



EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

Monday, October 27, 2014
VOL. 61 NO. 86

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, steady to 3 cents higher for Extra Large, unchanged on the balance of sizes. New York prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Offerings are light to mostly moderate. Supplies range light to more than adequate, usually moderate for immediate trade requirements. Demand into retail and distributive channels is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate, while slow to moderate in the Western region. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; demand is moderate to fairly good. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient for the light to 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 steady. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	101-110	103-106

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-129	122-124
LARGE	119-127	120-122
MEDIUM	107-115	108-110

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	95-105	99
MEDIUM	83-87	85
SMALL	51-57	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for Extra Large and steady for Large and Medium. The undertone is steady to firm. Demand is moderate to fairly good for the light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129.5-138	131-134
LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
MEDIUM	103.5-112	105-108

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are unchanged on larger sizes and Mediums. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate on all sizes and at times held with confidence in some locations. Demand into the retail and distributive channels is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are mostly moderate for needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate for normal to over-time breaking schedules. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient; demand is light to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	124.5-144	126-129
LARGE	123-140	124-127
MEDIUM	103.5-121	104-108

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady to 2 cents higher on Extra Large, steady on Large and Medium. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Supplies are mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies and demand in the Eastern region are moderate. Offerings of light hens are sufficient for slightly reduced processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120-138	120-138
LARGE	114-128	114-128
MEDIUM	103-116	103-116

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

NEW YORK Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Supplies more than sufficient for current needs. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	128-132
LARGE	126-130
MEDIUM	115-119

WESTERN Prices are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, 3 cents higher for Extra Large with the balance of sizes unchanged. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand and offerings are moderate. Supplies are usually moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Prices are 1 cent higher for Jumbo, 3 cents higher for Extra Large and unchanged on the balance of the sizes. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate. Offerings are usually moderate. Supplies are moderate and reported as adequate for current needs. 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	160
EXTRA LARGE	169
LARGE	159
MEDIUM	145

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	6.8	9.3	16.6	9.8	7.8	4.2	54.6
	% Change	-12.7%	-0.1%	-3.3%	21.0%	19.5%	19.1%	4.0%
Extra Large	This Week	21.3	30.2	34.7	27.2	34.6	7.9	155.8
	% Change	2.0%	15.9%	-15.8%	52.1%	8.6%	-16.6%	5.8%
Large	This Week	54.9	142.0	98.6	103.9	89.8	70.4	559.6
	% Change	19.4%	0.0%	-5.0%	7.0%	19.4%	-0.8%	4.6%
Medium	This Week	13.1	17.4	34.9	31.0	26.6	14.2	137.1
	% Change	-9.6%	-16.3%	-13.2%	26.8%	29.2%	9.1%	2.7%
Small	This Week	4.1	2.3	7.2	5.8	0.7	3.1	23.1
	% Change	-21.8%	6.0%	19.9%	-2.0%	2066.7%	61.1%	8.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	3.2	10.9	25.6	14.8	3.7	1.3	59.4
	% Change	5.0%	4.6%	-6.0%	-2.8%	-13.1%	47.8%	-2.5%
Ungraded	This Week	16.0	11.0	69.9	22.0	20.0	19.0	157.8
	% Change	-3.7%	-28.4%	2.1%	-0.1%	29.2%	79.1%	6.3%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	119.2	223.3	287.6	214.4	183.0	120.0	1,147.5
	% Change	4.7%	-1.3%	-5.4%	12.5%	19.0%	8.8%	4.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,147.5	4.4%
Breaking Stock	274.4	3.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,421.9	4.2%

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	8.4	27.8	9.4	4.9	3.7	0.7	55.0
	% Change	4.1%	-3.7%	-11.9%	36.4%	29.1%	-6.6%	0.2%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.2	25.4	9.4	5.1	4.4	44.4
	% Change	0.0%	-81.1%	3.1%	14.9%	-4.7%	0.7%	2.3%
Total Specialty	This Week	8.4	28.0	34.8	14.3	8.8	5.1	99.4
	% Change	4.1%	-6.2%	-1.4%	21.4%	7.2%	-0.4%	1.1%

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

Large:	17.4%
Ungraded:	62.6%
Total:	37.6%

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 31, 2014 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 24, 2014 were 170,852 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased
present week..... 137,674 33,178 170,852

% change from the
prior week..... -1 -28 -8
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 remain steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules full-time. 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	96-99	97-99
Checks	79-90	80-86
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 13, 2014
Quebec/Montreal: wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A					
					Unavailable

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A					
		1.90	1.90	1.69	1.26

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for October 24, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 29.00 FUTURE LOADS 2.00 TOTAL LOADS 31.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	--	92.00	95.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	110.40	--	--	--	126.00	125.95	2.75
GL W J	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	122.50	--	--	--	124.75	6.25
GL W XL	--	--	100.50	114.86	107.33	--	13.50	GL W LG	107.82	118.46	--	--	113.50	122.25	6.75
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	102.83	--	4.00	GL W MD	85.00	89.50	93.00	--	--	100.00	4.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	85.00	--	2.00	GL W SM	--	58.00	--	--	55.00	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	63.00	--	--	68.00	1.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for October 20, 2014 - October 24, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 140.00 FUTURE LOADS 28.50 TOTAL LOADS 168.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	93.00	102.00	94.17	96.40	--	--	13.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	116.50	105.00	110.41	106.00	--	8.25	GL W J	114.92	--	--	--	122.83	125.22	7.25
GL W XL	--	--	102.50	113.84	107.73	--	51.50	GL W XL	112.96	119.88	--	--	121.64	124.86	32.50
GL W LG	--	--	102.25	104.26	101.68	--	57.25	GL W LG	104.50	114.41	--	--	117.45	116.69	51.50
GL W MD	--	--	90.67	93.67	84.85	--	6.25	GL W MD	90.33	89.50	93.00	--	91.00	98.70	10.25
GL W SM	59.00	60.00	64.25	68.67	--	68.00	6.00	GL W SM	--	58.00	--	--	55.00	--	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	118.00	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	135.00	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	106.50	108.00	116.33	146.00	3.50	GL BR LG	--	131.83	140.00	--	--	--	2.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	96.00	98.29	17.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	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)

	10/20/14	10/13/14	10/21/2013
Pacific w/out Denver	74	74	43
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	146.02
Large	142.91
Medium	121.86
Small	93.00

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 - 360	275 - 310
	1/2 doz.	180 - 195	181 - 189
Large	doz.	230 - 350	265 - 300
	1/2 doz.	171 - 190	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