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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices are 2 cents higher on Medium, 1 cent higher on larger sizes. Regional prices are 1 cent higher on Jumbo, 1 to 2 cents higher on Extra Large, 1 cent higher on Large and 2 to 8 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand are usually moderate to good however light to moderate in the Northeast. Offerings are light to moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are at least sufficient with 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 1 cent higher for Extra Large and Large, and 8 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher for all reported sizes. The undertone is higher. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	104-113	107-110
Large	103-112	105-108
Medium	87-96	89-92

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111-119	112-114
Large	109-117	110-112
Medium	93-101	94-96

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	86-96	90
Medium	70-74	72
Small	53-59	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large, 1 cent higher on Large and 8 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is firm. Current supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Offerings are light. Retail and distributive demand is light moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for a light to at times moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	110-124	110-114
Large	104-118	109-113
Medium	90-103	95-97

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 1.5 cents higher on Extra Large, steady to 1 cent higher on Large, up 2 to 2.5 cents on Mediums. The undertone is firm. Retail and distributive demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; breaking schedules are regular. Light type fowl demand is light to fair on at least sufficient offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	111.5-126	113-116
Large	110-126	111-114
Medium	87-104	93-97

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents higher for Extra Large, 1 cent higher for Large and 8 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is fully steady to mostly firm. Offerings are light to moderate with cartoned egg demand fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	116.5-125	118-121
Large	115.5-124	117-120
Medium	94.5-103	96-99

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are 2 cents higher on Medium, 1 cent higher on Extra Large and Large eggs. The undertone is firm. Offerings are light. Supplies are mostly moderate to at times heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity moderate.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	120-124
Large	118-122
Medium	106-110

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large, 1 cent higher for Large, and 8 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Demand is mostly moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, 2 cents higher for Extra Large, 1 cent higher for Large and 8 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Demand is usually moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.12.

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	154
Extra Large	155
Large	148
Medium	132

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	9.7	9.8	20.3	7.1	9.3	3.3	59.5
	% Change	28.5%	-4.2%	-4.5%	-1.7%	2.8%	-19.0%	0.2%
Extra Large	This Week	35.4	20.1	37.3	17.2	30.4	5.1	145.4
	% Change	3.8%	-12.9%	-18.1%	-15.2%	1.3%	-21.3%	-8.8%
Large	This Week	62.7	111.3	108.0	89.2	58.3	61.4	490.8
	% Change	0.5%	2.6%	-3.3%	-11.6%	3.5%	2.3%	-1.8%
Medium	This Week	26.4	16.7	41.3	19.1	22.9	12.3	138.7
	% Change	20.4%	5.6%	2.6%	-37.7%	-9.3%	-0.8%	-5.2%
Small	This Week	2.5	2.4	3.9	5.5	2.2	3.0	19.4
	% Change	-6.1%	13.1%	-24.0%	309.0%	-24.1%	62.0%	21.7%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.9	9.4	22.6	13.8	4.9	1.4	54.0
	% Change	64.0%	-22.2%	-8.1%	-11.1%	3.3%	55.6%	-8.5%
Ungraded	This Week	11.6	12.2	80.0	36.2	24.3	7.9	172.2
	% Change	-5.6%	-8.4%	13.5%	39.3%	33.4%	16.4%	17.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	150.1	181.9	313.3	188.1	152.3	94.3	1,080.0
	% Change	5.7%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-6.8%	3.9%	2.0%	-0.6%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,080.0	-0.6%
Breaking Stock	227.8	-1.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,307.8	-0.8%

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	9.5	3.5	2.9	2.6	1.9	26.0
	% Change	-11.4%	-6.4%	-28.7%	-47.5%	-11.2%	-7.8%	-18.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.7	12.5	12.2	2.2	55.5
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	6.1%	7.6%	27.9%	-20.7%	9.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	5.6	9.5	32.2	15.4	14.8	4.1	81.5
	% Change	-11.4%	-6.4%	0.7%	-10.3%	18.6%	-15.2%	-1.6%

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

Large:	29.5%
Ungraded:	72.3%
Total:	58.7%

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 26, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 19, 2012 were 163,537 cases which was 15 percent below the prior week and 15 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
140,310 23,227 163,537

% change from the prior week:
-15 -10 -15

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. Demand is light to moderate on light offerings. Supplies are light to 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 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 OCT 08, 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 Oct 19, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 38.75							FUTURE LOADS 15.00				TOTAL LOADS 53.75						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	87.00	--	--	90.00	--	--	6.00	GL W J	120.00	--	--	--	--	--	128.00	3.00	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	111.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	119.67	--	--	--	--	119.75	11.25	
GL W XL	105.00	115.00	104.75	108.50	104.98	--	14.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	111.00	17.25	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	97.00	--	19.25	GL W MD	102.00	107.00	--	--	--	--	108.50	2.00	
GL W MD	--	--	89.00	91.00	96.00	--	3.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	--	77.00	1.25	
GL W SM	--	77.00	64.00	67.00	66.78	--	3.25										
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	80.00	81.00	1.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	75.00	79.00	1.00										

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

National Trading for Oct 15, 2012 – Oct 19, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 172.50							FUTURE LOADS 39.50				TOTAL LOADS 212.00						
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	84.50	89.00	82.75	86.67	--	--	30.00	GNR W 1	--	95.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	115.00	121.00	--	123.00	118.00	123.85	8.50		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	107.80	--	5.00	GL W XL	105.50	115.00	--	--	--	118.33	36.25		
GL W XL	105.00	116.50	101.78	106.57	102.48	105.25	59.50	GL W LG	--	103.37	--	--	--	107.49	72.00		
GL W LG	--	110.00	93.50	92.00	93.74	95.70	87.00	GL W MD	90.67	92.00	--	--	100.00	98.54	15.00		
GL W MD	--	--	84.47	84.72	84.15	--	15.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	67.00	77.00	2.25		
GL W SM	69.00	77.00	63.67	66.50	67.18	70.00	10.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	123.00	.50		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	106.50	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	105.50	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	98.50	102.00	.75										
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00										
GL BR MD	--	--	--	90.25	81.00	--	1.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	87.50	87.00	80.00	81.00	6.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	75.00	79.00	1.00										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	70.75	75.25	2.00										
NRBS - 39	--	63.75	--	--	57.50	--	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	10/15/12	10/08/12	10/17/11
PACIFIC COAST	137	138	22
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is higher 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	132.61
LARGE	131.84
MEDIUM	114.08
SMALL	93.00

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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