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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are steady. Regional prices are steady with a steady to fully steady undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sized eggs, steady to at times higher on Mediums. Retail demand is in a full range, light to very good. Distributive demand is light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings are very light to moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Light type hen offerings are more than adequate; demand is seasonally 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 8 cents higher for extra large and large, and steady for medium. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher for large, and steady for medium and small. The undertone is fully steady. Retail demand is moderate to good, while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to instances very light and held with confidence. Supplies are light. Market activity is active. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity continues slow to inactive.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	137-146	140-143
LARGE	136-145	138-141
MEDIUM	98-107	100-103
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-152	145-147
LARGE	142-150	143-145
MEDIUM	104-112	105-107

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	126-136	130
MEDIUM	80-84	82
SMALL	65-71	

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 steady undertone. Next week's asking prices are 8 cents higher for extra large and large, 2 cents higher for medium. Retail demand remains fairly good to good, while food service demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to instances very light. Market activity is active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light as most breakers reduce schedules for the holidays. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to inactive.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	149.5-158	151-154
LARGE	149.5-158	151-154
MEDIUM	105.5-114	107-110

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 higher on larger sized eggs. Retail demand is good to very good. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to very light for immediate trade needs. Market activity remains active. Eastern regions breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are more than adequate; demand is seasonally light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	137-154	148-151
LARGE	133-152	146-149
MEDIUM	103-112	105-109

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are very light to moderate. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to light for a light demand. Light type hen demand is seasonally light to moderate; offerings are sufficient.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	140-154	140-145
LARGE	134-148	139-143
MEDIUM	99-112	104-106

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 unchanged on all sizes. Offerings are light on Large, light to moderate on the balance of sizes. Demand is light to fairly good. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	156-160	-
LARGE	154-158	-
MEDIUM	113-117	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 12 cents higher for jumbo, 8 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment is steady. Retail demand is good with buyers into warehouse locations unaggressive. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 12 cents higher for jumbo, 8 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged for medium and small. Offerings are light to moderate with retail demand good. Movement into warehouse distributors is light to instances moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is active. Small benchmark price \$1.18.

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	174
EXTRA LARGE	185
LARGE	183
MEDIUM	138

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	156-166
EXTRA LARGE	167-175
LARGE	160-172
MEDIUM	118-128

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

Liquid

Whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is weak for whole egg and yolk and steady to barely steady for whites. Demand is light as many industrial users take time off for the holidays and off-line breakers work minimal schedules. Offerings are heavy for whole egg, moderate for whites and moderate to instances heavy for yolk. Market activity is inactive.

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	38.00 - 53.50	12	42.75	41.00 - 53.00	19	45.47	37	61.93
Whites	TFEWR			53.50 - 55.50	8	54.50	41	56.00
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			22	71.70

Frozen

Frozen white prices are steady with the balance of prices lower. Trade sentiment is steady to about steady for frozen whites and barely steady to instances weak on the remainder of frozen products. Offerings are moderate and reported as easily adequate for the light to moderate demand. 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	73.00 - 80.00	74.00	74.00 - 83.00	77.00 - 80.00	84.55	84.91
Whites	74.00 - 80.00	75.00 - 79.00	74.00 - 80.00	76.00 - 79.00	76.80	75.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	91.00 - 101.00	93.00 - 94.00	93.00 - 103.00	96.00 - 99.00	104.50	105.88
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	89.00 - 97.00	90.00 - 91.00	90.00 - 99.00	92.00 - 94.00	101.30	102.75

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Nov Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	82.00 - 83.00		84.00 - 86.00		87.90	88.75
Whites	76.00 - 77.00		76.00 - 80.00		76.70	76.00
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	100.00		100.00 - 102.00		107.20	108.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	100.00		100.00 - 102.00		107.20	108.00

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

Dried

Dried egg prices are lower on yolk and albumen, steady to lower on whole and blends. The undertone is at times steady to weak. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is seasonally light to moderate. New trades are limited with interest for first and second quarters. 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	2.45 - 3.00	2.50 - 2.55	2.55 - 3.00	2.70 - 2.75	2.96	3.03
Yolk	1.80 - 2.30	1.85 - 1.90	1.85 - 2.35	1.95 - 2.00	2.24	2.23
Albumen ^{2/}	4.36 - 5.10	4.70 - 4.80	4.80 - 5.16	4.85 - 4.95	5.03	5.02
Blends ^{3/}	2.35 - 2.75		2.40 - 2.75		2.62	2.58

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

Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection

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

Total Production	Cases		Liquid			
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,261,849	32,204	11,409	5,878	2,414	4,234
PW	1,345,244	33,205	12,488	6,572	2,296	4,485
LY	1,319,036	31,494	13,713	6,710	3,100	4,463
% PW	-6%	-3%	-9%	-11%	5%	-6%
% LY	-4%	2%	-17%	-12%	-22%	-5%
2011	67,300,444	1,601,897	673,923	342,607	142,273	225,576
2010	66,489,088	1,620,917	649,449	318,136	140,486	220,735
% YTD	1%	-1%	4%	8%	1%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.58	42.19	42.74
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.22	38.85	39.36

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	703,536	55.8%	19,487	60.5%
Previous Week	731,941	54.4%	20,124	60.6%
Last Year	681,803	51.7%	18,889	60.0%

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 Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light as most breakers are working reduced schedules through the holidays. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity continues slow to inactive.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	65-67	
Checks & Undergrades	49-58	49-53
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. Offerings are moderate to light for a light demand. Market activity is light. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 17-Dec-2011 are 4 percent less than the previous week, although 5 percent more than the same week last year.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	62-69	62-65
Checks & Undergrades	47-57	TFEWR
Eastern States Area: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	50	48	2,282	4,554
Frozen	0	0	0	88
Dried	0	0	219	447
Total	50	48	2,501	5,089

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	353	248	14,261	17,656
Frozen	0	40	991	665
Dried	0	0	54	200
Total	353	288	15,306	18,521

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	5,040	4,350	99,499	84,891
Large	9,030	9,839	195,361	154,035
Medium	990	1,076	39,001	41,758
Ungraded	534	9,212	220,194	304,282
Misc	0	0	1,440	900
Total	15,594	24,477	555,495	585,866

/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

New England Weekly Shell Egg Report Dec 20, 2011

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
Maine	197	195	130	105
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	190-194	188-192	123-127	98-102
Mostly	192-193	190-191	125-126	100-101
Rhode Island	196-200	194-198	129-133	104-108
Mostly	196	194	129	104
Vermont	197	194-195	130	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings

Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands of Pounds)

	Frzn Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry
AM 12/19/2011	3,115	43,091	51,703
AM 12/1/2011	3,136	46,535	52,639
CHG	-21	-3,444	-936
PCT CHG	-1%	-7%	-2%

Weekly Commercial Egg Movement W/E 17-Dec-2011

Regions	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
(Receipts from Producers)			
North Atlantic	213.2	5	0
East North Central	714.3	0	6
West North Central	302.3	-2	17
South Atlantic	169.8	1	6
South Central	52.3	5	-16
West	61.4	26	4
Total	1513.3	1	6
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-Dec-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.9	20.2	18	-32
Boston	3.2	3.0	7	0
Chicago	59.1	59.6	-1	2
Los Angeles	56.0	60.9	-8	-2
New Orleans	6.3	6.6	-5	-13
New York	43.4	38.3	13	15
St. Louis	93.5	92.0	2	-16
San Francisco	15.7	14.8	6	-33
Total	301.1	295.4	2	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	290.1			

Chickens and Eggs**November Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion during November 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 999 million hatching eggs, of which 932 million were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2011 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,253 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2010.

All layers in the United States on December 1, 2011 totaled 338 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 50.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.78 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2011, averaged 75.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Source: USDA/NASS

Monthly Cold Storage Report

Commodity	Oct-31		Nov-30		Nov 30, 2011 as a Percent of	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	Nov-30 2010	Oct-31 2011
Frozen Egg						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	3,358	4,159	2,660	3,885	146%	93%
Yolks	722	1,448	846	1,530	181%	106%
Whole and Mixed	7,981	9,862	5,873	8,772	149%	89%
Unclassified	13,491	18,426	13,531	18,721	138%	102%
Total Frozen Eggs	25,552	33,895	22,910	32,908	144%	97%

Source: USDA/NASS