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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York are 2 cents lower on all sizes while irregular in the Southeast. Remaining regional prices are 8 cents lower on Jumbo, 8 to 11 cents lower on Extra Large, 8 cents lower on Large and 11 cents lower on Medium. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy however supplies are light to moderate on the West Coast. Retail and food service demand range light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock supplies are light to moderate; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are moderate with mostly normal to 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 8 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 11 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents lower for Large and Medium. The undertone continues lower. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate at best. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. Trade sentiment continues weak. Demand is light on moderate to heavy offers. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-136	130-133
Large	126-135	128-131
Medium	99-108	101-104

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	134-142	135-137
Large	132-140	133-135
Medium	105-113	106-108

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	86-96	109
Medium	69-73	80
Small	45-51	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 8 to 10 cents lower on Extra Large, 8 cents lower on Large and 11 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy, heavier on larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand is light. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for the light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	132-147	133-137
Large	126-140	131-135
Medium	100-113	105-107

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are irregular on Extra Large and Large, steady to lower on Mediums. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is light to instances moderate. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy for current trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are light to moderate; breaking schedules are irregular. Light type hen offerings are adequate of the light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	132-161	136-139
Large	131-160	134-137
Medium	101-131	103-107

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 10 cents lower for Extra Large, 8 cents lower for Large, and 11 cents lower for Medium. The undertone remains weak. Demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy with supplies mostly moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	139.5-148	141-144
Large	138.5-147	140-143
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

NEW YORK EGGS Extra Large, Large and Medium egg prices are 2 cents lower. The undertone is weak. Supplies are moderate to mostly heavy on all sizes. Demand into all channels is light. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	136-140
Large	134-138
Medium	107-111

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 8 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 8 cents lower for Large and 11 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light to at times moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 8 cents lower for Jumbo, 11 cents lower for Extra Large, 8 cents lower for Large and 11 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is weak. Demand is mostly light to at times moderate with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark prices \$1.24.

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	175
Extra Large	178
Large	171
Medium	144

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	9.2	11.0	20.0	8.6	9.8	3.6	62.2
	% Change	-3.8%	9.5%	39.4%	-6.7%	-12.0%	17.6%	8.4%
Extra Large	This Week	31.6	23.3	49.2	22.9	34.1	5.7	166.9
	% Change	5.4%	6.5%	27.7%	6.7%	18.8%	25.6%	15.0%
Large	This Week	65.4	131.8	147.5	103.4	68.8	56.9	573.9
	% Change	36.9%	11.6%	14.5%	13.9%	7.6%	23.9%	15.9%
Medium	This Week	19.4	19.5	54.5	32.7	25.9	12.1	164.1
	% Change	18.5%	15.1%	3.0%	7.7%	-21.1%	27.7%	3.3%
Small	This Week	5.8	1.8	5.8	1.2	2.0	1.7	18.3
	% Change	-3.8%	-8.5%	2.5%	-43.3%	136.1%	6.9%	0.3%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.3	12.6	18.4	14.2	2.7	1.0	50.2
	% Change	10.8%	32.3%	-9.5%	23.8%	-43.3%	-1.0%	3.9%
Ungraded	This Week	9.6	7.1	85.3	22.1	17.6	7.2	148.9
	% Change	0.8%	7.9%	21.3%	1.1%	-18.6%	-10.2%	8.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	142.4	207.2	380.6	205.0	161.0	88.2	1,184.4
	% Change	18.2%	11.9%	15.1%	9.5%	-1.8%	19.8%	11.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,184.4	11.6%
Breaking Stock	241.9	6.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,426.3	10.7%

SPECIALTY SHELL EGG INVENTORY ^{2/}

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

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	5.6	12.3	4.2	5.0	3.3	2.5	32.8
	% Change	-9.2%	19.6%	-15.4%	12.5%	19.3%	16.0%	6.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	26.7	8.0	8.8	2.0	45.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	-28.1%	-14.6%	-7.7%	-9.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.6	12.3	30.9	12.9	12.1	4.6	78.3
	% Change	-9.2%	19.6%	-2.7%	-16.6%	-7.4%	4.1%	-3.4%

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

Large:	30.1%
Ungraded:	70.9%
Total:	53.8%

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 October 05, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 28, 2012 were 172,622 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:		
147,589	25,033	172,622

% change from the prior week:

+7	+9	+8
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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. Demand is light on moderate to heavy offers. Supplies are light to 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.

BREAKING STOCK	RANGE	MOSTLY
CHECKS	87-89	70-74
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 SEP 17, 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
	2.45	2.43	2.21	1.74

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS' F.O.B. FARM AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – Daily weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for Sept 28, 2012
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 35.50								FUTURE LOADS 5.00				TOTAL LOADS 40.50				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	105.43	109.00	98.00	99.50	--	--	8.00	GL W J	105.00	--	--	--	114.00	115.11	2.25	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.50	--	.75	GL W XL	--	96.00	--	--	--	101.90	6.00	
GL W XL	90.50	92.00	--	104.00	88.00	--	10.00	GL W LG	116.00	119.00	--	--	--	--	8.00	
GL W LG	--	--	97.50	99.00	--	--	1.00	GL W MD	67.67	--	--	--	--	82.00	6.00	
GL W MD	--	--	71.00	73.00	69.50	71.00	6.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	69.00	1.00	
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	60.00	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	116.00	.25	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.50	--	.25									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	58.00	61.00	1.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly weighted average prices (cents/dozen)

National Trading for Sept 24, 2012 – Sept 28, 2012
 Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 107.25								FUTURE LOADS 30.50				TOTAL LOADS 137.75				
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	105.33	109.00	106.40	107.13	--	--	23.00	GNR W 1	--	125.11	--	--	--	--	9.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	105.00	110.50	--	118.00	114.00	116.11	6.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	100.33	--	4.50	GL W XL	--	111.38	--	--	--	107.72	17.00	
GL W XL	98.75	103.50	110.75	119.34	98.69	114.20	37.25	GL W LG	114.00	121.47	--	--	--	108.55	41.25	
GL W LG	--	--	107.17	108.00	95.75	--	40.75	GL W MD	67.67	103.83	--	--	--	88.44	11.75	
GL W MD	--	73.00	82.75	85.00	74.00	71.00	16.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	69.50	2.00	
GL W SM	66.50	--	60.50	63.50	61.00	--	6.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	116.00	.25	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.50	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	124.50	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GL BR XL	--	--	--	125.00	119.00	--	1.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	123.00	--	--	116.00	4.75									
GL BR MD	76.50	--	--	91.25	82.00	--	2.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	95.00	102.00	--	--	2.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	58.00	61.00	1.00									
NRBS - 39	--	--	82.75	84.50	56.00	59.00	5.00									

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

Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/24/12	09/17/12	09/26/11
PACIFIC COAST	100	101	50
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. 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	149.95
LARGE	149.64
MEDIUM	116.64
SMALL	90.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

(Wholesale) (price per carton delivered to first receivers)

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 – 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	155 – 189	160 - 178

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