS - 50	64.00	--	--	--	71.00 5.00		
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	102.00	--	3.25								
GL W MD	79.00	--	69.00	71.00	--	--	3.00								
GL W SM	77.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	12.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Nov 14, 2011 – Nov 18, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 95.50								FUTURE LOADS 41.25				TOTAL LOADS 136.75			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	89.25	95.27	91.00	92.50	--	93.00	32.00	GNR W 1	--	100.20	--	--	5.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	153.00	--	--	4.00	GNR BR 1	148.00	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	79.25	--	4.50	GL W J	78.00	89.50	--	--	91.14 95.12 6.75		
GL W XL	--	105.00	100.10	103.48	97.20	104.50	23.50	GL W XL	86.55	112.00	--	--	95.25 4.75		
GL W LG	--	103.29	99.00	101.19	95.52	--	36.25	GL W LG	88.10	106.69	--	110.75	100.88 22.75		
GL W MD	79.00	86.00	71.25	74.33	65.80	--	11.25	GL W MD	69.67	78.10	--	--	78.13 6.75		
GL W SM	77.00	--	69.67	72.38	67.00	--	7.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	105.00 .25		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	89.00	--	.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	121.00 127.00 .25		
GL BR MD	--	--	--	88.00	83.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	117.00 123.00 .25		
NRBS - 48	--	--	72.62	74.67	62.50	67.57	35.00	NRBS - 50	64.00	--	--	--	71.00 5.00		
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	51.88	55.00	2.00	NRBS - 42	58.00	--	--	--	64.25 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)		
	11/14/11	11/07/11	11/15/10
PACIFIC COAST	90	96	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is good.

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	137.57
LARGE	135.24
MEDIUM	114.86
SMALL	101.00

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

NATIONAL FOWL MARKETS**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactory. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.5 – 17.5 Wtd Avg 13.25
Prices in cents per pound.

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