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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices are steady in all regions. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. Demand into all channels is light to moderate, however moderate to at times good in Western regions. Supplies are mostly moderate to light for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate to slow. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate; demand is moderate. Spent hen offerings are light to moderate with normal to reduced processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices paid to producers are 2 cents higher for large and medium with the balance of prices steady. The undertone remains firm. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings are light and confidently held. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. Offerings are light to instances moderate for the moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	70-79	72-75

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	76-84	77-79

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	60-70	64
MEDIUM	54-58	56
SMALL	49-55	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are 3 cents higher for extra large, 1 cent higher for large, and 2 cents higher for medium. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Retail demand is moderate while food service demand remains light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. Central states breaking stock prices are steady to lower. Demand is moderate with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for current needs. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand is light to mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Light type hen offerings are generally adequate; demand is moderate to good.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84.5-92	86-89
LARGE	83-90	84-87
MEDIUM	75.5-83	76-80

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are slightly higher. Supplies are light to moderate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for a moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are mostly moderate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-99	85-88
LARGE	79-93	84-88
MEDIUM	72-85	77-79

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is mostly light and distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-98	-
LARGE	92-96	-
MEDIUM	86-90	-

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents higher for jumbo, 8 cents higher for extra large and 4 cents higher for large, medium and small. Offerings are light to moderate and confidently held. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 3 cents higher for jumbo, 8 cents higher for extra large and 4 cents higher for large, medium and small. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings light to moderate and held confidently. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 91 cents.

### CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketers 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	126
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	120
MEDIUM	111

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108-118
EXTRA LARGE	108-116
LARGE	100-110
MEDIUM	91-101



**BREAKING STOCK**

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

**CENTRAL REGION** Prices are steady to lower. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-55	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	35-42	35-39
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 12-Mar-2011 were 1 percent lower than the previous week, although 7 percent more than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	45-58	47-52
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-38	35-37
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 12-MAR-2011	(lbs. in Thousands)			(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,347,636	31,436	14,058	7,404	2,987	4,331
PW	1,341,458	31,023	14,561	7,366	3,231	4,464
LY	1,205,176	30,127	11,173	5,598	1,926	4,231
% PW	0%	1%	-3%	1%	-8%	-3%
% LY	12%	4%	26%	32%	55%	2%
2011	13,139,412	310,603	135,903	68,981	30,605	44,482
2010	12,293,192	297,766	121,857	60,219	25,191	42,323
% YTD	7%	4%	12%	15%	21%	5%

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.47	42.80	42.43
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.25	39.47	38.91

**IN LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	753,176	55.9%	18,808	59.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	751,962	56.1%	19,323	62.3%
LAST YEAR	670,661	55.6%	18,250	60.6%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** All prices are higher. Trade sentiment is firm for whole egg and whites and steady for yolk. Offerings are light to moderate on all liquid products while buying interest centers around whole egg and whites for future needs. Demand is good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG	% FROM LW
WHOLE	24	43.5-54	48.35	2.12
WHITES	16	43.5-65	47.34	2.00
YOLKS	3	66-68	67.33	.90

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices on whole, yokes, albumen and blends are higher. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate. Trading is limited and often completed from existing contracts. Asking prices of albumen are above current trading prices. Market activity is moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 12-Mar-2011 are 8% less than the previous week and 55% higher than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced is 21% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.45-2.70	MOSTLY	2.55-2.65
YOLKS	1.80-2.10	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.90-4.25	MOSTLY	4.10-4.15
BLENDS (whole plus sweetener)	2.15-2.25	MOSTLY	2.15-2.20

**NATIONAL FROZEN** Frozen salted yolk prices are steady with the balance of prices higher. Trade sentiment is firm for whole egg and whites and steady to fully steady for frozen yolk products. Demand is reported as seasonally moderate for all products with interest on whole egg increasing as buyers attempt to buy ahead of increasing prices. Market activity is moderate.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	62-70	64-68	68-74	70
WHITES	61-66	TFEWR	65-71	66-69
SUGARED YOLKS	85-90	87-89	90-95	91-93
SALTED YOLKS	81-86	84-85	87-92	87-90

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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 11, 2011 – MAR 17, 2011  
**CURRENT LOADS 110.00 FUTURE LOADS 21.50 TOTAL LOADS 131.50**

SE								SC							
NE				MW				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	54.33	--	14.00	GL W J	80.00	--	14.50	GL W J	80.00	--	14.50	GL W J	80.00	--	14.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	68.00	79.11	14.00	GL W XL	68.00	79.11	14.00	GL W XL	68.00	79.11	14.00
GL W J	--	--	11.50	GL W LG	66.13	78.50	28.00	GL W LG	66.13	78.50	28.00	GL W LG	66.13	78.50	28.00
GL W XL	71.50	78.00	35.25	GL W MD	59.50	--	14.75	GL W MD	59.50	--	14.75	GL W MD	59.50	--	14.75
GL W LG	--	78.50	32.00	GL BR J	--	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	.25
GL W MD	--	--	19.75	GL BR LG	--	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	.50
GL W SM	58.00	--	5.25	NRBS - 48	--	--	14.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	14.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	14.00
GL BR J	--	--	.25	NRBS - 45	--	44.00	2.75	NRBS - 45	--	44.00	2.75	NRBS - 45	--	44.00	2.75
GL BR LG	--	--	.50												
NRBS - 48	--	--	14.00												
NRBS - 45	--	44.00	2.75												

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.

**LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
 WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,  
 WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN** Prices continue to trend steady. Demand is moderate to good for the mostly moderate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was slow and TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were light. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices are unchanged. Offerings are light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules part to full time. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	86.50	86.00	78.00
SOUTHEAST	87.50	85.50	78.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	73.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	88.50	77.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.67	85.03	76.74

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales are noted as too few to report prices. Offerings are mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand with limited trading due to the bulk of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY  
 SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 12-Mar-11 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically			
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,598	1,476	3,074
Last Week	1,567	1,510	3,077
Same week yr ago	1,482	1,519	3,001
To-date/2011*	14,677	15,073	29,750
To-date/2010*	14,418	13,337	27,755

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada			
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	448	0	448
Last Week	473	25	498
Same week yr ago	465	12	477
To-date/2011*	3,787	96	3,883
To-date/2010*	3,444	56	3,500

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada			
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,046	1,476	3,522
Last Week	2,040	1,535	3,575
Same week yr ago	1,947	1,531	3,478
To-date/2011*	18,464	15,169	33,633
To-date/2010*	17,862	13,393	31,255

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.



**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-****U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 05, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	0	100	240	1,260
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	116
Total	0	100	240	1,376

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 05, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	392	321	3,060	3,874
Frozen	3	7	114	92
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	395	328	3,174	3,966

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 05, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,230	1,380	4,149	4,200
Large	2,855	3,960	4,660	7,540
Medium	120	810	2,605	4,440
Ungraded	216	948	9,251	31,458
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	4,421	7,098	20,665	47,638

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers**

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in Thousands)				
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry	
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	
AM 03/14/11	3,740	115,004	57,488	
AM 03/01/11	3,664	111,834	59,835	
CHG	76	3170	-2347	
PCT CHG	2%	3%	-4%	

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 12-Mar-2011	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	207.7	7	7
East North Central	674.2	0	-2
West North Central	249.2	-1	-25
South Atlantic	139.7	6	-21
South Central	51.1	6	-1
West	49.6	-4	-3
Total	1371.5	1	-8

Matched plants reporting 71 71

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)  
 East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)  
 West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)  
 South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)  
 South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)  
 West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 12-Mar-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% Change	
	(Cases, in thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	18.6	16.5	13	16
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	0
Chicago	57.9	57.2	1	-2
Los Angeles	62.4	63.3	-1	-4
New Orleans	6.5	7.7	-16	25
New York	32.1	32.7	-2	8
St. Louis	86.3	82.6	4	3
San Francisco	20.5	19.6	5	-2
Total	287.4	282.7	2	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.1			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Mar 15, 2011

Prices paid per dozen.

Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	193	183	133	94
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	186-190	176-180	126-130	87-91
MOSTLY	188-189	178-179	128-129	89-90
RHODE ISLAND	192-196	182-186	132-136	93-97
MOSTLY	192	182	132	93
VERMONT	193-195	183-185	133	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-