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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. A weak undertone is noted. New York prices are 6 cents lower on larger sizes, 3 cents lower on Medium. Demand into all channels is generally light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for immediate trade needs. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to at times moderate. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy with less than 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 6 cents lower for extra large and large, and 3 cents lower for medium. Daily producer prices are 9 cents lower for large, 5 cents lower for medium, and 2 cents lower for small. The undertone is sharply lower. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Demand is light. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	139-148	142-145
LARGE	138-147	140-143
MEDIUM	95-104	97-100

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	146-154	147-149
LARGE	144-152	145-147
MEDIUM	101-109	102-104

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	111-121	115
MEDIUM	72-76	74
SMALL	61-67	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 5 cents lower on Extra large and Large sized eggs. Prices on Medium eggs are 3 cents lower. Retail demand is generally light to moderate while food service demand is light. Current offerings are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are heavy for the light to instances moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	140-154	143-146
LARGE	137-151	142-146
MEDIUM	98-111	103-105

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. The undertone is lower. Retail and food service demand is mostly light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are heavy; demand is light to at times moderate. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy for less than normal processing schedules due to the holidays.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	139-158	149-152
LARGE	139-157.25	147-150
MEDIUM	98-109.25	102-106

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 7 cents lower for extra large and large, 3 cents lower for medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is light. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate and building. Market activity is slow. All breaking stock prices are lower with a weak undertone. Demand is light. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	150.5-159	152-155
LARGE	150.5-159	152-155
MEDIUM	104.5-113	106-109

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices on Extra Large and Large are 6 cents lower. Prices are 3 cents lower on Medium. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for trade needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to instances moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	138-142
LARGE	136-140
MEDIUM	102-106

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy with demand light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices are 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large and large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. The trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy with demand seasonally light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

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	180
EXTRA LARGE	187
LARGE	185
MEDIUM	137

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	10.4	11.4	20.9	9.0	13.6	4.3	69.4
	% Change	54.5%	8.1%	23.8%	12.0%	7.3%	3.1%	17.9%
Extra Large	This Week	36.0	25.2	52.0	15.9	30.7	4.9	164.8
	% Change	48.6%	45.0%	69.4%	16.8%	19.1%	9.1%	41.7%
Large	This Week	57.2	101.6	129.7	80.9	66.1	49.2	484.6
	% Change	26.1%	11.3%	45.5%	30.8%	-2.2%	18.6%	22.2%
Medium	This Week	18.5	23.4	59.0	21.6	18.9	12.0	153.3
	% Change	17.6%	41.5%	8.0%	2.6%	-21.6%	33.4%	8.7%
Small	This Week	1.3	4.2	8.0	4.1	1.5	4.5	23.6
	% Change	-60.3%	-3.2%	-35.5%	-14.5%	-8.3%	18.8%	-21.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.4	15.7	27.1	13.5	6.2	1.8	66.6
	% Change	-26.8%	21.9%	-3.3%	19.1%	-1.1%	-35.1%	3.3%
Ungraded	This Week	15.4	12.2	52.4	26.0	7.7	13.8	127.6
	% Change	386.4%	57.5%	4.4%	-12.8%	10.2%	27.5%	17.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	141.1	193.7	349.2	170.9	144.6	90.4	1,090.0
	% Change	38.9%	20.5%	23.8%	13.6%	-0.3%	18.3%	19.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,090.0	19.0%
Breaking Stock	277.3	4.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,367.3	15.8%

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	6.5	6.3	4.3	2.9	5.1	1.8	26.7
	% Change	37.3%	-25.9%	13.3%	37.0%	1.6%	1.2%	3.7%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	13.5	6.7	0.0	2.0	22.2
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	26.5%	-20.6%	0.0%	55.4%	8.9%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.5	6.3	17.8	9.6	5.1	3.8	48.9
	% Change	37.3%	-25.9%	23.0%	-9.0%	1.6%	24.4%	6.0%

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

Large:	33.9%
Ungraded:	33.0%
Total:	33.5%

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 January 06, 2012 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 30, 2011 were 180,135 cases which was 18 percent below the prior week and 17 percent below estimates.

Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:		
154,080	26,055	180,135

% change from the prior week:
 -22 +18 -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

All prices are lower. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	59-61	
Checks & Undergrades	43-52	43-47
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 December 19, 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 30, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 20.75									FUTURE LOADS 9.50				TOTAL LOADS 30.25			
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	75.00	85.00	4.00	GL W J	81.50	--	--	--	--	92.50	2.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	GL W MD	77.07	--	--	--	--	89.21	15.00	
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	12.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	1.00	
GL W SM	70.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00									
GL BR MD	--	84.25	--	81.00	75.20	--	1.25									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Dec 26, 2011 – Dec 30, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 85.25									FUTURE LOADS 26.25				TOTAL LOADS 111.50			
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	116.00	128.60	120.00	123.20	118.00	127.29	49.00	GNR W 1	--	133.31	--	--	--	--	16.00	
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	132.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	149.00	152.33	--	--	1.50	GL W J	81.50	--	--	--	112.17	110.93	10.50	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	96.70	--	5.50	GL W XL	106.75	98.00	--	--	--	105.00	3.25	
GL W XL	--	144.00	131.75	134.00	84.28	91.50	18.75	GL W LG	90.89	138.13	--	--	--	96.05	17.25	
GL W LG	--	151.00	120.00	128.25	85.60	118.00	22.75	GL W MD	76.83	94.00	--	90.42	--	88.61	27.50	
GL W MD	--	89.75	89.50	82.00	74.21	84.00	37.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	1.00	
GL W SM	70.00	71.00	--	--	63.00	--	3.00									
GL BR J	163.00	--	--	165.00	--	--	.25									
GL BR MD	--	84.25	--	81.00	72.44	--	2.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	57.44	57.00	--	--	9.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	51.50	42.00	--	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

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	12/26/11	12/19/11	12/27/10
PACIFIC COAST	94	94	52
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is light.

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	159.04
LARGE	159.04
MEDIUM	114.86
SMALL	103.00

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 no better than steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 8.0 - 15.5 13.13

(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 no better than steady. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues to be 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.