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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



West Coast prices are 4 cents lower on Jumbo, unchanged on remaining sizes. New York and regional prices are steady. Retail demand is light to good, mostly moderate to good. Food service demand is light to usually moderate. Current offerings and supplies range moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Spent hen offerings are at least sufficient; processing schedules are normal.

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 is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is weak. Offerings are heavy on light demand. Supplies are heavy. 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 mostly steady to barely steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy on larger sizes, mixed on Medium. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for a light demand. Light hen offerings are at least 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 Prices are unchanged with a steady undertone. Demand into the retail channel is moderate to fairly good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate on heavier weight eggs and Mediums for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are at least adequate; demand is light to fair.

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 Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Loose egg demand is light. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is weak. Offerings are heavy on light demand. Supplies are heavy. 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 on all sizes. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trading purposes. Demand is 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 4 cents lower for Jumbo and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 4 cents lower for Jumbo and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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	164
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	14.4	10.3	20.9	7.3	8.1	5.0	66.1
	% Change	-7.6%	2.4%	-2.4%	17.5%	-36.3%	26.3%	-5.6%
Extra Large	This Week	46.8	25.2	53.2	27.5	32.9	5.3	190.9
	% Change	10.5%	7.7%	13.3%	41.9%	-22.3%	20.3%	6.7%
Large	This Week	81.2	152.8	170.4	105.9	92.1	58.3	660.7
	% Change	29.8%	4.7%	15.6%	-4.1%	4.9%	12.3%	9.0%
Medium	This Week	11.6	21.2	43.4	27.1	34.7	11.1	149.2
	% Change	0.4%	0.1%	-26.6%	2.4%	31.2%	-20.0%	-6.0%
Small	This Week	2.3	2.6	4.2	1.1	1.3	2.3	13.8
	% Change	-17.1%	33.5%	-43.2%	-12.8%	131.6%	-27.5%	-19.1%
Miscellaneous	This Week	1.6	13.6	37.3	14.6	4.7	1.4	73.2
	% Change	-47.5%	-9.4%	13.2%	-12.1%	-19.4%	-57.0%	-4.5%
Ungraded	This Week	15.0	15.3	83.7	20.3	21.5	12.0	167.8
	% Change	41.7%	-5.3%	-13.4%	-5.8%	-4.1%	7.0%	-6.1%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	173.0	241.1	413.0	203.9	195.4	95.4	1,321.6
	% Change	16.5%	3.1%	0.3%	1.0%	-1.4%	3.9%	2.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,321.6	2.8%
Breaking Stock	289.7	5.8%
Total Shell Egg	1,611.3	3.3%

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	10.8	20.4	5.5	4.0	3.4	2.0	46.0
	% Change	-5.5%	44.8%	0.7%	-14.7%	-13.6%	69.6%	13.0%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.8	9.9	6.2	2.0	46.0
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	-8.7%	-13.0%	-12.1%	-5.0%
Total Specialty	This Week	10.8	20.4	33.3	13.9	9.6	4.0	92.0
	% Change	-5.5%	44.8%	-0.7%	-10.5%	-13.2%	15.0%	3.2%

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

Large:	27.4%
Ungraded:	69.6%
Total:	48.5%

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 14, 2012 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 07, 2012 were 186,305 cases which was 27 percent above the prior week and 27 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
144,084 42,221 186,305

% change from the prior week:

+16 +83 +27

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. The undertone is weak. Offerings are heavy on light demand. Supplies are heavy. 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 85-87
CHECKS 68-76 68-72

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 26, 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 26, 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 Dec 07, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 31.75								FUTURE LOADS 20.50				TOTAL LOADS 52.25				
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	--	103.00	105.00	--	--	11.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	109.00	--	--	119.00	110.50	117.00	6.50	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.89	--	4.75	GL W XL	94.50	--	--	--	--	105.40	5.00	
GL W XL	--	--	114.00	116.00	91.00	101.00	9.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	98.67	12.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	84.10	89.50	16.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	91.50	--	--	1.00	
GL W MD	--	--	79.00	81.00	77.00	--	2.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	117.00	.25	
GL W SM	--	--	71.00	74.00	66.00	--	2.00									
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	.25									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	62.75	67.00	1.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	58.00	62.00	1.00									

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

National Trading for Dec 03, 2012 – Dec 07, 2012

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

CURRENT LOADS 137.50								FUTURE LOADS 42.75				TOTAL LOADS 180.25				
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	101.50	113.27	103.67	105.40	--	--	40.00	GNR W 1	--	111.45	--	--	--	--	--	16.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	103.50	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	109.05	110.00	--	118.25	110.50	117.15	16.50	
GL W J	--	--	117.00	119.00	100.00	--	11.50	GL W XL	94.50	118.89	--	--	--	110.13	20.75	
GL W XL	101.56	114.33	112.40	113.36	96.55	109.60	49.00	GL W LG	--	116.77	97.00	--	--	104.19	47.75	
GL W LG	--	126.00	104.50	105.80	89.01	93.00	63.75	GL W MD	85.06	96.67	--	91.50	--	91.00	10.75	
GL W MD	79.33	85.75	81.79	84.69	77.46	--	18.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	117.00	.75	
GL W SM	79.00	78.00	71.50	74.50	67.50	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	111.50	--	--	--	118.00	2.25	
GL BR J	--	--	122.00	124.00	100.00	--	1.75									
GL BR XL	--	--	105.00	106.00	--	--	1.00									
GL BR LG	--	--	118.00	120.00	102.38	103.50	4.00									
GL BR MD	79.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	96.00	62.75	67.00	3.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	58.00	62.00	1.00									
NRBS - 42	--	--	74.00	--	77.00	80.00	3.00									

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	12/03/12	11/26/12	12/05/11
PACIFIC COAST	107	116	52
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