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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York are 5 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents lower on Medium. Remaining regional prices are 2 to 5 cents lower on larger sizes, 2 to 4 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is weak. Demand into retail and food service channels ranges moderate to good with some reporting post-Holiday orders stronger than anticipated in the South Central region. Supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Light type hen demand is generally moderate; offerings are sufficient.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices are 4 cents lower for Large and Medium and steady for Small. Midwest delivered prices are 3 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is fairly good to good with food service movement mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate with supplies ranging moderate to heavy. Some deliveries have been hampered by snowstorms in the Eastern Midwest. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone is lower. Offerings are moderate to heavy with demand light. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-125	119-122
LARGE	115-124	117-120
MEDIUM	94-103	96-99

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-131	124-126
LARGE	121-129	122-124
MEDIUM	100-108	101-103

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	93-103	97
MEDIUM	72-76	74
SMALL	63-69	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 3 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, 2 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is weak. Supplies are mixed, but mostly moderate following the Christmas holiday. Offerings are moderate. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy for the light demand. Light hen offerings are sufficient for a moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-133	122-126
LARGE	116-130	121-125
MEDIUM	97-110	102-104

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 2 to 5 cents lower on Extra Large, down 2 cents on Large, steady to 2 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is moderate to at times good. Food service is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mixed, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks are moderate to heavy for reduced breaking schedules due to the holidays. Light type hen offerings are adequate; demand is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	124-145	130-133
LARGE	126-147	128-131
MEDIUM	102.5-122	103-107

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 3 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is weak. Retail demand is moderate to good with some reporting post-Holiday orders stronger than anticipated. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy, while supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are lower with the undertone lower. Demand is light for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are heavy. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
MEDIUM	100.5-109	102-105

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

NEW YORK Prices are 5 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, 3 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is weak. Supplies are mixed, but usually moderate for trade needs. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	123-127
LARGE	121-125
MEDIUM	106-110

WESTERN Prices are 1 cent lower for Jumbo, 3 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is weak. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is fairly good to good with food service movement moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Monday's shell egg inventories declined 17.3% in the Southwest and 16.5% in the Northwest.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are 1 cent lower on Jumbo, 3 cents lower on Extra Large and Large and 4 cents lower on Medium and Small. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Retail demand is fairly good to good with food service movement moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.16. Monday's shell egg inventories declined 17.3% in the Southwest and 16.5% in the Northwest.

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	163
EXTRA LARGE	163
LARGE	160
MEDIUM	136

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	9.4	8.4	18.5	6.4	7.2	2.8	52.8
	% Change	-31.5%	-17.0%	-15.8%	-7.7%	-25.9%	-15.1%	-19.9%
Extra Large	This Week	21.0	16.6	37.1	17.0	27.1	5.3	124.0
	% Change	-49.3%	-18.1%	-17.7%	-18.4%	-24.1%	14.3%	-26.1%
Large	This Week	51.6	97.5	116.0	82.2	80.5	43.1	471.0
	% Change	-29.6%	-24.3%	-13.4%	-3.9%	-10.3%	-29.4%	-17.7%
Medium	This Week	13.6	16.0	46.8	27.4	25.5	11.9	141.2
	% Change	17.2%	-11.7%	4.6%	-5.8%	-27.8%	17.0%	-5.3%
Small	This Week	1.6	3.4	6.6	1.0	0.8	1.4	14.7
	% Change	-36.2%	-9.6%	22.8%	-8.3%	-42.2%	-26.9%	-7.5%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.2	12.5	31.3	16.6	5.1	2.6	70.2
	% Change	4.7%	3.6%	-1.1%	1.8%	16.6%	17.7%	2.3%
Ungraded	This Week	8.2	7.0	60.2	20.8	21.4	8.1	125.7
	% Change	-45.9%	-52.9%	-10.8%	-3.3%	-18.9%	18.6%	-17.4%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	107.7	161.3	316.5	171.4	167.6	75.1	999.7
	% Change	-32.7%	-22.4%	-9.6%	-5.5%	-17.3%	-16.5%	-16.1%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	999.7	-16.1%
Breaking Stock	265.8	-1.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,265.5	-13.4%

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	8.5	16.9	7.1	4.1	3.4	1.9	41.8
	% Change	-9.9%	-17.7%	40.2%	-19.6%	7.2%	-1.1%	-7.4%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.0	27.6	13.2	6.2	2.8	49.8
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	-2.3%	-1.7%	-32.4%	19.6%	-6.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.5	16.9	34.6	17.3	9.6	4.7	91.6
	% Change	-9.9%	-17.7%	4.1%	-6.6%	-22.2%	10.4%	-6.8%

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

Large:	29.8%
Ungraded:	68.8%
Total:	51.0%

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 December 28, 2012 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 21, 2012 were 240,051 cases which was 21 percent above the prior week and 19 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased present week:
214,153 25,898 240,051

% change from the prior week:
+23 +5 +21

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are lower. The undertone is lower. Offerings are moderate to 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 58-60
CHECKS 41-47 41-45
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 DEC 10, 2012
QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION.

EX
GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL
Data Unavailable

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

EX
GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL
Data Unavailable

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 24, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 14.50 FUTURE LOADS 6.00 TOTAL LOADS 20.50

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	--	--	92.00	102.00	--	--	6.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	102.00	105.00	80.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W XL	--	--	100.50	103.00	75.50	--	4.00	GL W MD	--	--	68.50	--	--	--	4.50
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	62.29	--	3.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.50	55.00	3.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 19, 2012-DECEMBER 25, 2012

COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 77.25 FUTURE LOADS 38.25 TOTAL LOADS 115.50

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	94.00	106.33	94.50	97.67	--	--	26.00	GNR W 1	--	101.20	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	100.50	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	89.00	89.25	--	99.00	--	94.21	6.00
GL W J	--	--	106.50	109.00	81.00	--	7.25	GL W XL	85.00	90.85	--	--	--	92.53	12.00
GL W XL	--	109.33	102.25	102.10	77.00	86.00	34.75	GL W LG	--	109.56	--	--	--	87.38	27.25
GL W LG	--	108.07	101.83	94.71	79.67	119.00	44.25	GL W MD	65.00	94.36	68.50	86.00	--	75.76	12.25
GL W MD	--	--	79.25	81.50	64.26	--	11.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	.25
GL W SM	--	68.00	67.00	70.00	56.00	--	2.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	95.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	84.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	111.50	--	--	113.00	102.00	1.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	74.00	--	1.25								
GL BR MD	--	73.00	--	--	66.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.50	55.00	3.00								
NRBS - 45	--	53.00	--	--	46.00	--	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 HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers	(In Thousands of Pounds)		
	12/17/12	12/10/12	12/19/11
PACIFIC COAST	106	105	94
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS (Dec 21, 2012)

Due to the Christmas Holiday this report will not be released again until Thursday, December 27, 2012.

The market is steady on small and medium, lower on the balance. 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	145.33
LARGE	146.88
MEDIUM	121.64

USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS**WHOLESALE****Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons**

(price cents 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

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