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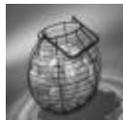
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes in all locations. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available on the larger sizes and sufficient on the lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were close balanced to adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully adequate for a light 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** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand for both cartoned and loose shell eggs was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate for the lighter weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the usually light to moderate demand. Supplies were tight to closely balanced. Schedules were fulltime. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers |        |    |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|----|
|             |       |        | RANGE                             | MOSTLY |    |
| EXTRA LARGE | 50-59 | 53-56  | LARGE                             | 31-40  | 35 |
| LARGE       | 49-58 | 51-54  | MEDIUM                            | 26-32  | 30 |
| MEDIUM      | 44-53 | 46-49  | SMALL                             | 10-14  |    |

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to about sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59-74 | 60-63  |
| LARGE       | 53-67 | 58-62  |
| MEDIUM      | 46-59 | 51-53  |

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 was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the usually light to at times moderate demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59.5-68 | 61-64  |
| LARGE       | 55.5-64 | 57-60  |
| MEDIUM      | 50.5-59 | 52-55  |

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged from the previous week's values. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to about sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand.

|             | RANGE    | MOSTLY |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 56.5-64  | 58-61  |
| LARGE       | 55-62    | 56-59  |
| MEDIUM      | 48.25-56 | 49-53  |

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 when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements.

|             | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 67-71 |
| LARGE       | 65-69 |
| MEDIUM      | 58-62 |

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 57-65 | 58-60  |
| LARGE       | 55-63 | 56-58  |
| MEDIUM      | 50-58 | 51-53  |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 70.

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      | 90    |

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       | NOT AVAILABLE |
| EXTRA LARGE | NOT AVAILABLE |
| LARGE       | NOT AVAILABLE |
| MEDIUM      | NOT AVAILABLE |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 13, 2006 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 06, 2006 were 324,441 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 276,949  | 47,492 | 324,441 |
| % change from the prior week..... | +0       | -22    | -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 usually light to at times moderate for the adequate offerings. Inventories were tight to closely balanced. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances 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  | 27-30 | 29-30  |
| 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** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were improved but only moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

|                       | RANGE           | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 2-7.5 CENTS/LB. |          | 5.32       |

\*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. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was steady at best.

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

|                          | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | 2-7 CENTS/LB.     |          | 4.83       |
| 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- OCTOBER 09, 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 | 9.9       | 18.0  | 7.8   | 14.2  | 12.2    | 62.1   |
|          | Change  | -0.2      | 1.8   | -2.5  | -1.0  | 0.1     | -3%    |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 27.4      | 63.1  | 14.9  | 26.9  | 41.2    | 173.5  |
|          | Change  | 3.9       | 6.6   | -1.6  | 0.1   | -0.9    | 5%     |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 48.5      | 180.8 | 95.3  | 107.8 | 127.5   | 559.9  |
|          | Change  | 15.1      | -22.0 | 3.1   | 4.6   | 0.1     | 0%     |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 11.3      | 49.6  | 21.7  | 27.5  | 32.2    | 142.3  |
|          | Change  | -0.5      | 5.1   | 5.8   | 5.2   | 1.5     | 14%    |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 5.9       | 7.7   | 2.0   | 3.0   | 3.7     | 22.3   |
|          | Change  | -0.3      | -1.0  | 0.6   | 0.7   | 0.6     | 3%     |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 3.0       | 35.9  | 7.6   | 11.3  | 6.5     | 64.3   |
|          | Change  | 0.6       | -1.5  | 0.2   | -0.5  | -0.1    | -2%    |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 17.9      | 57.6  | 24.1  | 37.8  | 24.4    | 161.8  |
|          | Change  | 6.0       | -1.2  | 6.1   | 6.6   | -3.2    | 10%    |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 123.9     | 412.7 | 173.4 | 228.5 | 247.7   | 1186.2 |
| Percent  | Change  | 25%       | -3%   | 7%    | 7%    | -1%     | 3%     |

| TOTAL                    | Number of<br>Cases | Percent<br>Change | Number of<br>Cooperators |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Shell Egg                | 1186.2             | 3%                | 166                      |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 221.4              | -5%               | 35                       |
| Total Shell Egg          | 1407.6             | 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: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 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 25, 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 OCT 06, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS |     |       | 17.25 |       |       | FUTURE LOADS |       |         | 14.00 |       |     | TOTAL LOADS |     |       | 31.25 |  |  |
|---------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-----|-------|-------|--|--|
| SE            |     | NE    |       | MW    |       | SC           |       | NW      |       | SW    |     | CLASS       |     | LOADS |       |  |  |
| CLASS         | ORG | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST          | LOADS | CLASS   | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST         | ORG | DST   | LOADS |  |  |
| GL W XL       | —   | 42.00 | —     | —     | 39.25 | 39.00        | 9.00  | GL W J  | 45.14 | —     | —   | —           | —   | 56.00 | 1.75  |  |  |
| GL W LG       | —   | —     | —     | —     | 33.00 | —            | 4.00  | GL W XL | 46.50 | 46.50 | —   | —           | —   | 53.04 | 6.75  |  |  |
| GL BR SM      | —   | —     | 24.00 | 28.00 | —     | —            | 1.00  | GL W LG | 34.68 | —     | —   | —           | —   | 44.52 | 5.75  |  |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —   | —     | —     | —     | —     | —            | 12.00 |         |       |       |     |             |     |       |       |  |  |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/02/06-10/06/06

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       | 118.50 |       |       | FUTURE LOADS |       |           | 73.75 |       |     | TOTAL LOADS |     |       | 196.25 |  |  |
|---------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-----|-------|--------|--|--|
| SE            |       | NE    |        | MW    |       | SC           |       | NW        |       | SW    |     | CLASS       |     | LOADS |        |  |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG    | DST   | ORG   | DST          | LOADS | CLASS     | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST         | ORG | DST   | LOADS  |  |  |
| GNR W 1       | 36.50 | —     | 36.50  | 38.50 | —     | —            | 6.00  | GNR W 1   | 52.00 | 56.00 | —   | —           | —   | —     | 1.00   |  |  |
| GNR BR 1      | —     | 69.00 | —      | —     | —     | —            | 2.00  | GL W J    | 46.00 | 54.00 | —   | —           | —   | 55.54 | 4.25   |  |  |
| GL W J        | —     | —     | 53.25  | 54.75 | —     | —            | 2.00  | GL W XL   | 40.33 | 46.09 | —   | 51.50       | —   | 51.18 | 29.25  |  |  |
| GL W XL       | 48.17 | 49.10 | 48.50  | 48.64 | 38.18 | 38.50        | 45.00 | GL W LG   | 36.52 | 47.00 | —   | —           | —   | 44.25 | 30.75  |  |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | —     | 45.00  | 46.10 | 34.08 | 38.00        | 29.75 | GL W MD   | 33.83 | —     | —   | —           | —   | 39.86 | 7.75   |  |  |
| GL W MD       | —     | —     | 40.50  | 43.00 | 29.67 | —            | 8.25  | GL BR XL  | 73.00 | —     | —   | —           | —   | 84.00 | 1.50   |  |  |
| GL W SM       | 24.75 | 27.75 | 23.80  | 26.50 | —     | 25.50        | 8.00  | GL BR LG  | 73.00 | —     | —   | —           | —   | 84.00 | .75    |  |  |
| GL BR XL      | —     | —     | 77.00  | —     | —     | —            | 1.00  | NRBS - 48 | —     | 26.50 | —   | —           | —   | —     | 21.00  |  |  |
| GL BR LG      | —     | —     | 87.00  | 78.00 | —     | —            | 3.00  |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |
| GL BR SM      | —     | —     | 24.00  | 28.00 | —     | —            | 1.00  |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —     | 29.00  | 30.50 | —     | —            | .50   |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —     | —      | —     | 29.00 | 29.41        | 61.00 |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —     | 26.25  | 33.82 | 30.00 | —            | 8.25  |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —     | 23.10  | 25.00 | —     | —            | 2.50  |           |       |       |     |             |     |       |        |  |  |

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       | 10/02/06 | 09/25/06 | 10/03/05 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 50       | 50       | 141      |
| LOS ANGELES   | 48       | 48       | 137      |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are available for larger sizes, adequate for others. Retail demand is fair.

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 | 76.86  |
| LARGE       | 72.86  |
| MEDIUM      | 66.86  |
| SMALL       | 50.00  |

**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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California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Egg Quality Control

## Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 10/01/2006 - 10/07/2006

| State                          | Number Cases<br>Shipped To<br>Northern CA | Number Cases<br>Shipped To<br>Central CA | Number Cases<br>Shipped To<br>Southern CA | Total State    |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|
| Arizona                        | 0   | 0  | 2,445                                     | 2,445          |
| Arkansas                       | 0   | 0  | 1,410                                     | 1,410          |
| Colorado                       | 0   | 0  | 2,140                                     | 2,140          |
| Illinois                       | 0   | 0  | 780                                       | 780            |
| Indiana                        | 0   | 0  | 780                                       | 780            |
| Iowa                           | 3,921                                     | 780                                      | 47,926                                    | 52,627         |
| Maine                          | 0   | 0  | 850                                       | 850            |
| Michigan                       | 0   | 720                                      | 6,510                                     | 7,230          |
| Minnesota                      | 4,996                                     | 1,636                                    | 7,955                                     | 14,587         |
| Missouri                       | 0   | 0  | 7,340                                     | 7,340          |
| Nevada                         | 0   | 0  | 3,690                                     | 3,690          |
| North Carolina                 | 3,438                                     | 0  | 0   | 3,438          |
| Ohio                           | 0   | 0  | 5,690                                     | 5,690          |
| Oregon                         | 2,764                                     | 0  | 0   | 2,764          |
| Texas                          | 0   | 0  | 4,896                                     | 4,896          |
| Utah                           | 2,880                                     | 2,830                                    | 11,062                                    | 16,772         |
| Washington                     | 12  | 0  | 0   | 12             |
| Wisconsin                      | 300                                       | 634                                      | 0   | 934            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>18,311</b>                             | <b>6,600</b>                             | <b>103,474</b>                            | <b>128,385</b> |
| <b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>     | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>0</b>                                 | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b> | <b>18,311</b>                             | <b>6,600</b>                             | <b>103,474</b>                            | <b>128,385</b> |

### EGG PRODUCTS

#### Shell Eggs Broken Up 2 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 171 million dozen during July 2006, up 2 percent from July a year ago, but 3 percent below the 177 million broken last month. July 2006 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. July 2005 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. During calendar year 2006 through July, shell eggs broken totaled 1.18 billion dozen, down 1 percent from the comparable period in 2005. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2006 was 1.54 billion pounds, down slightly from 2005.