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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices are 22 to 25 cents lower on larger sizes, 16.5 to 22 cents lower on Medium and Small. New York prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate with improvements noted in the South Central region. Offerings and supplies range moderate to heavy however supplies are light to moderate on the West Coast. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient; demand is mostly light to fair.

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 24 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 20 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	103-112	106-109
Large	102-111	104-107
Medium	79-88	81-84
Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-118	111-113
Large	108-116	109-111
Medium	85-93	86-88

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	84-94	88
Medium	61-65	63
Small	51-57	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 24 to 25 cents lower on Extra Large, 23 cents lower on Large, 18 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is steady. Supplies are moderate for trading purposes. Present demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for mixed breaking schedules. Offerings of light hens are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	108-122	111-114
Large	103-117	108-112
Medium	82-95	87-89

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 22 to 24 cents lower on Extra Large, 22 to 23 cents lower on Large, Mediums down 16.5 to 22 cents from last week. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is light. Food service demand remains light to moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy on all sizes for trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are at least sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-137	112-115
Large	109-137	110-113
Medium	84.5-109	85-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large, and 18 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demands are light to moderate with some slight improvement reported. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to at times heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	114.5-123	116-119
Large	114.5-123	116-119
Medium	86.5-95	88-91

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are moderate. The New York shell egg inventory is 7 percent less than a week ago. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to at times moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	117-121
Large	115-119
Medium	94-98

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 22 cents lower for Jumbo, 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large and 20 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 22 cents lower for Jumbo, 25 cents lower for Extra Large, 24 cents lower for Large and 20 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. 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	153
Extra Large	153
Large	147
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	9.8	9.3	18.7	7.7	9.3	3.9	58.6
	% Change	6.1%	-15.5%	-6.8%	-10.8%	-4.9%	8.6%	-5.8%
Extra Large	This Week	34.2	25.1	52.9	17.1	34.2	5.2	168.6
	% Change	8.0%	7.6%	7.4%	-25.3%	0.1%	-9.1%	1.0%
Large	This Week	65.3	121.4	139.1	111.5	63.3	63.7	564.3
	% Change	-0.2%	-7.9%	-5.7%	7.8%	-8.0%	12.0%	-1.7%
Medium	This Week	20.2	20.8	47.1	28.5	23.9	12.0	152.5
	% Change	3.9%	6.6%	-13.6%	-12.6%	-7.7%	-0.8%	-7.0%
Small	This Week	3.5	2.4	5.3	2.3	3.3	1.8	18.6
	% Change	-40.6%	31.5%	-9.3%	89.3%	66.8%	8.2%	1.2%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.6	9.7	23.0	15.7	1.7	1.0	52.6
	% Change	19.5%	-23.2%	25.5%	10.5%	-39.8%	-3.9%	4.7%
Ungraded	This Week	12.6	11.4	63.8	24.9	17.6	8.0	138.4
	% Change	31.1%	60.0%	-25.1%	12.5%	0.3%	11.4%	-7.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	147.0	200.0	349.9	207.6	153.3	95.7	1,153.5
	% Change	3.2%	-3.4%	-8.1%	1.3%	-4.8%	8.4%	-2.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,153.5	-2.6%
Breaking Stock	237.5	-1.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,391.0	-2.5%

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	5.8	11.5	4.3	4.4	3.5	2.1	31.5
	% Change	4.5%	-6.3%	1.2%	-11.7%	5.2%	-18.5%	-4.1%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.2	10.5	8.8	2.7	50.1
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	31.6%	0.0%	32.4%	10.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.8	11.5	32.4	14.9	12.3	4.8	81.6
	% Change	4.5%	-6.3%	5.0%	15.0%	1.4%	4.1%	4.2%

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

Large:	30.5%
Ungraded:	74.8%
Total:	57.7%

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 12, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 05, 2012 were 183,290 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week:	151,399	31,891	183,290

% change from the prior week:
+3 +27 +6

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. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are 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	73-80	78-80
CHECKS	61-69	61-65
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 24, 2012

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRIFOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A		2.45	2.43	2.21	1.74

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

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A		1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

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

National Trading for Oct 05, 2012

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 35.75					FUTURE LOADS 6.50				TOTAL LOADS 42.25						
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	86.00	88.00	--	--	--	--	5.00	GL W J	100.00	--	--	--	--	105.00	1.00
GL W XL	94.83	97.00	--	99.00	89.15	98.00	11.50	GL W XL	93.25	100.40	--	--	--	100.54	4.50
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	87.02	--	16.00	GL W LG	78.00	103.60	--	--	--	85.56	17.00
GL W MD	--	--	66.25	72.00	66.43	70.50	3.00	GL W MD	73.75	--	--	--	--	78.20	1.75
GL BR SM	--	--	65.00	67.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	80.50	87.00	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for Oct 01, 2012 – Oct 05, 2012

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 164.00					FUTURE LOADS 21.50				TOTAL LOADS 185.50						
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	85.29	88.00	89.00	89.40	--	--	10.00	GL W J	95.67	100.00	--	--	105.00	101.55	8.75
GNR BR 1	--	--	92.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	92.17	96.04	--	--	--	99.08	32.25
GL W J	85.00	--	--	--	84.30	--	4.75	GL W LG	82.00	103.28	--	--	--	90.03	41.50
GL W XL	92.75	95.20	94.75	93.81	84.00	96.30	48.75	GL W MD	61.78	108.00	64.00	--	--	71.56	16.50
GL W LG	--	97.00	90.00	91.24	88.07	--	70.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	65.00	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	--	65.54	69.03	60.58	66.30	17.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	58.20	61.35	--	--	6.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	83.50	--	.25								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	97.00	100.50	.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	113.00	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	90.00	93.00	--	89.25	80.00	--	2.00								
GL BR SM	--	--	65.00	67.00	--	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	80.50	87.00	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	85.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	60.55	56.00	78.00	55.00	59.67	15.00								

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	10/01/12	09/24/12	10/03/11
PACIFIC COAST	139	100	81
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS Oct 8, 2012

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	134.31
LARGE	134.31
MEDIUM	102.86
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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