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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices are steady with a steady to barely steady undertone. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate while mostly moderate in the Southeast region. Current supplies are usually moderate to heavy for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is very light to moderate. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for the light to fair demand.

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. Producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is inactive. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Demand is very light on heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	124-133	127-130
Large	123-132	125-128
Medium	98-107	100-103

Prices Delivered To Store Door:	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	131-139	132-134
Large	129-137	130-132
Medium	104-112	105-107

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen:	Range	Mostly
Large	105-115	109
Medium	80-84	82
Small	63-69	

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 barely steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trading purposes. Offerings are light. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are moderate for mixed breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are sufficient for a light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-141	130-134
Large	124-138	129-133
Medium	99-112	104-106

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Asking prices are unchanged with a steady undertone. Retail and distributive demand is mixed, mostly moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to instances heavy for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are usually moderate; breaking schedules are normal. Spent hen offerings are sufficient for the light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	134-150	138-141
Large	135-152	136-139
Medium	104.5-122	105-109

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL This week's asking prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand ranges light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a barely steady to weak undertone. Offerings are heavy for the very light demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	134.5-143	136-139
Large	134.5-143	136-139
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Demand is mostly light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered store door:	RANGE
Extra Large	138-142
Large	136-140
Medium	111-115

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and Extra Large, unchanged on Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 2 cents lower for Jumbo and Extra Large, unchanged on Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Retail demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.20.

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	168
Extra Large	171
Large	168
Medium	140

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	15.6	10.1	21.4	6.2	12.7	4.0	70.0
	% Change	87.6%	24.3%	26.2%	-13.7%	26.9%	-8.5%	27.4%
Extra Large	This Week	42.3	23.4	46.9	19.4	42.4	4.4	178.9
	% Change	46.5%	31.0%	23.2%	40.2%	41.2%	15.9%	35.0%
Large	This Week	62.6	145.9	147.4	110.4	87.8	51.9	606.0
	% Change	12.6%	41.0%	40.5%	41.6%	37.7%	15.0%	34.4%
Medium	This Week	11.5	21.2	59.0	26.5	26.5	13.9	158.7
	% Change	-27.2%	22.5%	8.9%	8.3%	2.8%	5.9%	5.3%
Small	This Week	2.8	2.0	7.3	1.3	0.6	3.2	17.1
	% Change	30.7%	40.7%	-11.8%	-26.9%	-61.0%	-4.8%	-6.9%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.0	15.0	32.9	16.6	5.8	3.2	76.6
	% Change	52.6%	8.5%	-14.4%	14.1%	-1.0%	3.5%	-1.6%
Ungraded	This Week	10.6	16.2	96.7	21.6	22.4	11.2	178.6
	% Change	38.5%	-1.3%	2.9%	-14.9%	-10.1%	44.0%	1.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	148.5	233.8	411.7	201.9	198.3	91.7	1,285.9
	% Change	23.3%	31.1%	16.0%	22.3%	22.4%	13.8%	21.2%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,285.9	21.2%
Breaking Stock	273.7	2.9%
Total Shell Egg	1,559.6	17.5%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory²

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	11.5	14.1	5.4	4.7	3.9	1.2	40.7
	% Change	42.0%	82.9%	10.2%	18.1%	41.5%	-45.5%	37.8%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	28.1	10.8	7.1	2.3	48.4
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	-10.6%	-30.1%	5.5%	-5.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	11.5	14.1	33.5	15.5	11.0	3.5	89.1
	% Change	42.0%	82.9%	5.8%	-3.5%	-14.9%	-19.5%	10.2%

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

Large:	34.6%
Ungraded:	69.7%
Total:	53.7%

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 December 07, 2012 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 30, 2012 were 146,788 cases which was 33 percent below the prior week and 33 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:

123,689 23,099 146,788

% change from the prior week:

-36 -3 -33

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 barely steady to weak. Demand is very light on heavy offerings. 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	87-89	
Checks & Undergrades	70-78	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 Nov 19, 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
	2.49	2.47	2.25	1.78

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm for the week of Nov 19, 2012 as set by Ontario Egg Producers.

Grade A	Ex Lrg	Lrg	Med	Small
	2.00	2.00	1.84	1.36

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

National Trading for Nov 30, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 32.75					FUTURE LOADS 14.50				TOTAL LOADS 47.25						
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	102.00	--	104.00	105.50	--	--	10.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	.75	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	117.00
GL W XL	--	--	115.00	118.00	104.89	108.00	7.75	GL W XL	113.00	118.00	--	--	--	--	121.27
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	99.39	100.50	17.50	GL W LG	103.00	117.00	103.00	--	--	--	111.22
GL W MD	--	--	--	87.00	81.00	--	1.50	GL W MD	85.00	--	--	93.75	--	--	1.50
GL W SM	--	--	71.00	74.00	64.00	--	2.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	--	76.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	117.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	71.00	75.00	1.00								

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

National Trading for Nov 26, 2012 – Nov 30, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 135.25					FUTURE LOADS 63.50				TOTAL LOADS 198.75						
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	102.00	113.06	104.00	106.90	--	--	58.00	GNR W 1	--	111.53	--	--	--	--	23.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	101.75	101.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	102.15	108.25	--	107.50	101.00	108.85	8.50
GL W J	--	--	113.00	115.00	92.00	--	5.75	GL W XL	104.87	116.83	--	--	--	114.45	26.00
GL W XL	--	129.33	113.50	115.64	99.88	112.00	40.75	GL W LG	103.00	113.48	103.00	--	--	107.38	49.50
GL W LG	--	120.00	106.00	106.22	93.08	101.41	68.50	GL W MD	82.94	90.00	83.00	93.75	--	90.00	23.50
GL W MD	--	87.50	80.35	84.70	77.55	--	17.50	GL W SM	68.00	--	--	--	--	76.00	2.00
GL W SM	--	78.00	70.50	73.50	69.00	72.00	6.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	111.00	1.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	1.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	110.00	116.00	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	103.00	105.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	103.00	105.00	99.40	103.50	4.50								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	76.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	71.00	75.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	70.00	63.00	--	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	11/26/12	11/19/12	11/28/11
PACIFIC COAST	116	116	64
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

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

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	151.57
LARGE	153.12
MEDIUM	122.86
SMALL	102.00

ORGANIC BROWN SHELL EGGS IN CARTONS

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

	PRICE RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	261 – 320	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	180 – 198	181 - 189
Large doz.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	171 – 189	171 - 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