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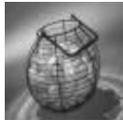
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York, however, the Northeast weekly prices were higher on all weights. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weight eggs. The market tone was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand continued moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to tight for the larger sizes while the lighter weight eggs ranged adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to available for a fair to moderate demand.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Producer prices were higher for large with the balance of prices in the Midwest higher for the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Trade sentiment was firm for the larger sizes and steady to firm for mediums. Cartoned egg and food service sales were moderate to good. Supplies were tight to adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to ample for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stock in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42-51	45-48	LARGE 23-32	27
LARGE	41-50	43-46	MEDIUM 7-13	11
MEDIUM	25-34	27-30	SMALL 9-13	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the week. Demand was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for a moderate to good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to available for processing schedules that were noted as normal for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-70	55-56
LARGE	45-59	50-54
MEDIUM	33-46	38-40

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 for the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good with loose egg demand moderate. Supplies continued tight to short for the larger sizes and adequate for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to tight for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient to available for a fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.25-59	53-56
LARGE	40.25-57	51-54
MEDIUM	33.5-41	34-38

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 Friday's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the week. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	59-63
LARGE	57-61
MEDIUM	45-49

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-57	50-52
LARGE	47-55	48-50
MEDIUM	31-39	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 9 cents higher on large, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 9%. Retailer demand light. Offerings light.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 9 cents higher on large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 50.

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	101
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	70

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	279-329	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	Not Available
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 28, 2006 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 21, 2006 were 327,229 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	275,394	51,835	327,229
% change from the prior week.....	-5	+12	-3

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 were unchanged with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules usually full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully 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	24-28	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	14-16
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 lower than the past week. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
24-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9.5 CENTS/LB.	5-7	6.14

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
24-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9 CENTS/LB.		6.05
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- JULY 24, 2006**

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.9	12.0	4.0	8.6	9.4	40.9
	Change	-0.1	-0.9	-0.3	-1.4	-0.2	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.8	45.8	8.8	17.0	37.3	132.7
	Change	-1.5	-0.6	-2.4	-0.6	-2.7	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	44.8	156.6	59.8	64.4	90.6	416.2
	Change	2.1	5.7	-17.7	-6.7	-12.9	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	53.6	22.9	22.1	39.1	154.6
	Change	2.0	-0.6	0.7	4.1	5.1	8%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	8.1	1.2	4.7	4.6	23.6
	Change	-0.8	0.2	0.6	-1.6	-0.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	32.7	10.9	14.5	6.0	66.6
	Change	0.5	2.2	-0.8	-0.5	0.4	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.9	53.3	14.6	28.6	26.3	136.7
	Change	-2.0	1.2	-0.8	-3.7	-3.1	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	113.8	362.1	122.2	159.9	213.3	971.3
Percent	Change	0%	2%	-14%	-6%	-6%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	971.3	-4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.5	-2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1224.8	-3%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 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: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 10, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2006

CURRENT LOADS		23.00		FUTURE LOADS		9.00		TOTAL LOADS		32.00					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	55.00	46.00	—	2.75	GL W J	67.00	—	—	—	75.75	80.00	3.00
GL W LG	—	51.00	39.00	43.00	40.00	—	10.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	52.50	5.00
GL W MD	—	25.00	—	—	21.33	24.50	8.25	GL W MD	21.00	28.25	—	—	—	31.00	4.00
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	39.75	—	—	—	44.75	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	48.00	—	—	44.00	—	3.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/17/06-07/21/06

CURRENT LOADS		83.25		FUTURE LOADS		48.00		TOTAL LOADS		131.25					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.00	41.00	23.00	30.00	44.00	—	13.00	GNR W 1	36.00	44.67	—	—	—	—	9.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	25.50	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	66.67	—	—	—	72.83	76.31	6.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	45.45	47.25	—	—	—	52.96	8.75
GL W XL	—	39.19	—	45.08	41.70	—	26.50	GL W LG	38.78	43.00	—	48.75	—	50.88	31.25
GL W LG	—	43.45	37.50	42.31	43.64	43.00	53.50	GL W MD	24.87	28.88	—	29.38	—	33.54	16.50
GL W MD	28.33	25.85	25.00	27.00	21.92	24.29	26.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	39.00	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	25.00	28.00	24.00	26.50	19.00	—	4.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	39.75	—	—	44.75	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	48.00	—	—	44.00	27.72	14.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.67	3.00								

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	07/17/06	07/10/06	07/18/05
PACIFIC COAST	70	55	203
LOS ANGELES	67	52	198

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on extra large and large. Steady on medium and small. Supplies are available to meet an improving retail demand.

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	73.86
LARGE	69.86
MEDIUM	51.86
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	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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