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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices 6 cents lower on Jumbo, 3 to 6 cents lower on Extra Large and Large; steady to 6 cents lower on Medium and Small. New York prices are steady. Current offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for trade needs. Demand into all channels is mostly moderate to good while food service demand in the Midwest is light to moderate. Market activity is at times slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to instances moderate. Spent hen offerings are light to moderate for the moderate 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 4 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady for Large, 2 cents lower for Medium, and steady for Small. The undertone is barely steady. Retail demand is fairly good while food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to instances moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Extra Large | 102-111 | 105-108 |
| Large | 101-110 | 103-106 |
| Medium | 84-93 | 86-89 |

| Prices Delivered To Store Door: | Range | Mostly |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Extra Large | 109-117 | 110-112 |
| Large | 107-115 | 108-110 |
| Medium | 90-98 | 91-93 |

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

| Prices Paid To Producers, Cents Per Dozen: | Range | Mostly |
|--|-------|--------|
| Large | 83-93 | 87 |
| Medium | 64-68 | 66 |
| 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 3 cents lower on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Supplies vary by location and are in a range of light to heavy, mostly moderate. Demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are adequate for the light to instances moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate; demand is generally moderate.

| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Extra Large | 108-122 | 111-114 |
| Large | 103-117 | 108-112 |
| Medium | 91-104 | 96-98 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 3 to 4 cent lower on Extra Large, down 4 to 6 cents on Large, steady to 6 cents lower on Mediums. The undertone is steady on larger sizes, barely steady for Mediums. Retail demand is moderate to at times good, while food service demand continues moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for current trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are sufficient for the light to instances moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to adequate; processing schedules are reduced due to the New Years holiday.

| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Extra Large | 114.5-135 | 116-119 |
| Large | 113-134 | 114-117 |
| Medium | 94.5-112 | 95-99 |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 4 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, unchanged for Medium. The undertone is steady. Demand is reported as moderate to fairly good into both the retail and food sectors. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the light to at times moderate demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

| Prices delivered to warehouse: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Extra Large | 114.5-123 | 116-119 |
| Large | 112.5-121 | 114-117 |
| Medium | 92.5-101 | 94-97 |

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 range light to at times heavy, mostly moderate for needs. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

| Prices delivered store door: | RANGE |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Extra Large | 117-121 |
| Large | 115-119 |
| Medium | 103-107 |

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are 6 cents lower for Jumbo, Extra Large and Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light for Jumbo, moderate for Extra Large and moderate to heavy for Large and Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices are 6 cents lower for Jumbo, Extra Large, and Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy with Jumbo offerings light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is 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 | 148 |
| Extra Large | 146 |
| Large | 142 |
| 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 | 6.5 | 8.5 | 16.5 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 4.5 | 53.2 |
| | % Change | 11.6% | 3.2% | -10.1% | 0.7% | 12.5% | 39.8% | 2.7% |
| Extra Large | This Week | 23.5 | 15.1 | 50.2 | 14.7 | 23.9 | 7.6 | 134.9 |
| | % Change | 3.3% | 5.4% | 20.7% | 7.3% | -13.7% | 20.8% | 6.9% |
| Large | This Week | 56.0 | 93.3 | 128.8 | 64.6 | 66.7 | 51.0 | 460.4 |
| | % Change | 3.8% | -3.0% | -1.0% | -19.3% | -8.9% | -6.5% | -5.7% |
| Medium | This Week | 14.6 | 14.3 | 51.1 | 32.9 | 28.3 | 8.8 | 150.0 |
| | % Change | 6.5% | 1.4% | -8.7% | 5.3% | 4.5% | -20.8% | -2.1% |
| Small | This Week | 6.4 | 3.3 | 6.3 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 21.4 |
| | % Change | 116.9% | 20.0% | -6.5% | 49.1% | -1.7% | 5.5% | 25.0% |
| Miscellaneous | This Week | 2.4 | 12.7 | 34.3 | 19.4 | 5.5 | 1.8 | 76.1 |
| | % Change | 33.5% | 7.0% | -5.4% | 7.7% | -0.9% | -16.4% | 0.6% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 16.4 | 20.7 | 94.7 | 27.7 | 19.1 | 10.7 | 189.2 |
| | % Change | 78.5% | 28.0% | 34.5% | 34.3% | -0.5% | -9.2% | 28.4% |
| Total Shell Egg | This Week | 125.9 | 167.8 | 381.9 | 169.6 | 152.6 | 87.4 | 1,085.1 |
| | % Change | 14.2% | 2.6% | 6.3% | -2.2% | -5.2% | -4.9% | 2.4% |

| Totals | Cases | Percent Change |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Shell Egg | 1,085.1 | 2.4% |
| Breaking Stock | 302.0 | 4.8% |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,387.1 | 2.9% |

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 | 8.3 | 18.8 | 7.7 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 45.4 |
| | % Change | -5.8% | 18.5% | 60.8% | 18.9% | 17.0% | -19.4% | 16.2% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.2 | 13.8 | 3.8 | 2.0 | 45.8 |
| | % Change | 0.0% | 0.0% | -2.0% | -5.4% | 5.6% | -9.3% | -2.8% |
| Total Specialty | This Week | 8.3 | 18.8 | 33.9 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 3.6 | 91.2 |
| | % Change | -5.8% | 18.5% | 7.6% | 0.2% | 11.0% | -14.0% | 5.8% |

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

Large: 34.4%
 Ungraded: 74.0%
 Total: 54.3%

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 January 11, 2013 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 04, 2013 were 193,109 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

| CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL | |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week: | 171,884 | 21,225 | 193,109 |

% change from the prior week:

| | | |
|----|-----|----|
| +2 | -14 | -0 |
|----|-----|----|

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to instances moderate on moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies are moderate to 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 | 55-60 | 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 24, 2012

Quebec/Montreal: Wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian Dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

UNAVAILABLE

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

National Trading for Jan 04, 2013

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

| CURRENT LOADS 37.50 | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 30.00 | | | | TOTAL LOADS 67.50 | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|
| CLASS | SE | | NE | | MW | | LDS | CLASS | SC | | NW | | SW | | LDS | |
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 5.00 | |
| GNR W 1 | 81.00 | -- | 84.00 | 85.50 | -- | -- | 13.00 | GL W J | 90.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 97.30 | 5.00 | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 80.00 | -- | 4.00 | GL W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 95.33 | 6.00 | |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 86.00 | 91.07 | 78.77 | -- | 13.75 | GL W LG | -- | 83.63 | 78.50 | -- | -- | 85.50 | 18.25 | |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | 86.00 | 71.04 | -- | 21.75 | GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 73.17 | 3.00 | |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 71.00 | 73.00 | 60.00 | -- | 4.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | -- | -- | 69.00 | 71.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | 56.50 | -- | -- | 48.50 | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | -- | 53.00 | -- | -- | 45.00 | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |

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

National Trading for Dec 31, 2012 – Jan 04, 2013

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

| CURRENT LOADS 102.25 | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS 89.75 | | | | TOTAL LOADS 192.00 | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--|
| CLASS | SE | | NE | | MW | | LDS | CLASS | SC | | NW | | SW | | LDS | |
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | | |
| GNR W XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | 90.40 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 16.00 | |
| GNR W 1 | 83.67 | 93.03 | 85.50 | 87.29 | -- | -- | 58.00 | GL W J | 87.50 | 92.25 | -- | -- | -- | 97.18 | 10.25 | |
| GNR W 4 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.00 | GL W XL | -- | 95.00 | -- | -- | -- | 94.00 | 19.25 | |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 79.96 | -- | 7.25 | GL W LG | -- | 97.91 | 78.50 | -- | -- | 87.46 | 44.00 | |
| GL W XL | -- | 99.59 | 88.75 | 92.84 | 78.88 | 84.25 | 51.25 | GL W MD | -- | 86.00 | -- | -- | -- | 72.06 | 10.00 | |
| GL W LG | -- | 96.89 | 86.00 | 82.56 | 75.87 | 105.00 | 74.25 | GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 97.00 | .50 | |
| GL W MD | 67.00 | 64.00 | 71.67 | 75.88 | 59.00 | -- | 14.00 | GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 95.00 | .50 | |
| GL W SM | 74.00 | -- | 68.67 | 71.33 | -- | -- | 4.00 | GL BR LG | -- | 108.50 | -- | -- | -- | 91.00 | 1.25 | |
| GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 79.38 | -- | .50 | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 76.75 | -- | .50 | | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 72.75 | -- | 1.25 | | | | | | | | | |

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 | 01/01/13 | 12/25/12 | 01/02/13 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 96 | 98 | 86 |
| LOS ANGELES | 0 | 0 | 0 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. 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 | 135.94 |
| LARGE | 135.16 |
| MEDIUM | 111.64 |
| 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