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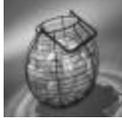
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Post-holiday demand was quiet to at times fairly good. Supplies were balanced to sufficient for lighter weights and fully adequate to available for the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to readily available for the light to no better than fair 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to balanced for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate and building in some locations. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE		MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60		
LARGE	53-62	55-58		
MEDIUM	27-36	29-32		

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	35-44	39
MEDIUM	9-15	13
SMALL	7-11	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices on all sizes were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate to readily available for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg movement was mostly quiet. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to balanced for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate and building in some locations. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-39

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available with larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the light demand. Breaking schedules were mostly reduced to at times normal. Light type hens were at least adequate to readily available for the light to no better than fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-71	65-68
LARGE	62-69	63-66
MEDIUM	31.5-39	32-36

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 of extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Post-holiday trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present requirements.9

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	40-44

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	33-41	34-36

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last week with California down 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 12%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 1% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample Small benchmark price 52.

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	72

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	329-379
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	279-329
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	259-329
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	209-275

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 08, 2006 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 01, 2006 were 329,428 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	290,254	39,174	329,428
% change from the prior week.....	+5	-28	-0

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 to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand mostly light. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate and building in some locations. Schedules full-time for the remainder of the week. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	18-20
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.65

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was no better than steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.85
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 05, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	16.7	9.6	11.4	12.2	57.6
	Change	1.7	-0.6	0.4	-0.1	0.6	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.0	53.4	15.0	21.6	39.3	155.3
	Change	-2.4	0.8	2.1	-0.5	2.3	2%
Large	Curr Wk	31.1	166.9	83.2	101.1	111.7	494.0
	Change	-10.1	-2.6	3.0	13.1	-7.0	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.0	42.2	20.3	19.1	40.9	129.5
	Change	-9.2	1.0	-5.4	-3.3	10.2	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	8.2	0.3	6.2	6.7	25.9
	Change	-2.1	-2.8	-1.6	1.8	0.7	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	44.0	7.4	13.0	6.2	73.1
	Change	0.2	-1.6	-1.7	1.3	1.0	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.6	60.7	25.9	26.1	26.7	156.0
	Change	0.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.8	3%
Total	Curr Wk	95.4	392.1	161.7	198.5	243.7	1091.4
	Change	-18%	-1%	-1%	7%	4%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1091.4	-1%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	248.4	12%	35
Total Shell Egg	1339.8	2%	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: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

Notice:**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—

DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 04, 2006

NO SALES TO REPORT DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 29, 2006-SEP 04, 2006
CURRENT LOADS 64.75 FUTURE LOADS 71.25 TOTAL LOADS 136.00

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	37.50	--	38.17	40.00	--	--	6.00	GNR W 1	--	44.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	36.00	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	71.00	73.00	1.25
GL W J	--	--	54.50	56.00	57.00	--	1.50	GL W XL	45.67	52.29	--	59.80	--	59.29	16.00
GL W XL	--	53.25	51.67	53.83	47.33	--	27.75	GL W LG	44.67	51.50	--	58.58	--	55.64	17.50
GL W LG	--	58.00	46.00	49.50	41.52	--	30.25	GL W MD	26.62	37.00	--	37.50	--	33.15	9.50
GL W MD	28.25	27.25	22.40	23.60	25.67	26.33	11.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	78.00	1.00
GL W SM	22.88	26.00	21.75	24.13	--	20.00	8.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	72.00	75.00	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	32.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	32.00	42.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	23.75	25.25	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00								

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.

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is steady . Supplies of extra large and large are adequate. Retail demand is fairly good to good.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, 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	49.86
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

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

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/28/06	08/21/06	08/29/05
PACIFIC COAST	97	115	223
LOS ANGELES	94	112	218

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