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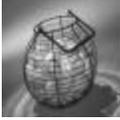
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally unchanged in all locations. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were tight to sufficient for the larger sizes and adequate to ample for mediums. Breaking stock offerings were light to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to ample for the light to fair at best 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were adjusted for large. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to close for jumbos and extra large, adequate for large, and adequate to ample for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were in a full range of light to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.			
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	LARGE	35-44	39
LARGE	53-62	55-58	MEDIUM	13-19	17
MEDIUM	31-40	33-36	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 unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to occasionally tight for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to sufficient for a moderate demand. Spent hen availability was at least adequate to ample for the light to fair at best demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close for jumbos and extra large, adequate for large, and fully adequate available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were in a full range of light to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were unchanged from the previous week. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were tight to fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to ample for a light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60.25-71	65-68
LARGE	56.25-69	63-66
MEDIUM	34.5-42	35-39

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 steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to tight for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	45-49

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	37-45	38-40

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings mainly adequate. Small benchmark price 56.

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	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	76

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
LARGE	249-299
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-195

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	319-369
EXTRA LARGE	228-329
LARGE	178-319
MEDIUM	148-275

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 11, 2006 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 04, 2006 were 331,060 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	270,091	60,969	331,060
% change from the prior week.....	-4	-4	-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 Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were in a full range of light to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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	29-32	30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Price ranges were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light with offerings heavy. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was at best steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9 CENTS/LB.	5-6	5.50

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.12
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 07, 2006

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	10.9	5.2	9.3	10.4	41.8
	Change	0.0	-0.6	1.4	1.0	1.2	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.8	37.0	12.2	21.3	39.2	129.5
	Change	-1.2	2.1	3.0	1.1	-2.2	2%
Large	Curr Wk	47.3	126.2	60.4	88.0	114.4	436.3
	Change	-3.4	8.2	-3.4	10.6	8.9	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	74.4	28.1	28.2	42.7	187.5
	Change	-4.6	13.7	1.4	3.5	-6.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	8.1	2.2	5.0	3.9	23.4
	Change	-2.3	2.1	0.6	-2.7	-2.1	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	53.0	8.1	14.1	6.1	84.8
	Change	1.3	3.5	-2.7	-1.0	-0.9	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.3	66.7	9.4	26.0	23.9	140.3
	Change	0.0	15.0	-0.7	-1.3	-4.1	7%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	109.2	376.3	125.6	191.9	240.6	1043.6
	Change	-9%	13%	0%	6%	-2%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1043.6	4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	242.3	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1285.9	3%	201

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: WHOLESALE PRICES-
GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY
AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY
SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 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 24, 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 AUG 04, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								30.00		FUTURE LOADS				8.50		TOTAL LOADS				38.50	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS		LOADS		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	37.50	—	—	40.00	42.55	—	12.00	GNR W 1	—	48.55	—	—	—	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	48.55	11.00		
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	—	47.25	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	1.00		
GL W XL	—	—	—	60.00	54.00	—	2.00	GL W J	65.00	68.00	—	—	—	.75	GL W J	65.00	68.00	.75			
GL W LG	—	—	40.00	—	42.60	—	8.00	GL W XL	54.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	54.00	—	1.00			
GL W MD	—	—	25.75	27.50	20.00	23.00	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	55.50	—	7.50	GL W LG	—	—	7.50			
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	23.50	26.00	—	—	3.00	GL W MD	23.25	—	—	30.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	23.25	—	1.00			
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.25	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR J	—	—	.25			
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	.50			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	.50			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	4.00			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	1.00			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/31/06-08/04/06

CURRENT LOADS								141.50		FUTURE LOADS				41.25		TOTAL LOADS				182.75	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS		LOADS		LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	37.50	—	38.38	42.00	42.55	—	23.00	GNR W 1	—	48.55	—	—	—	—	11.00	GNR W 1	—	48.55	11.00		
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	—	47.25	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	1.00		
GL W XL	—	—	53.67	57.48	53.80	—	33.00	GL W J	70.88	68.00	—	—	—	1.50	GL W J	70.88	68.00	1.50			
GL W LG	—	58.00	42.56	47.00	45.23	—	57.75	GL W XL	54.00	—	—	65.25	—	7.50	GL W XL	54.00	—	7.50			
GL W MD	31.00	—	24.80	27.50	22.75	25.21	14.75	GL W LG	—	57.45	—	59.50	—	48.75	GL W LG	—	—	48.75			
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	23.97	26.81	18.50	20.50	11.00	GL W MD	24.59	—	—	34.00	27.00	10.00	GL W MD	24.59	—	10.00			
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.25	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR J	—	—	.25			
GL BR XL	—	—	—	46.00	44.50	—	1.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	.50			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	66.00	44.00	3.50	GL BR LG	—	—	3.50			
GL BR MD	—	—	35.00	—	—	38.00	1.00	NRBS - 39	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	21.00	—	1.00			
NRBS - 48	24.75	26.00	—	—	29.20	31.70	35.00	NRBS - 48	24.75	26.00	—	—	—	35.00	NRBS - 48	24.75	26.00	35.00			
NRBS - 45	—	—	21.00	24.00	—	30.50	25.50	NRBS - 45	—	—	21.00	24.00	—	25.50	NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	25.50	25.36	15.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	15.00			
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	20.00	22.00	25.00	4.75	NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	20.00	22.00	4.75	NRBS - 39	—	—	4.75			

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/31/06	07/24/06	08/01/05
PACIFIC COAST	97	73	250
LOS ANGELES	94	70	245

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady. Supplies are adequate to meet a fairly good 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	83.86
LARGE	79.86
MEDIUM	52.86
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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Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 7/30/2006 - 8/05/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,958	2,958
Colorado	0	0	3,741	3,741
Illinois	0	1,800	0	1,800
Indiana	0	0	1,960	1,960
Iowa	4,860	9,380	41,236	55,476
Michigan	0	1,665	6,470	8,135
Minnesota	5,460	930	6,512	12,902
Missouri	0	0	5,830	5,830
New Hampshire	0	800	0	800
North Carolina	1,560	1,580	5,089	8,229
Ohio	0	810	8,170	8,980
Oregon	2,850	0	0	2,850
Texas	0	725	3,520	4,245
Utah	0	1,440	3,820	5,260
Virginia	0	0	810	810
Washington	4,522	295	0	4,817
Wisconsin	710	900	975	2,585
Grand Total	19,962	20,325	91,091	131,378
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	19,962	20,325	91,091	131,378