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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices are higher on Extra Large and Large sizes. Mediums are unchanged to 1.5 cents higher. The undertone is barely steady to firm. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate with Large in the lightest position in the Southeast. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to occasionally moderate; demand is light. Light type hen offerings are more than adequate for the light to moderate demand.

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 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 to good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are mostly light to instances moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices continue steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to occasionally moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120-129	123-126
LARGE	119-128	121-124
MEDIUM	94-103	96-99

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	127-135	128-130
LARGE	125-133	126-128
MEDIUM	100-108	101-103

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	103-113	107
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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 to 4 cents higher on Extra Large, 4 cents higher on Large, unchanged on Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is mostly moderate to good. Market activity is active. Breaking stock floor stocks are adequate for regular breaking schedules. Offerings of light type hens are more than sufficient for the seasonally light demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126-140	126-130
LARGE	120-134	125-129
MEDIUM	95-108	100-102

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are up 6 cents on Large and Extra Large, steady to 1.5 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is barely steady to firm. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand generally moderate. Supplies are light to moderate with Large in the lightest position for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are sufficient; processing schedules are normal. Spent hen offerings are more than adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	128-137	131-128
LARGE	124-135	129-132
MEDIUM	100.5-108	101-105

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 3 cents higher for extra large, 5 cents higher for large, and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment is steady to fully steady. Offerings are light to moderate while demand is reported as fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone continues steady. Offerings are light to instances moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	131.5-140	133-136
LARGE	131.5-140	133-136
MEDIUM	101.5-110	103-106

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Supplies are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	138-142
LARGE	136-140
MEDIUM	107-111

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment is in a full range of steady to firm, mostly firm. Offerings are light with demand fairly good to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is active.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment is in a full range of steady to firm, mostly firm. Demand is fairly good to good with offerings light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is active.

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	147
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	166
MEDIUM	134

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	11.6	12.0	17.9	9.1	10.7	4.0	65.2
	% Change	26.9%	15.6%	-20.6%	22.5%	-13.9%	-0.5%	-1.0%
Extra Large	This Week	23.2	23.4	30.1	15.5	29.2	5.1	126.4
	% Change	-27.3%	10.7%	-15.8%	19.4%	4.6%	4.1%	-6.0%
Large	This Week	53.8	121.6	106.6	86.3	67.2	40.3	475.8
	% Change	-11.2%	14.5%	-3.8%	2.8%	-11.7%	-10.9%	-1.5%
Medium	This Week	13.9	21.6	53.2	19.1	25.5	10.7	144.0
	% Change	-6.0%	-8.7%	-3.8%	-13.0%	5.8%	2.1%	-4.2%
Small	This Week	4.4	2.9	4.5	1.7	1.0	2.3	16.6
	% Change	96.4%	-9.6%	-2.8%	-26.7%	-18.1%	30.5%	9.4%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.8	12.7	30.3	14.4	5.1	1.9	67.1
	% Change	-19.8%	-8.7%	-5.8%	-6.1%	-33.4%	9.8%	-9.5%
Ungraded	This Week	13.7	7.9	64.2	30.3	12.9	8.9	137.8
	% Change	-11.9%	-19.0%	3.1%	7.8%	-4.6%	-16.1%	-1.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.2	202.2	306.7	176.3	151.5	73.1	1,033.0
	% Change	-10.4%	7.4%	-5.2%	2.5%	-7.0%	-7.0%	-2.8%

	Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg		1,033.0	-2.8%
Breaking Stock		251.2	-8.5%
Total Shell Egg		1,284.2	-3.9%

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	5.4	7.3	3.7	3.4	4.3	1.6	25.7
	% Change	-23.9%	2.4%	237.3%	18.7%	-15.0%	-5.2%	3.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	13.0	11.8	0.0	1.4	26.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-3.3%	-3.1%	0.0%	37.4%	-1.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.4	7.3	16.7	15.3	4.3	3.0	51.9
	% Change	-23.9%	2.4%	14.8%	1.1%	-15.0%	10.3%	0.6%

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

Large:	33.2%
Ungraded:	30.9%
Total:	32.0%

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 December 16, 2011 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 09, 2011 were 165,562 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:	145,294	20,268	165,562

% change from the prior week:

+0	-7	-1
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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 continue steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to occasionally moderate with demand light. Supplies are moderate to 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	

Canadian Eggs**Week of November 28, 2011**

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

	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	2.39	2.37	2.15	1.58

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

	Extra Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A	1.90	1.90	1.74	1.26

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for December 09, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 30.00									FUTURE LOADS 24.25				TOTAL LOADS 54.25			
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	102.00	--	--	105.00	--	--	16.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	122.36	--	--	114.00	120.00	2.75	
GL W J	--	--	116.00	118.00	102.75	--	3.00	GL W XL	110.33	108.50	--	--	--	118.82	6.75	
GL W XL	--	127.00	116.50	120.43	108.29	--	10.25	GL W LG	107.00	118.50	--	--	--	115.88	6.75	
GL W LG	--	--	--	119.00	104.86	--	11.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	92.14	3.50	
GL W MD	--	--	--	97.00	78.91	--	4.00	NRBS - 50	76.00	--	--	--	--	83.00	3.00	
GL W SM	--	--	75.00	78.00	--	--	1.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Dec 05, 2011 – Dec 09, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 125.50									FUTURE LOADS 54.75				TOTAL LOADS 180.25			
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	101.00	114.00	99.50	102.14	89.00	--	61.00	GNR W 1	--	111.25	--	--	--	--	32.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	101.33	GL W J	103.29	115.15	--	--	114.00	109.14	18.25	
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	78.00	GL W XL	110.53	117.61	--	--	--	120.33	17.50	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	152.00	--	--	2.00	GL W LG	109.00	119.63	--	--	--	120.43	37.50	
GL W J	--	--	112.88	114.75	93.76	--	14.50	GL W MD	84.67	--	--	97.75	--	94.14	17.00	
GL W XL	--	127.00	113.00	118.47	109.74	118.50	29.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	118.00	.25	
GL W LG	--	124.56	108.40	109.67	104.00	111.00	50.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W MD	98.00	--	80.50	87.33	81.07	84.42	22.00	GL BR LG	--	155.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W SM	77.00	--	74.67	77.17	74.40	72.25	7.50	NRBS - 50	76.40	--	--	--	--	83.80	5.00	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.50	--	.25									
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	160.25	--	1.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	148.00	--	1.00									
GL BR MD	--	--	--	91.25	82.00	--	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

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/05/11	11/28/11	12/06/10
PACIFIC COAST	52	64	36
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are light. 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	147.81
LARGE	147.04
MEDIUM	118.86
SMALL	105.00

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
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