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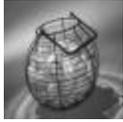
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all weights. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to in balance for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the 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 Midwest delivered prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and higher for medium. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and balanced for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with confidence. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56	
LARGE	49-58	51-54	
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 31-40 35
			MEDIUM 24-30 28
			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 mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Demand was reported as fair to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

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 for the larger sizes and higher for medium. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good and noted as improved over the weekend. Loose shell egg movement was light to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and balanced for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with confidence. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
MEDIUM	48.5-57	50-53

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on mediums and generally unchanged on larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-67	61-64
LARGE	58-65	59-62
MEDIUM	40.25-54	47-51

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 entering the week was mostly steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	56-60

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	58-60
LARGE	55-63	56-58
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large; 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 24%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate, best to planned features. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 68.

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	113
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	94
MEDIUM	88

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	
EXTRA LARGE	Not Available
LARGE	
MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 29, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 22, 2006 were 334,689 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	289,781	44,908	334,689
% change from the prior week.....	-5	-1	-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. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and confidently held. 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	24-29	25-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	17-19
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were mixed. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.60

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. 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 11-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.68
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 25, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	16.4	9.0	12.9	11.2	58.3
	Change	1.0	-3.9	-1.7	0.1	-0.5	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	65.2	13.9	28.0	41.2	172.5
	Change	1.7	4.9	-2.5	2.5	3.6	6%
Large	Curr Wk	31.5	192.7	96.6	109.1	132.1	562.0
	Change	2.6	24.1	12.5	1.7	24.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	41.5	16.1	18.4	36.7	124.8
	Change	5.1	3.8	-6.9	-3.7	0.1	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	8.7	2.0	2.9	4.3	24.1
	Change	1.0	3.2	0.9	-4.6	-1.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	47.4	10.3	13.0	6.6	79.6
	Change	-0.5	1.1	-0.5	2.6	0.2	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.4	65.1	19.7	38.3	27.0	160.5
	Change	0.8	4.3	-0.1	7.6	4.0	12%
Total	Curr Wk	95.5	437.0	167.6	222.6	259.1	1181.8
	Change	14%	9%	1%	3%	13%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1181.8	8%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	224.2	-5%	35

Total Shell Egg	1406.0	6%	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: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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 SEPT 22, 2006

CURRENT LOADS			30.00			FUTURE LOADS			6.75			TOTAL LOADS			36.75				
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	27.50	—	—	30.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	44.00	—	—	—	48.75	6.00	GL W XL	—	44.00	5.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.75	GL BR XL	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	48.75	47.32	36.80	—	13.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W MD	—	—	—
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	5.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL BR XL	—	—	—
GL W MD	—	—	38.50	41.00	30.00	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	—	24.00	7.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	5.00				

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/18/06-09/22/06

CURRENT LOADS			98.00			FUTURE LOADS			40.75			TOTAL LOADS			138.75				
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	33.17	—	37.50	37.50	—	—	8.00	GL W J	47.26	—	—	—	—	56.96	6.75	GL W J	47.26	—	6.75
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	47.00	46.00	—	—	—	51.89	24.50	GL W XL	47.00	46.00	24.50
GL W J	—	—	53.50	55.00	40.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	57.50	—	46.93	18.75	GL W LG	—	—	18.75
GL W XL	48.50	52.00	48.83	48.29	38.91	51.50	68.50	GL W MD	32.50	50.00	—	42.00	—	42.60	11.00	GL W MD	32.50	50.00	11.00
GL W LG	—	52.00	45.00	44.81	32.80	—	39.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	25.67	3.00	GL W SM	—	—	3.00
GL W MD	43.00	—	37.30	39.20	31.95	—	16.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL BR XL	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	23.00	—	22.75	24.92	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	8.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00												
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	—	—	28.00	28.23	31.00												
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	26.67	9.00												

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	09/18/06	09/11/06	09/19/05
PACIFIC COAST	66	85	198
LOS ANGELES	64	83	194

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on medium; steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly 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	78.86
LARGE	75.86
MEDIUM	64.86
SMALL	47.00

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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