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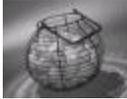
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to very good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for mediums and sufficient to available for the heavier weights. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to instances ample for the mostly light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales continued to be mostly moderate to instances very good where orders for the upcoming holiday have slightly improved from earlier in the week. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to close for the lighter weight eggs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93		LARGE	68-77	72
LARGE	86-95	88-91		MEDIUM	49-55	53
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72		SMALL	23-27	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady to barely steady. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies of mediums were close balanced to sufficient, however larger sizes were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-106	95-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand moderate to at times very good with orders for the upcoming holiday starting to show slight signs of improvement. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to close for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances ample, usually adequate to fully adequate. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
LARGE	95.5-104	97-100
MEDIUM	72.5-81	74-77

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were close to sufficient on the mediums and adequate to available for the heavier weights. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type hens were sufficient for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-101	95-98
LARGE	92-99	93-96
MEDIUM	70.5-78	71-75

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 EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was fair to occasionally good. Supplies were close balance to available with larger sizes in the longest position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	80-84

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-102	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-95
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally fairly good. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally fairly good. Offerings ample with sharp discounts fueling intense competition for accounts in many quarters. Small benchmark price 91.

CALIFORNIA 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	138
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	131
MEDIUM	111

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-319
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	199-289
MEDIUM	189-245

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	122-126
EXTRA LARGE	120-125
LARGE	118-121
MEDIUM	98-101

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Demand remains light to good, mostly light to moderate, with many breaking stock egg buyers currently turning toward available liquid whole egg offerings. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. 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	33-38	33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	25-27
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged on checks and undergrades, but lower on breaking stock when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was cautious and usually in a range of steady to barely steady. Offerings were irregular, but generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were reported as adequate for mostly normal to heavy breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Dec-2006 were 5% less than the previous week, but unchanged when compared to a year ago.

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	35-39	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-29	22-27
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION-

W/E 09-Dec-06 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,274,340	33,325	10,691	5,605	2,283	4,186
PW	1,284,278	32,872	11,363	6,123	2,312	4,464
LY	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178
% PW	-1%	1%	-6%	-8%	-1%	-6%
% LY	2%	8%	-1%	-10%	-1%	0%
2006	63,218,280	1,570,437	580,357	307,107	132,685	212,569
2005	64,183,958	1,529,519	616,599	330,692	140,740	216,834
% YTD	-2%	3%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.22	42.69	41.75
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.94	39.21	38.41

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	615,480	48.3%	17,959	53.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	634,864	49.4%	17,881	54.4%
LAST YEAR	535,123	42.8%	15,353	49.5%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for whole egg, steady for whites, and steady to cautiously steady for yolk. Liquid whole egg demand was fairly good to mostly good with continued discounting noted. White demand was light to good with demand for spot liquid yolk reported as mostly quiet. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for whole egg and adequate to available on the balance of liquid products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the prior week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	49	25-30	27.50	-2.13
WHITES	25	28.5-32	31.12	.26
YOLKS	10	35.5-41.5	40.05	-1.33

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged irregular with frozen whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to closely balanced with demand reported as seasonal and usually just fair for spot loads. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) - TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	48-53	48-51
WHITES	47-54	47-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	55-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	52-55

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on sugar yolks, unchanged on whole, unchanged to higher on whites, and irregular on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonal and only fair. Supplies were clearing but adequate for trade needs. Undertone was generally steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 09-Dec-2006 were 3 % less than the previous week, but 7 % more than year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	45-54	48-52	54-59
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	44-54	48-50	51-58
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	55-59	61-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	52-55	57-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 12/9 was 8% more than the previous week. Demand seasonally good. Freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-58
WHITES	51-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were generally unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light, but product was reported as moving at competitive to good levels. Offerings were adequate and usually in close balance for seasonal limited requirements. Trade sentiment was reported as improved, but mixed to mostly steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Dec-2006 were 1% less than the previous week, and 1% lower than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 6% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.56-1.86	MOSTLY	1.64-1.84
YOLKS	1.25-1.45	MOSTLY	1.25-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.30-3.70	MOSTLY	3.45-3.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.45		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 08, 2006-DEC 14, 2006

CURRENT LOADS		90.00		FUTURE LOADS		90.00		TOTAL LOADS		180.00					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	—	84.00	78.00	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	78.50	—	—	—	—	19.00
GNR W 1	72.50	—	73.00	74.75	72.00	76.00	57.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	41.00	45.50	44.00	—	3.00	GL W J	56.25	—	—	—	—	66.32	4.50
GL W J	—	—	86.67	88.67	52.33	—	6.75	GL W XL	—	69.86	—	—	—	65.36	7.25
GL W XL	—	72.34	75.38	75.11	57.46	61.00	36.25	GL W LG	58.25	72.17	—	84.88	—	63.18	35.00
GL W LG	—	58.50	75.50	78.00	50.45	78.93	47.00	GL W MD	—	66.65	—	59.50	—	59.00	11.50
GL W MD	54.00	64.00	61.00	61.00	48.18	56.00	19.50	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	104.50	.50
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	44.57	45.86	—	—	4.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	93.70	1.25
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	91.00	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	89.38	1.25
GL BR XL	—	—	97.00	—	70.00	—	1.25	GL BR MD	54.25	—	—	—	—	59.00	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	68.00	—	1.25	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	39.50	5.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	36.00	38.00	37.00	39.71	24.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	40.00	42.00	—	33.80	8.00								

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.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Light type hens were too few sales to report prices. Supplies were fully adequate for processors needs. Demand was limited. Dressed sales were fair. Salvage costs were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal majority prices were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate to about adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	4.5-5.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.00	96.00	74.00
SOUTHEAST	96.50	94.50	73.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	99.50	98.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.26	94.80	73.35

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were more than sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair to mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-Dec-06

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,157	1,529	2,686
Last Week	800	1,562	2,362
Same week yr ago	1,270	1,483	2,753
To-date/2006	52,408	72,909	125,317
To-date/2005	69,632	69,358	138,990

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	231	0	231
Last Week	249	0	249
Same week yr ago	109	0	109
To-date/2006	7,533	50	7,583
To-date/2005	12,198	63	12,261

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,388	1,529	2,917
Last Week	1,049	1,562	2,611
Same week yr ago	1,379	1,483	2,862
To-date/2006	59,941	72,959	132,900
To-date/2005	81,830	69,421	151,251

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Dec 02, 2006		Year-To-Date	
	2006	2005 /1	2006 /2	2005
Liquid	305	360	11,386	16,888
Frozen	0	0	172	59
Dried	0	40	737	847
Total	305	400	12,295	17,794

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending Dec 02, 2006		Year-To-Date	
	2006	2005 /1	2006 /2	2005
Liquid	175	122	5,173	6,399
Frozen	8	0	914	668
Dried	0	0	66	371
Total	183	122	6,153	7,438

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Dec 02, 2006		Year-To-Date	
	2006	2005 /1	2006 /2	2005
Jumbo	0	10	150	184
Extra Large	2,010	1,180	85,311	190,774
Large	3,940	5,905	164,815	335,990
Medium	2,906	2,335	83,896	110,723
Ungraded	10,800	3,750	240,198	228,874
Misc	0	0	6,975	9,753
Total	19,656	13,180	581,345	876,298

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

		Processed other		
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	12/11/06	3,202	37,117	63,315
AM	12/01/06	3,159	38,753	65,295
CHG		43	-1,636	-1,980
PCT CHG		1%	-4%	-3%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 09-Dec-2006 REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PCT CHG FROM	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	188.6	0	-9
East North Central	642.3	1	8
West North Central	280.0	5	1
South Atlantic	204.7	-1	1
South Central	60.0	-1	-1
West	199.3	2	-6
Total	1,574.9	1	1

Matched plants reporting 82 82

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 09-Dec-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	LW	PCT CHG	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	29.3	28.6	2	3
Boston	3.0	3.4	-12	15
Chicago	85.7	73.1	17	-9
Detroit	25.6	15.4	66	-28
Kansas City	4.9	5.3	-8	9
Los Angeles	109.5	97.6	12	-6
New Orleans	6.1	5.8	5	17
New York	28.1	23.3	21	-18
St. Louis	23.6	17.5	35	-4
San Francisco	18.7	17.8	5	-7
Total	334.5	287.8	16	-9

4 Week Moving Avg. 321.6

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT DEC 12, 2006

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	149	144	102	61
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	142-146	137-141	97-101	54-58
MOSTLY	144-145	139-140	99-100	56-57
RHODE ISLAND	148-152	143-147	104-108	60-64
MOSTLY	148	143	104	60
VERMONT	149	144	95-102	-
MOSTLY	-	-	102	-

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