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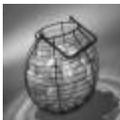
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 3 cents lower on large and heavier weights, but unchanged on lighter sizes. In other regions, values were unchanged to trending lower. The undertone was barely steady to mostly weak. Heavier sizes were reported in the weakest position. Retail demand was light to very good. Most distributors were anticipating movement to be seasonal and fairly active. However, supplies were reported as sufficient to close balance on mediums and overall fully adequate to available on the heavier weights. Breaking stock offerings were in a full range of about adequate to ample for the mostly light to moderate demand. Planned weekly breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow 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 barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to very good, usually light to at times good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes and adequate to at times close for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	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 when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to available with heavier weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

	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, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 3 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to very good, usually light to at times good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes and adequate to balanced for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95.98-101
LARGE	92.5-101	94-97
MEDIUM	72.5-81	74-77

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged from a week earlier. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand improved but was seasonally light to good. Supplies were irregular, but usually sufficient to available on most items. Breaking stock offerings were limited, but sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Current week planned breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type hens were fully sufficient for a fair 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 Prices were 3 cents lower on extra large and large, however mediums were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were usually adequate to available for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	100-104
LARGE	98-102
MEDIUM	80-84

MIDWEST REGIONAL

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

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 3% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 91.

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

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	279-319	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-289	LARGE	
MEDIUM	189-245	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 22, 2006 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 15, 2006 were 356,367 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	311,443	44,924	356,367
% change from the			
prior week.....	-4	+8	-2

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 reported as mostly light while offerings were adequate to ample. 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
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fairly good. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.93
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.51
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

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 DECEMBER 04, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 04, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DEC 18, 2006

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

		North Northeast	Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	21.3	8.1	12.3	13.9	63.1
	Change	-0.5	-1.7	-1.1	1.5	-2.4	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.8	62.1	12.3	26.0	43.0	167.2
	Change	-1.7	-9.4	-5.2	-1.7	4.7	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	36.4	143.5	91.0	126.8	141.5	539.2
	Change	-7.6	-24.6	-10.9	-6.5	6.4	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.6	35.2	21.6	14.7	34.2	113.3
	Change	0.3	2.3	-1.8	-0.3	0.0	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.0	5.5	2.3	2.9	2.4	15.1
	Change	-1.0	2.2	-0.4	0.3	0.0	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	30.8	12.9	11.8	7.5	65.8
	Change	-0.6	2.0	1.7	-2.9	0.1	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	36.9	21.4	24.8	23.7	120.5
	Change	-5.6	-7.9	-0.1	-4.7	-1.5	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	93.8	335.3	169.6	219.3	266.2	1084.2
Percent	Change	-15%	-10%	-9%	-6%	3%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1084.2	-7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock ***	218.0	-11%	33

Total Shell Egg	1302.2	-8%	198
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 165 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.

*****Breaking stock inventory reflects a change in the cooperator universe, no adjustment to previous inventory necessary.**

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 15, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
16.50								1.00								17.50	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	71.50	—	71.50	73.33	—	—	3.00	GL W J	54.00	—	—	—	—	66.00	1.00		
GL W XL	—	58.33	81.00	67.50	49.72	54.50	10.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	61.42	3.00		
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	2.50	GL W MD	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	2.50		
GL W SM	—	—	42.50	44.00	—	—	1.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/11/06-12/15/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
97.00								76.00								173.00	
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	—	76.25	—	—	—	—	18.00		
GNR W 1	72.25	—	72.57	74.41	72.00	76.00	54.00	GNR W 4	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	41.00	45.50	44.00	—	3.00	GL W J	54.96	—	—	—	—	66.26	5.50		
GL W J	—	—	86.67	88.67	52.33	—	6.75	GL W XL	—	69.86	—	—	—	63.97	10.25		
GL W XL	—	65.99	75.00	73.48	54.18	57.29	43.25	GL W LG	58.25	72.38	—	82.31	—	63.18	33.00		
GL W LG	—	58.50	75.50	78.00	50.45	76.73	44.00	GL W MD	—	60.73	—	59.50	—	59.00	12.00		
GL W MD	54.00	64.00	61.00	61.00	48.57	56.00	21.00	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	105.00	.25		
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	43.86	45.14	—	—	4.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	81.50	.75		
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	91.00	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	89.38	1.25		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	70.00	—	.75	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	68.00	—	1.25	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	39.50	4.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.00	39.86	20.00										
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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/11/06	12/04/06	12/12/05
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	113
LOS ANGELES	0	0	107

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	109.03
LARGE	108.03
MEDIUM	88.86
SMALL	66.00

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. 2	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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