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Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to at times fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were short to about sufficient for the fair to usually moderate demand. Light type hens were barely adequate to adequate for the fair to instances fairly good 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 in all markets. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, warehouse sales were improved, loose egg sales reported as usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample although confidently held for the upcoming Easter holiday. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate, few offerings of heavy graded product. Floor stocks balanced. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92	
LARGE	85-94	87-90	
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 67-76 71
			MEDIUM 49-55 53
			SMALL 44-48

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and mediums when compared to prices last week. The market tone was steady. Demand was usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for a fair to moderate demand. Light type hen demand was fair to fairly good for adequate to barely adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-108	94-97
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76

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 continued steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances fairly good. Food service demand was usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate while offerings were tight to barely adequate and included limited loads of graded loose shell eggs. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

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 steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hens were barely adequate to sufficient for the fair to instances fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-102	96-99
LARGE	93-100	94-97
MEDIUM	71.5-79	72-76

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 last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand was reported as light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	81-85

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	94-96
LARGE	91-99	92-94
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 13%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally improved. Offerings adequate. 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	139
EXTRA LARGE	138
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	239-319	JUMBO	
LARGE	229-349	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	189-339	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	159-309	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 23, 2007 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 16, 2007 were 320,007 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	275,152	44,855	320,007
% change from the prior week.....	-0	-13	-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 unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate while offerings were tight to barely adequate and included limited loads of heavy graded loose shell eggs. Schedules currently 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	53-56	55-56
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45
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 from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10 CENTS/LB.		7.04
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9 CENTS/LB.		6.98
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 MARCH 05, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.99	1.96	1.78	1.20

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MARCH 05, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.56	1.56	1.40	.80

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - MAR 19, 2007

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

		North Northeast	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.3	27.0	8.5	11.4	19.7	73.9
	Change	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	1.0	2.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.7	55.7	19.9	28.3	39.6	172.2
	Change	-1.4	-1.8	1.7	2.0	2.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	46.6	171.3	111.5	126.2	161.5	617.1
	Change	1.0	13.9	-0.8	7.9	17.2	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	42.1	13.2	19.9	48.5	135.0
	Change	-2.2	-2.5	1.4	-2.3	6.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	6.4	2.4	3.7	8.1	26.2
	Change	2.0	-0.9	-0.1	-0.9	1.7	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	22.4	9.3	11.4	7.4	52.9
	Change	0.2	3.5	1.6	0.0	0.8	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.4	63.9	18.8	45.5	24.8	174.4
	Change	1.6	4.2	-0.6	23.7	-0.7	19%
Total	Curr Wk	123.3	388.8	183.6	246.4	309.6	1251.7
Percent	Change	1%	4%	2%	15%	11%	7%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1251.7	7%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.5	-6%	33

Total Shell Egg 1490.2 5% 190

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 16, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS						
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	70.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	80.00	GL W XL	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	2.00			
GL W XL	—	—	5.00	GL W LG	77.75	81.67	5.00	GL W LG	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	1.00			
GL W LG	—	—	2.00	GL W SM	66.25	59.00	2.00	GL W SM	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	5.00			
GL W MD	—	—	1.00		63.00	65.00	1.00		—	—	1.00											
GL W SM	—	—	1.00		60.00	62.00	1.00		—	—	1.00											
NRBS - 48	—	—	5.00		—	—	5.00		52.00	55.00	5.00											

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/12/07-03/16/07

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS						
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	70.50	—	28.00	GNR W 1	—	79.00	2.00	GNR W 1	—	79.00	2.00	GNR W 1	—	79.00	2.00	GNR W 1	—	79.00	2.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	—	8.00	GNR W 2	—	—	8.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	—	—	.50			
GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00			
GL W XL	—	87.47	25.50	GL W XL	—	87.47	25.50	GL W XL	—	87.47	25.50	GL W XL	—	87.47	25.50	GL W XL	—	87.47	25.50			
GL W LG	—	87.67	25.00	GL W LG	—	87.67	25.00	GL W LG	—	87.67	25.00	GL W LG	—	87.67	25.00	GL W LG	—	87.67	25.00			
GL W MD	68.00	59.00	6.50	GL W MD	68.00	59.00	6.50	GL W MD	68.00	59.00	6.50	GL W MD	68.00	59.00	6.50	GL W MD	68.00	59.00	6.50			
GL W SM	—	—	1.50	GL W SM	—	—	1.50	GL W SM	—	—	1.50	GL W SM	—	—	1.50	GL W SM	—	—	1.50			
GL BR J	—	—	1.25	GL BR J	—	—	1.25	GL BR J	—	—	1.25	GL BR J	—	—	1.25	GL BR J	—	—	1.25			
NRBS - 50	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	5.00			
NRBS - 48	—	—	21.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	21.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	21.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	21.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	21.00			

EIGHTED 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	03/12/07	03/05/07	03/13/06
PACIFIC COAST	27	27	79
LOS ANGELES	18	18	73

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS MAR 19, 2007

The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. 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	112.86
LARGE	110.86
MEDIUM	89.86
SMALL	81.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS MARCH 19, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 158	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	224 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149	125 - 128

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