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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. Regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged to higher. Demand into all channels ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to instances heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are more than sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

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 5 cents higher for extra large and large, and steady for medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents higher for large, and steady for medium and small. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail demand is fairly good, good where features are noted. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand remains light on light to instances moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-124	118-121
LARGE	114-123	116-119
MEDIUM	94-103	96-99
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122-130	123-125
LARGE	120-128	121-123
MEDIUM	100-108	101-103

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	101-111	105
MEDIUM	76-80	78
SMALL	63-69	

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. The undertone is fully steady. Next week's asking prices are 3 cents higher for extra large, 5 cents higher for large, and unchanged for medium. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light. Offerings are light. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	128.5-137	130-133
LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
MEDIUM	101.5-110	103-106

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged to higher. Retail demand is good. Demand into distributive channels is mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are usually moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are more than sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122-131	125-128
LARGE	118-129	123-126
MEDIUM	99-108	101-105

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand into all channels ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are more than sufficient for the seasonally light demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122-139	122-125
LARGE	116-130	121-125
MEDIUM	95-108	100-102

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

NEW YORK EGGS Extra Large and Large prices are 2 cents higher. Medium egg prices remain steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	136-140	-
LARGE	134-138	-
MEDIUM	107-111	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good and reported as somewhat quieter than earlier in the week. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady to instances fully steady. Offerings are light to moderate with demand moderate to fairly good although reported as slightly quieter than earlier in the week. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.14.

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	146
EXTRA LARGE	163
LARGE	161
MEDIUM	134

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	128-138
EXTRA LARGE	145-153
LARGE	138-150
MEDIUM	114-124

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

Liquid

Whole egg prices are lower with whites higher and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak for whole egg, firm for whites and weak for yolk. Demand is light to moderate for whole egg and yolk and moderate to fairly good for whites. Offerings are moderate to heavy for whole egg, moderate for whites and available for yolk.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Nov Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	52.00 - 54.00	12	53.29	TFEWR			37	61.93
Whites	57.50 - 61.50	15	58.40	46.00 - 59.50	17	55.03	41	56.00
Yolk	TFEWR			65.00 - 75.00	9	73.22	22	71.70

Frozen

Whole egg and white prices are steady to higher with sugared and salted yolk steady to lower. Trade sentiment is firm for whites and barely steady to weak on the remainder of frozen products. Offerings are moderate with demand light to moderate. Spot demand is currently light as most immediate needs have been filled. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Nov Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	77.00 - 86.00	79.00 - 83.00	76.00 - 86.00	82.00	84.55	84.91
Whites	74.00 - 80.00	76.00 - 78.00	74.00 - 79.00	76.00 - 77.00	76.80	75.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	97.00 - 105.00	99.00 - 103.00	97.00 - 106.00	100.00 - 102.00	104.50	105.88
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	94.00 - 102.00	96.00 - 100.00	95.00 - 102.00	98.00 - 100.00	101.30	102.75

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Nov Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	86.00 - 87.00		86.00 - 88.00		87.90	88.75
Whites	76.00 - 83.00		76.00 - 79.00		76.70	76.00
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	101.00 - 105.00		106.00		107.20	108.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	101.00 - 105.00		106.00		107.20	108.00

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

Dried

Prices are higher on albumen, steady to higher on whole, steady to lower on blends and steady on yolks. Demand is generally light to moderate. Offerings are moderate, while supplies are moderate to heavy. Trading consist of spot orders and 1st and 2nd quarter inquiries. 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		Nov Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.75 - 3.10	2.85 - 2.95	2.66 - 3.10	2.95 - 3.00	2.96	3.03
Yolk	2.00 - 2.35	2.10 - 2.20	2.00 - 2.35	2.10 - 2.15	2.24	2.23
Albumen ^{2/}	4.85 - 5.35	4.95 - 5.05	4.53 - 5.30	5.05 - 5.10	5.03	5.02
Blends ^{3/}	2.40 - 2.75		2.40 - 2.80		2.62	2.58

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

Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection

W/E 03-Dec-2011 (lbs. in thousands) (excludes ingredients)

Total Production	Cases	Liquid					Inedible
		Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	
CW	1,348,380	33,117	12,774	6,597	2,749	4,435	
PW	1,205,231	27,919	12,540	6,615	3,293	4,021	
LY	1,354,403	33,744	13,077	6,336	2,513	4,560	
% PW	12%	19%	2%	0%	-17%	10%	
% LY	0%	-2%	-2%	4%	9%	-3%	
2011	64,693,351	1,536,488	650,026	330,157	137,563	216,857	
2010	63,853,253	1,557,294	622,724	305,024	134,602	211,826	
% YTD	1%	-1%	4%	8%	2%	2%	

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.22	42.40	42.61
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.93	39.06	39.25

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	737,343	54.7%	20,129	60.8%
Previous Week	746,481	61.9%	19,156	68.6%
Last Year	712,559	52.6%	19,424	57.6%

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 Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand remains light on light to instances moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	65-70	68-70
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

Eastern Region Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Current offerings are usually moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for normal breaking schedules. Demand continues light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 03-Dec-2011 are 23 percent higher than a week ago and 4 percent higher than the same week last year.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	66-73	-
Checks & Undergrades	47-59	47-52

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 December 02, 2011 – December 08, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 128.00								FUTURE LOADS 46.75				TOTAL LOADS 174.75					
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	100.44	114.00	99.13	101.25	89.00	--	47.00	GNR W 1	--	110.23	--	--	--	--	26.00		
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	101.00	3.00	GL W J	103.29	112.00	--	--	104.00	108.16	18.50	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	78.00	2.00	GL W XL	111.00	120.95	--	--	--	121.45	17.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	149.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	109.67	118.78	--	--	--	120.49	34.75	
GL W J	--	--	111.88	113.75	91.76	--	14.50	GL W MD	84.67	--	--	97.75	--	94.70	13.50		
GL W XL	--	118.67	114.00	118.31	110.94	118.50	33.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	112.00	118.00	.50		
GL W LG	--	121.00	108.40	110.38	102.56	110.00	50.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W MD	98.00	--	80.33	84.43	81.91	85.40	20.75	GL BR LG	--	155.00	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W SM	77.00	--	74.50	76.75	74.40	72.25	6.50	NRBS - 50	77.00	--	--	--	--	85.00	2.00		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.50	--	.25										
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	160.25	--	1.00										
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	148.00	--	1.00										
GL BR MD	72.00	--	--	91.25	82.00	--	2.00										
GL BR SM	--	--	--	--	71.00	--	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 are trending steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal to instances heavy. Retail feature activity is moderate to good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range 8.0 – 16.3 Wtd Avg 13.18

(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 seasonally light to moderate for the more than sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 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	123.50	123.00	101.00
SOUTHEAST	126.50	124.50	103.00
MIDWEST	119.50	117.50	97.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	131.50	129.50	104.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.55	123.91	101.62

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 03-Dec-11 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,155	1,477	2,632
Last Week	649	820	1,469
Same week yr ago	1,043	1,503	2,546
To-date/2011*	64,022	73,501	137,523
To-date/2010*	65,193	67,802	132,995

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	0	0	0
Last Week	126	0	126
Same week yr ago	466	0	466
To-date/2011*	16,076	462	16,538
To-date/2010*	16,360	530	16,890

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

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

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,155	1,477	2,632
Last Week	775	820	1,595
Same week yr ago	1,509	1,503	3,012
To-date/2011*	80,098	73,963	154,061
To-date/2010*	81,553	68,332	149,885

*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 Nov 26, 2011 Year-To-Date*

Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	50	197	2,133	4,362
Frozen	0	0	0	88
Dried	0	0	219	447
Total	50	197	2,352	4,897

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)
 Week Ending Nov 26, 2011 Year-To-Date*

Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	149	22	13,543	17,090
Frozen	9	3	985	610
Dried	0	0	54	200
Total	158	25	14,582	17,900

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)
 Week Ending Nov 26, 2011 Year-To-Date*

Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,750	1,320	89,899	78,501
Large	517	120	181,681	133,947
Medium	0	840	38,011	39,762
Ungraded	168	6,098	218,816	294,134
Misc	0	0	1,440	900
Total	4,435	8,378	529,847	547,244

/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

Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs

As of November 30, 2011

Comparisons on the Basis of Matched Plants

Class	Number Of Pounds	% Change Last Month	% Change Last Year
Whole			
Plain	2,247,963	-6%	10%
Free Flowing	4,215,769	-11%	6%
Subtotal:	6,463,732	-9%	8%
White			
(Albumen)	7,878,339	1%	14%
Subtotal:	7,878,339	1%	14%
Yolk			
Plain	2,834,292	5%	5%
Free Flowing (W/Sodium Silico Aluminate)	4,339,556	14%	315%
Subtotal:	7,173,848	10%	91%
Blends 1/			
Whole			
White	1,897,904	-3%	-12%
Yolk	750	-86%	-84%
Subtotal:	2,401,900	-8%	-10%
Total:	23,917,819	0%	24%

Dried Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection: October 30, 2011 – December 03, 2011 Total 12,765,000 Pounds.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup

Weekly Commercial Egg Movement W/E 03-Dec-2011

(Receipts from Producers)

Regions	Cases (in thousands)	LW	% Change From LY
North Atlantic	200.6	-4	-1
East North Central	718.5	3	13
West North Central	297.7	-3	26
South Atlantic	159.8	-3	3
South Central	53.0	0	-3
West	59.6	3	18
Total	1489.2	0	12

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 03-Dec-2011

Selected Consuming Centers

Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change LW	LY
Atlanta	18.3	18.1	1	-5
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	0
Chicago	63.5	62.3	2	30
Los Angeles	60.4	55.7	8	12
New Orleans	6.4	7.9	-19	-7
New York	35.9	36.7	-2	16
St. Louis	75.1	87.8	-14	-19
San Francisco	13.5	15.7	-14	-39
Total	276.4	287.3	-4	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.5			

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings – Selected Centers
 (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands of pounds)

	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
AM 12/5/2011	3,118	46,678	53,445
AM 11/1/2011	3,147	107,987	43,488
CHG	-29	-61309	9957
PCT CHG	-1%	-57%	23%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 2011 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 2011 are:

Frozen Eggs	33	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	175	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	842	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Dec 06, 2011

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
Maine	197	194	130	102
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	190-194	188-192	123-127	96-100
Mostly	192-193	190-191	125-126	98-99
Rhode Island	196-200	193-197	129-133	102-106
Mostly	196	193	129	102
Vermont	197	194-195	130	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-