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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are lower on all sizes with a weak undertone. New York prices are 2 cents lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to instances heavy for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are less than normal.

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 35 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 16 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for Large and Medium, and 2 cents lower for Small. Retail and food service demand is light. Offerings and supplies are moderate to mostly heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. Trade sentiment continues weak. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with demand light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	79-88	81-84

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-119	112-114
LARGE	109-117	110-112
MEDIUM	85-93	86-88

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	82-92	86
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	54-60	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 36 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, 19 cents less on Medium. The undertone is weak. Offerings are heavy for trading purposes. Demand is mixed, but mostly light. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are heavy for current processing schedules. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-118	107-111
LARGE	101-115	106-110
MEDIUM	79-92	84-86

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 weak. Retail and distributive demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the immediate trade requirements. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are heavy for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are less than normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-143	113-116
LARGE	108-139	111-114
MEDIUM	83-98.5	85-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 36 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, down 17 cents for Medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is light to moderate. Food service demand is light. Offerings and supplies continue moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. All breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone remains weak. Demand is light with offerings moderate to at times heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
MEDIUM	87.5-96	89-92

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents lower on Medium and larger sizes. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy for needs. Demand is light. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	113-117
LARGE	111-115
MEDIUM	89-93

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 28 cents lower for jumbo, 35 cents lower for extra large and large and 13 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are heavy with demand slow to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 28 cents lower for jumbo, 35 cents lower for extra large and large and 13 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Retail demand is slow to moderate with offerings heavy. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.04.

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	152
EXTRA LARGE	152
LARGE	150
MEDIUM	124

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	10.0	11.4	21.9	9.0	10.4	3.9	66.5
	% Change	-3.7%	0.2%	4.7%	0.9%	-23.2%	-10.3%	-4.1%
Extra Large	This Week	37.4	25.9	58.4	15.3	32.5	4.4	173.9
	% Change	3.9%	2.8%	12.3%	-3.8%	5.6%	-11.2%	5.5%
Large	This Week	58.5	119.6	168.7	90.3	67.7	51.7	556.5
	% Change	2.2%	17.7%	30.0%	11.6%	2.5%	5.2%	14.8%
Medium	This Week	14.5	20.8	48.9	23.7	17.1	12.6	137.6
	% Change	-21.4%	-11.2%	-17.2%	10.0%	-9.5%	5.0%	-10.3%
Small	This Week	1.2	3.6	8.6	2.4	1.7	4.8	22.4
	% Change	-1.6%	-14.2%	8.5%	-41.7%	8.4%	6.2%	-5.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.5	12.0	30.1	15.6	5.9	2.4	67.5
	% Change	-35.7%	-23.5%	11.1%	15.6%	-4.7%	31.3%	1.3%
Ungraded	This Week	14.0	10.3	72.9	14.9	11.3	8.9	132.3
	% Change	-9.5%	-15.4%	38.9%	-42.6%	46.4%	-35.4%	3.7%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	137.1	203.6	409.5	171.3	146.5	88.6	1,156.5
	% Change	-2.8%	5.1%	17.3%	0.2%	1.3%	-2.1%	6.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,156.5	6.1%
Breaking Stock	284.5	2.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,441.0	5.4%

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	9.4	6.0	3.7	3.1	5.0	3.1	30.3
	% Change	45.4%	-4.8%	-12.4%	5.9%	-1.0%	75.4%	13.3%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.0	7.1	0.0	1.5	25.6
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	25.5%	7.2%	0.0%	-26.2%	15.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.4	6.0	20.7	10.2	5.0	4.6	55.9
	% Change	45.4%	-4.8%	16.4%	6.8%	-1.0%	21.0%	14.2%

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

Large:	37.9%
Ungraded:	34.9%
Total:	36.5%

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 13, 2012 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 06, 2012 were 165,837 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week:		
138,616	27,221	165,837
% change from the prior week:		
-10	+4	-8

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 continues weak. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with demand light. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	52-54	-
Checks & Undergrades	36-45	36-40

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 26, 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				
unavailable				
Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm, as set by Ontario egg producers				
Extra	Large	Large	Med	Small
Grade A				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for January 06, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 35.50								FUTURE LOADS 5.00				TOTAL LOADS 40.50			
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	76.00	--	77.50	79.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	84.00	6.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.08	--	6.00	GL W XL	--	74.00	--	--	--	77.00	4.00
GL W XL	65.25	68.00	83.00	86.00	62.25	68.42	15.00	GL W LG	60.75	--	--	--	--	72.25	8.00
GL W LG	--	--	79.00	81.00	60.00	--	8.00	GL W MD	59.50	--	--	63.25	--	66.00	3.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	50.00	--	2.00								
GL W SM	--	63.50	66.00	66.50	54.25	--	3.00								
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--	.25								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	73.00	68.00	--	.25								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 02, 2012 – Jan 06, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 106.00								FUTURE LOADS 27.50				TOTAL LOADS 133.50			
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	76.00	87.00	77.50	84.00	--	--	7.00	GNR W 1	--	128.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	68.65	--	12.00	GL W J	79.00	84.00	--	--	76.50	84.58	14.75
GL W XL	74.11	78.50	83.00	91.57	62.89	69.58	56.50	GL W XL	--	87.40	--	--	--	77.21	10.50
GL W LG	--	--	93.00	94.57	63.51	66.50	29.00	GL W LG	60.75	108.83	--	--	--	74.40	19.75
GL W MD	--	72.00	65.00	66.00	58.85	--	18.75	GL W MD	62.33	68.00	--	63.25	--	68.65	15.75
GL W SM	--	65.00	64.50	67.00	55.88	--	6.00	NRBS - 50	68.17	--	--	--	--	75.17	6.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	155.00	150.00	--	.25	NRBS - 48	--	69.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	73.00	68.00	--	.25	NRBS - 45	--	66.20	--	--	--	--	1.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	50.00	52.00	56.00	--	6.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	1.25								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	33.00	36.00	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/02/12	12/26/11	01/03/11
PACIFIC COAST	86	94	52
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are heavy. 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	133.59
LARGE	133.59
MEDIUM	98.64
SMALL	95.00

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 light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate to instances good. 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 - 14.5 13.10

(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 at best. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the New Year's Day 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.