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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional and New York prices are unchanged. Southeast prices are steady to lower on Extra Large, Large and Medium sizes. Supplies range moderate to heavy while offerings are light to usually moderate. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are at least sufficient; demand is 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 steady. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone remains steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate at best. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light with demand moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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 unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady to full steady. Offerings are mixed but mostly steady for current trading purposes. Retail demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to heavy for full-time breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are at least sufficient with a light to fair demand.

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 steady to lower on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail and distributive demand is mostly moderate. Current offerings are moderate to at times heavy with Mediums in the heaviest position for needs. Market activity remains slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to instances heavy for full-time processing schedules. Light type hen offerings are at least adequate; demand is light to fair.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-126	112-115
Large	109-126	110-113
Medium	84.5-102	85-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are unchanged. The undertone continues steady. Retail and food service demands are moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate for the light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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 to full steady. Offerings are mixed, but mostly moderate for trade needs. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady with a firming undertone. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light to mostly moderate with Mediums in the tightest position. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady with a firming undertone. Offerings are light to mostly moderate with Mediums in the closest position. Demand is moderate. Supplies are 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 thousand) ^{1/} (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.6	10.2	21.2	7.3	9.0	4.1	59.4
	% Change	-22.6%	10.1%	13.8%	-5.5%	-2.6%	3.6%	1.3%
Extra Large	This Week	34.1	23.0	45.6	20.3	30.0	6.4	159.4
	% Change	-0.3%	-8.2%	-13.8%	18.7%	-12.3%	23.2%	-5.5%
Large	This Week	62.4	108.6	111.7	100.8	56.3	60.0	499.7
	% Change	-4.5%	-10.6%	-19.7%	-9.6%	-11.1%	-5.8%	-11.4%
Medium	This Week	21.9	15.8	40.2	30.7	25.2	12.4	146.3
	% Change	8.6%	-23.7%	-14.6%	7.4%	5.5%	3.7%	-4.1%
Small	This Week	2.6	2.1	5.1	1.3	3.0	1.8	16.0
	% Change	-24.1%	-11.6%	-3.6%	-42.0%	-9.8%	0.0%	-14.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.1	12.1	24.6	15.5	4.8	0.9	59.0
	% Change	-28.3%	24.9%	6.8%	-0.8%	189.7%	-9.1%	12.2%
Ungraded	This Week	12.3	13.3	70.5	26.0	18.2	6.8	147.1
	% Change	-1.9%	16.3%	10.5%	4.5%	3.1%	-15.8%	6.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	142.0	185.1	318.9	201.9	146.5	92.4	1,086.8
	% Change	-3.4%	-7.4%	-8.9%	-2.8%	-4.4%	-3.4%	-5.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,086.8	-5.8%
Breaking Stock	231.7	-2.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,318.5	-5.2%

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	6.3	10.2	4.9	5.6	2.9	2.1	31.9
	% Change	8.6%	-11.6%	14.7%	27.2%	-14.8%	-0.5%	1.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.1	11.6	9.5	2.8	50.9
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-3.9%	10.6%	8.0%	1.9%	1.5%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.3	10.2	32.0	17.2	12.4	4.8	82.9
	% Change	8.6%	-11.6%	-1.4%	15.5%	1.6%	0.8%	1.5%

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

Large: 31.2%
Ungraded: 69.5%
Total: 54.7%

^{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, 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 October 19, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 12, 2012 were 191,388 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
165,517 25,871 191,388

% change from the prior week:

+9 -19 +4

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 steady. Offerings are light with demand moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	75-80	78-80
Checks & Undergrades	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 Oct 01, 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
	2.35	2.30	2.14	1.66

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of Oct 01, 2012 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 Oct 12, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 32.25						FUTURE LOADS 14.25				TOTAL LOADS 46.50					
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	--	--	84.00	86.00	--	--	6.00	GL W XL	--	111.00	--	--	--	112.50	7.25
GL W XL	--	--	95.00	102.00	97.48	--	10.25	GL W LG	--	106.00	--	--	--	99.52	19.75
GL W LG	--	94.00	88.00	90.00	87.18	--	23.75	GL W MD	--	--	80.00	--	--	86.85	1.25
GL W MD	--	--	78.00	80.00	71.00	--	2.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	100.00	102.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								

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

National Trading for Oct 08, 2012 – Oct 12, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 154.00						FUTURE LOADS 39.25				TOTAL LOADS 193.25					
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	84.50	88.00	83.00	85.75	--	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	92.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	110.00	--	--	109.00	105.00	109.71	8.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	92.50	--	6.25	GL W XL	97.50	109.14	--	--	--	110.15	19.75
GL W XL	98.33	100.79	95.25	99.50	96.11	102.38	40.50	GL W LG	--	100.40	--	--	--	98.25	53.75
GL W LG	--	93.33	89.62	88.50	86.23	88.00	93.75	GL W MD	74.90	79.33	80.00	--	--	84.08	12.75
GL W MD	--	--	71.57	74.00	71.84	78.00	14.00	GL W SM	59.50	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.00	--	--	4.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	109.00	.75
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	92.50	--	.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	108.00	114.00	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	100.00	102.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	88.50	--	73.00	--	11.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	72.00	76.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	62.88	67.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	67.50	71.50	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

Selected Centers (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/08/12	10/01/12	10/10/11
PACIFIC COAST	138	139	75
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

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	132.06
LARGE	132.06
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

Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit the National Organic Program at www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome