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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 7 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Prices on Medium sizes declined 5 cents. Remaining regional prices are steady with a weak undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light to instances moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; 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 6 cents lower for extra large and large, and 3 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are 6 cents lower for large, 3 cents lower for medium, and 2 cents lower for small. The undertone is lower. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand continues light with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-154	148-151
LARGE	144-153	146-149
MEDIUM	98-107	100-103

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152-160	153-155
LARGE	150-158	151-153
MEDIUM	104-112	105-107

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	120-130	124
MEDIUM	77-81	79
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 with a weak undertone. Next week's asking prices are 7 cents lower for extra large and large, 3 cents lower for medium. Retail demand remains mostly light to moderate, while food service demand is light. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, are lower. The undertone is barely steady. Both demand and offerings continue light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	157.5-166	159-162
LARGE	157.5-166	159-162
MEDIUM	107.5-116	109-112

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a weak undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Demand into retail channels is mostly moderate. Food service demand continues moderate. Supplies are at times light to moderate and building. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light to at times moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152.5-162	156-159
LARGE	148.5-160	154-157
MEDIUM	104.5-112	105-109

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending sharply lower on all sizes. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand into all channels ranges very light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to for reduced breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-159	148-152
LARGE	142-156	147-151
MEDIUM	101-114	106-108

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 egg prices are 7 cents lower. Prices on Medium eggs declined 5 cents. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand ranges very light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-148	-
LARGE	142-146	-
MEDIUM	105-109	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is weak. Demand is light to moderate while offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is weak. Demand is light to moderate with offerings heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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	186
EXTRA LARGE	193
LARGE	191
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	168-178
EXTRA LARGE	175-183
LARGE	168-180
MEDIUM	118-128

Weekly National Egg Products

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites generally steady and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is weak for whole egg and yolk and about steady for whites. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy for whole egg, moderate to instances heavy for whites and light to moderate for yolk. Market activity is slow to 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 - 43.00	9	40.44	38.00 - 53.50	12	42.75	52	45.78
Whites	49.00 - 52.50	14	52.00	TFEWR			37	55.14
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			5	61.80

FROZEN EGGS

All prices are lower. Trade sentiment is about steady for frozen whites and barely steady to weak on the balance of frozen egg products. Demand is light to instances moderate while offering are moderate to heavy. 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	71.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 74.00	73.00 - 80.00	74.00	77.88	84.55
Whites	72.00 - 79.00	73.00 - 76.00	74.00 - 80.00	75.00 - 79.00	76.63	76.80
Sugar Yolk 1/	90.00 - 99.00	90.00 - 92.00	91.00 - 101.00	93.00 - 94.00	97.38	104.50
Salt Yolk 1/	86.00 - 95.00	86.00 - 89.00	89.00 - 97.00	90.00 - 91.00	94.00	101.30

LESS-THAN TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Nov Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	78.00 - 79.00		82.00 - 83.00		83.13	87.90
White	77.00 - 78.00		76.00 - 77.00		77.88	76.70
Sugar Yolk 1/	95.00 - 98.00		100.00		100.13	107.20
Salt Yolk 1/	95.00 - 97.00		100.00		100.00	107.20

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices are steady to lower on whole and yolk, mixed on albumen, lower on blends. Trade sentiment ranges steady to weak. Offerings are moderate for needs. Post holiday demand is light as traders assess current market conditions. Market activity is slow to at times moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Oct Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.45 - 2.90	2.50 - 2.55	2.45 - 3.00	2.50 - 2.55	2.78	2.96
Yolk	1.78 - 2.30	1.85 - 1.90	1.80 - 2.30	1.85 - 1.90	2.09	2.24
Albumen 2/	4.39 - 4.95	4.50 - 4.75	4.36 - 5.10	4.70 - 4.80	4.87	5.03
Blends 3/	2.25 - 2.45		2.35 - 2.75		2.51	2.62

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-Dec-2011 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,197,098	29,228	11,560	5,934	2,723	4,040
PW	1,261,849	32,204	11,409	5,878	2,414	4,234
LY	1,178,745	28,239	11,532	5,872	2,921	3,975
% PW	-5%	-9%	1%	1%	13%	-5%
% LY	2%	4%	0%	1%	-7%	2%
2011*	68,497,542	1,631,126	685,483	348,541	144,996	229,617
2010*	67,667,833	1,649,156	660,981	324,009	143,408	224,710
% YTD	1%	-1%	4%	8%	1%	2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.40	42.58	42.09
(Inedible Excluded)	39.03	39.22	38.72

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	701,832	58.6%	18,238	62.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	703,536	55.8%	19,487	60.5%
LAST YEAR	669,530	56.8%	17,567	62.2%

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen cases, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION All prices are lower. Trade sentiment is barely steady. Demand continues light with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	62-64	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	46-55	46-50

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 lower on breaking stock, steady on checks and undergrades. Supplies are usually moderate for trade needs. Demand is light to instances moderate. Market activity is light. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 24-Dec-2011 are 9 percent lower than last week and 3 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-65	57-60
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	47-57	-

EASTERN REGION 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	147	290	2,429	4,844
Frozen	0	52	0	140
Dried	48	28	267	475
Total	195	370	2,696	5,459

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	157	209	14,418	17,865
Frozen	4	10	995	675
Dried	0	0	54	200
Total	161	219	15,467	18,740

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Extra Large	5,250	6,648	104,749	91,539
Large	10,850	10,230	206,211	164,265
Medium	0	0	39,001	41,758
Ungraded	8,796	5,904	228,990	310,186
Misc	0	0	1,440	900
Total	24,896	22,782	580,391	608,648

/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

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from producers)

W/E 24-Dec-11

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	212.5	0	1
East North Central	723.9	1	12
West North Central	300.6	-1	22
South Atlantic	167.7	-1	29
South Central	52.3	0	7
West	60.7	-1	30
Total	1,517.7	0	14

Matched plants reporting

71 71

Areas Covered:

North 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)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Dec-11

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	21.5	23.9	-10	2
Boston	2.5	3.2	-22	-19
Chicago	60.6	59.1	3	5
Los Angeles	61.6	56.0	10	2
New Orleans	7.0	6.3	11	-1
New York	44.2	43.4	2	25
St. Louis	87.6	93.5	-6	3
San Francisco	19.0	15.7	21	-10
Total	304.0	301.1	1	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	294.2			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands)

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 12/26/11	3,137	44,025	51,399
AM 12/01/11	3,136	46,535	52,639
CHG	1	-2,510	-1,240
PCT CHG	0%	-5%	-2%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Dec 27, 2011

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown egg in cartons delivered store door.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	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	195	130	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 6 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 174 million dozen during November 2011, up 6 percent from November a year ago, but slightly below the amount broken last month.

During calendar year 2011 through November, shell eggs broken totaled 1,914 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2010. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2011 was 2,480 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2010.

Source: USDA/NASS