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In New York, prices were unchanged on all weights when compared to Friday's report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good. Supplies were balanced to close, instances fully adequate for mediums. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal to reduced. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for a mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for small and unchanged for large and medium. Midwest delivered prices were all sharply higher. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good over the holiday week-end. Loose egg demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for the larger sizes, fully adequate for mediums and in balance for small. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as adequate with demand quiet. Most participants were content to gather more information before making any market related decisions. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE		MOSTLY		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
					RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-67	58-64	LARGE	39-48	43	
LARGE	56-66	57-60	MEDIUM	23-27	25	
MEDIUM	36-46	38-41	SMALL	5-7		

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for reduced to normal schedules. Demand was noted as moderate. Spent hens were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for a mostly fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to usually good over the holiday weekend. Food service movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as adequate with demand quiet. Most participants were content to gather more information before making any market related decisions. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70.5-79	72-75
LARGE	67.5-76	69-72
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully sufficient for the mostly fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.25-76	70-73
LARGE	53.25-74	68-71
MEDIUM	32.25-50	43-47

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

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-73	66-70
LARGE	63-72	64-66
MEDIUM	43-52	46-48

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last week with California down 8% and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings short due to lack of trucking from the Midwest.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings short. Trucking very scarce from the Midwest and much more expensive. Small benchmark price 59.

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	116
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	79

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	JUMBO	299-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	249-289
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	249-289
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	199-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 09, 2005 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 02, 2005 were 219,773 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	182,123	37,650	219,773

% change from the prior week.....	+5	-2	+4

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 were unchanged. Offerings were reported as adequate with demand quiet. Most participants were content to gather more information before making any market related decisions. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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	38-40	40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-29	25-27

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for mixed offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were irregular. Trade sentiment was about steady

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
05-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.00

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to light due to reduced schedules for the holiday and the effects of hurricane Katrina. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
05-SEP-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 06, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	13.1	4.6	10.5	48.0
	Change	-0.4	1.0	0.4	1.3	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.7	41.2	7.7	24.3	128.8
	Change	3.5	3.1	-1.3	5.2	5%
Large	Curr Wk	39.6	120.8	50.2	94.4	383.3
	Change	-4.2	2.2	-0.3	13.2	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.0	54.9	17.2	39.1	159.8
	Change	2.3	1.6	-4.9	9.9	6%
Small	Curr Wk	6.5	9.6	4.6	6.5	29.9
	Change	-1.3	-0.2	-1.0	-2.1	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	41.3	8.8	17.0	76.4
	Change	-1.0	-5.5	0.0	0.1	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.6	37.1	18.8	19.9	117.8
	Change	1.0	7.1	9.6	-1.0	15%
Total	Curr Wk	123.1	318.0	111.9	211.7	944.0
Percent	Change	0%	3%	2%	14%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	944.0	3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	263.8	11%	35
Total Shell Egg	1207.8	5%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday a.m. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							19.00	FUTURE LOADS							15.00	TOTAL LOADS							34.00
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	52.00	—	51.00	53.25	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W J	—	—	76.00	77.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	66.75	—	69.83	5.00								
GL W XL	—	—	65.00	64.67	53.75	—	10.00	GL W LG	—	63.00	—	71.25	—	62.00	8.00								
GL W LG	—	54.00	—	—	52.75	—	12.00	GL W SM	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W MD	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	28.00	—	—	42.00	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	18.00	—	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/29/05-09/02/05

CURRENT LOADS								75.25	FUTURE LOADS								44.50	TOTAL LOADS								119.75
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS											
GNR W 1	49.50	53.50	49.83	51.75	—	45.00	36.00	GNR W 1	—	56.28	—	—	—	61.50	25.00											
GL W J	—	—	76.00	77.00	—	62.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	63.80	—	65.00	—	68.94	9.00											
GL W XL	—	62.00	64.00	64.19	53.90	56.00	26.50	GL W LG	53.50	60.92	—	67.75	63.00	64.25	20.50											
GL W LG	—	59.80	55.63	58.40	49.88	57.75	34.00	GL W MD	33.50	41.00	—	—	—	39.50	2.50											
GL W MD	—	—	33.58	35.33	30.00	—	6.50	GL W SM	15.00	16.00	—	—	—	—	2.00											
GL W SM	16.75	19.25	14.00	16.00	18.00	19.50	4.00	GL BR LG	52.25	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00											
GL BR XL	—	—	—	66.33	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 39	28.00	—	—	42.00	—	—	2.00											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.33	40.00	9.00																			
NRBS - 45	—	—	29.90	32.30	28.00	—	9.00																			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00																			
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.43	30.00	7.00																			
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.50	23.50	—	—	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/29/05	08/22/05	08/30/04
PACIFIC COAST	223	231	168
LOS ANGELES	218	226	122

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are tight on larger sizes and adequate on others. Retail demand is moderate to 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	87.63
LARGE	84.63
MEDIUM	60.63
SMALL	35.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 8/30/2005

Report Period: 7/31/2005 - 8/06/2005

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	808	808
Arkansas	0	810	3,210	4,020
Colorado	0	0	4,504	4,504
Illinois	0	0	1,080	1,080
Iowa	3,900	832	37,455	42,187
Michigan	0	0	7,293	7,293
Minnesota	1,905	810	8,691	11,406
Missouri	0	0	7,196	7,196
Nevada	0	0	1,530	1,530
Ohio	0	0	4,170	4,170
Oregon	3,095	0	0	3,095
South Dakota	770	0	0	770
Texas	0	0	2,908	2,908
Utah	0	0	9,503	9,503
Washington	1	744	0	745
Wisconsin	0	0	1,616	1,616
TOTAL	9,671	3,196	89,964	102,831
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,671	3,196	89,964	102,831