



USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

MONDAY
JANUARY 23, 2012
VOL. 59 NO. 07

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News and Analysis

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast prices are unchanged to lower on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium sizes. New York and remaining regional prices are steady. Retail demand is mixed, mostly moderate with several stores in the Midwest region featuring Large eggs under a dollar. Demand into food service channels is light to moderate. Current supplies range light to instances heavy, usually moderate for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light. 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 unchanged on all sizes. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is mostly moderate. However, some stores are featuring Large eggs below a dollar a dozen and are seeing good demand. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-98	92-95
LARGE	88-97	90-93
MEDIUM	73-82	75-78

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-104	97-99
LARGE	94-102	95-97
MEDIUM	79-87	80-82

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	70-80	74
MEDIUM	55-59	57
SMALL	50-56	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Offerings are mostly moderate to occasionally heavy. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy; demand is light to at times moderate. Offerings of light hens are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	76-89	81-83

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to lower on Extra Large and Large, unchanged on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail channels is moderate to fairly good and light to moderate into food service channels. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy for the light to instances moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are less than normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	77.5-85	78-82

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices remain steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate. Food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light to moderate on light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

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

NEW YORK EGGS Extra Large, Large and Medium prices are steady. Offerings are mostly moderate. Demand is mixed, but usually light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	88-92

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with retail demand light to moderate. Brown eggs are reported as more available. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy and reported as easily adequate for the current light to moderate retail demand. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 98 cents.

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	138
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	118

Weekly Shell Egg Inventory: Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousand) ^{1/}(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	10.8	11.7	20.5	10.2	15.9	2.5	71.5
	% Change	15.4%	7.0%	-18.6%	-4.2%	3.4%	-33.3%	-4.8%
Extra Large	This Week	26.6	20.2	37.8	13.5	32.5	1.8	132.4
	% Change	-23.7%	-11.8%	-25.2%	1.6%	-10.4%	-56.9%	-18.3%
Large	This Week	60.4	104.0	110.2	57.1	77.4	43.1	452.1
	% Change	2.8%	-5.3%	-26.0%	-18.0%	0.0%	-10.8%	-11.8%
Medium	This Week	14.9	15.4	46.5	27.1	22.3	11.8	137.9
	% Change	3.6%	-20.3%	16.0%	18.5%	11.9%	-1.0%	7.4%
Small	This Week	2.3	5.2	8.7	3.2	1.9	2.3	23.5
	% Change	96.6%	33.9%	9.6%	72.6%	24.8%	-2.6%	26.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	11.2	29.9	18.2	6.4	1.5	69.5
	% Change	22.0%	-3.0%	-0.2%	-4.7%	17.6%	39.6%	0.7%
Ungraded	This Week	6.5	8.4	81.4	16.1	8.9	7.9	129.3
	% Change	-30.0%	8.8%	0.8%	11.9%	-19.0%	-10.6%	-2.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	123.7	176.1	335.0	145.4	165.2	70.8	1,016.3
	% Change	-4.6%	-5.4%	-12.6%	-4.2%	-1.0%	-11.9%	-7.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,016.3	-7.4%
Breaking Stock	279.6	-3.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,295.9	-6.6%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed as Specialty (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	7.6	7.9	1.6	2.6	2.5	2.9	25.1
	% Change	-36.4%	72.4%	-56.7%	-3.4%	-48.9%	-8.9%	-18.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	17.5	7.2	0.0	2.3	27.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.8%	38.4%	0.0%	7.9%	6.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	7.6	7.9	19.2	9.8	2.5	5.2	52.1
	% Change	-36.4%	72.4%	-12.0%	24.2%	-48.9%	-2.1%	-7.5%

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

Large:	28.7%
Ungraded:	31.0%
Total:	29.9%

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, and WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, and UT; **Southwest** = CA and NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY.

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 27, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 20, 2012 were 172,501 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
146,051	26,450	172,501

% change from the prior week:

+1 +11 +3

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 are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light with offerings light to moderate as the week begins. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is slow.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Breaking Stock	47-49	
Checks & Undergrades	31-40	31-35

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 Jan. 02, 2012

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

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	2.39	2.37	2.15	1.58

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of Jan. 02, 2012 as set by Ontario Egg Producers.

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	1.90	1.90	1.74	1.26

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for January 20, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 32.00								FUTURE LOADS 24.00								TOTAL LOADS 56.00			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W XL	--	--	71.00	73.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	76.00	--	--	--	--	4.00				
GNR W 1	69.00	74.00	--	72.00	65.00	--	25.00	GL W J	74.25	--	--	--	--	88.00	1.00				
GL W XL	--	81.00	74.00	76.50	69.00	--	8.00	GL W XL	71.75	--	--	--	--	80.00	3.00				
GL W LG	--	74.63	71.00	73.00	69.29	--	15.00	GL W LG	64.75	74.00	--	84.00	--	83.33	8.00				
GL W MD	57.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	71.50	1.00				
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR MD	55.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00				
								NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	72.00	77.00	2.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 16, 2012 – Jan 20, 2012

CURRENT LOADS 133.75								FUTURE LOADS 47.75								TOTAL LOADS 181.50			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W XL	--	--	71.00	73.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	76.00	--	--	--	--	8.00				
GNR W 1	68.80	72.33	69.38	71.56	65.00	--	45.00	GL W J	75.25	--	--	92.00	84.29	88.00	12.25				
GL W J	--	--	80.50	83.00	71.88	--	9.50	GL W XL	71.85	82.66	--	--	--	80.97	20.75				
GL W XL	--	82.90	73.14	75.79	67.89	76.00	51.75	GL W LG	67.00	83.00	--	84.00	--	79.96	29.25				
GL W LG	--	78.10	69.80	67.81	67.04	67.61	53.75	GL W MD	--	70.00	--	77.50	--	69.01	19.75				
GL W MD	57.00	64.88	61.33	65.50	56.16	60.00	23.75	GL W SM	54.25	--	--	--	--	62.50	1.50				
GL W SM	--	--	60.50	63.50	46.00	--	2.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	.25				
GL BR J	153.00	--	--	155.00	113.50	--	.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	104.50	1.00				
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	102.50	2.00				
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	2.75	GL BR MD	55.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00				
GL BR MD	--	--	--	73.00	68.00	--	1.25	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	72.00	77.00	2.00				
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	49.00	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	01/16/12	01/09/12	01/17/11
PACIFIC COAST	61	28	15
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. 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	117.61
LARGE	116.84
MEDIUM	95.86
SMALL	92.00

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 steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are at least sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are less than normal due to some operations taking down time due to the MLK holiday. Retail feature activity is light to moderate. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 8.0 - 15.0 13.12

(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 for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules are less than normal as some operations were down due to the MLK 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.