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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to instances ample for the light to good demand. Spent hens were about sufficient 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 All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as generally quiet at most locations with loose egg demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92				
LARGE	85-94	87-90				
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72				

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged. The market tone entering the weekend was steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were irregular for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were about adequate for normal processing schedules.

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

NORTHEASTAREA: 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 steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as quiet with some improvement noted for next week's orders. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

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

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries trending unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed and ranged about adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for the fair to moderate 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 EGGS Prices continued unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was instances light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample 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 REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. 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	139
EXTRA LARGE	138
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	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-349
LARGE	189-339
MEDIUM	159-309

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	122-127
EXTRA LARGE	120-126
LARGE	118-121
MEDIUM	98-101

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices remain unchanged. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. 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	53-56	55-56
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45
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 when compared to early week trading, although some limited trades were made at slightly higher levels. However, offerings were irregular and ranged from about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderately active, but buyers were somewhat cautious as they were anticipating increased availability for next week. The undertone was steady with a softer trade sentiment. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17-Mar-2007 were 5% less than last week, and 2% lower than a year ago. The total cases broken nationally under federal inspection were 5% below 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	51-56	54-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	38-46	40-43
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 17-Mar-2007 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,242,469	30,858	11,596	6,090	2,339	4,348	
PW	1,265,159	31,484	11,840	6,219	2,572	4,602	
LY	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029	
% PW	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-9%	-6%	
% LY	3%	1%	8%	5%	1%	8%	
2007	13,297,482	330,852	124,061	66,013	26,756	46,800	
2006	13,936,026	342,321	130,588	71,562	32,767	47,547	
% YTD	-5%	-3%	-5%	-8%	-18%	-2%	
					CW	PW	LY

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.57 42.80 42.59
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.07 39.16 39.24

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	602,097	48.5%	17,048	55.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	594,412	47.0%	16,750	53.2%
LAST YEAR	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites with yolk mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices continued unchanged from last 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	6	42-48	44.33	-2.88
WHITES	21	45-50	47.48	-1.45
YOLKS	14	49.5-53	52.11	-.25

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 3 cents lower with the balance of prices unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly steady for all frozen products. Offerings were balanced to adequate for all products while demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were very closely balanced in most locations. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	66-69	
WHITES	66-70	68-70
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-74	69-71
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	67-70

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on salt yolks, and the balance of items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17-Mar-2007 were 3% less than the previous week, and 14% lower than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	65-72	66-70	71-76
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	65-72	66-70	71-80
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-76	69-73	73-81
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-72	65-68	70-79

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/17 was 2% less than the previous week. Demand seasonally good. Freezer stocks adequate. Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	72-76
WHITES	71-74
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to higher on whole, and higher on yolks and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair at best with buyers purchasing product on a seasonal needed basis. Offerings were limited and in a range of barely adequate to adequate for trade inquiry. The undertone was generally steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 17-Mar-2007 were 9% less than the previous week, but 1% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced were 18% lower than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.25-2.50	MOSTLY 2.25-2.40
YOLKS	1.40-1.65	MOSTLY 1.45-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.85-5.15	MOSTLY 4.87-5.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.75-1.90	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 16, 2007-MAR 22, 2007

CURRENT LOADS		75.25		FUTURE LOADS		84.75		TOTAL LOADS		160.00	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	70.17	—	70.83	73.10	—	75.00	19.00	GNR W 1	—	—	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	6.00	GL W J	68.00	—	6.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	73.50	6.00
GL W XL	—	81.51	80.83	81.40	66.76	65.00	25.75	GL W LG	—	—	16.25
GL W LG	—	85.00	53.00	72.68	56.50	82.67	28.75	GL W MD	—	—	12.00
GL W MD	68.00	—	60.16	61.95	53.00	—	19.00	GL W SM	44.00	—	2.00
GL W SM	—	51.50	55.50	57.00	44.50	50.25	4.00	GL BR MD	—	—	1.00
GL BR J	—	—	111.00	112.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	1.00
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	1.00				
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	56.29	7.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	55.20	52.50	54.79	78.00				
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.00				

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 LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of finished product were fair. Costs of disposal were about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Demand remains fair to fairly good with offerings tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-9	2-5.5

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	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	95.50	95.00	75.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.02	93.38	73.52

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 generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 26-28	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)
24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-MAR-07**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	—Thousands—		
Head	1,223	1,220	2,443
Last Week	1,182	1,356	2,538
Same week yr ago	1,001	1,441	2,442
To-date/2007	12,225	14,943	27,168

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	—Thousands—		
Head	165	0	165
Head	293	0	293
Last Week	165	0	165
Same week yr ago	249	0	249
To-date/2007	2,366	14	2,380
To-date/2006	2,868	7	2,875

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	1,516	1,220	2,736
Last Week	1,347	1,356	2,703
Same week yr ago	1,250	1,441	2,691
To-date/2007	14,591	14,957	29,548
To-date/2006	16,383	15,664	32,047

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

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS:**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 10, 2007	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	235	155	1,097	1,931
Frozen	2	0	5	40
Dried	48	0	168	120
Total	285	155	1,270	2,091

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

Week Ending March 10, 2007	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	327	81	3,131	541
Frozen	5	7	111	189
Dried	40	0	116	41
Total	372	88	3,358	771

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

Week Ending March 10, 2007	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Extra Large	1,200	1,530	2,550	10,410
Large	2,650	1,520	7,291	13,105
Medium	750	2,370	4,415	12,905
Ungraded	0	0	5,880	3,950
Misc	0	0	85	810
Total	4,600	5,420	20,221	41,330

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. Gov't Stocks)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS (THOUSANDS)	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other
				Poultry/LBS
AM	03/19/07	3,241	72,837	51,122
AM	03/01/07	3,312	69,187	54,570
CHG		-71	3650	-3448
PCT CHG		-2%	5%	-6%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

	(In Units of 1,000)			
	JAN 2006	JAN 2007	FEB 2006	FEB 2007
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,839	2,992	3,024	2,904
Yolks	1,524	1,106	1,569	1,063
Whole & Mixed	14,361	6,863	16,516	6,430
Unclassified	3,728	6,246	3,359	5,309
Total Frozen Eggs	22,452	17,207	24,468	15,706

Source: USDA/NASS

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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 17-Mar-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	176.8	4	-8
East North Central	675.0	2	10
West North Central	291.5	0	2
South Atlantic	208.6	5	6
South Central	63.4	0	-2
West	196.9	1	0
Total	1,612.2	2	4
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 17-Mar-2007	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected	(In Thousands)		LW	LY
Consuming Centers				
Atlanta	25.3	25.3	0	-7
Boston	2.6	3.2	-19	-19
Chicago	76.3	62.5	22	-7
Detroit	14.5	16.5	-12	-19
Kansas City	5.6	3.8	47	47
Los Angeles	101.0	105.2	-4	-11
New Orleans	5.7	5.9	-3	4
New York	27.2	26.5	3	-19
St. Louis	12.9	12.8	1	-5
San Francisco	17.2	18.1	-5	-8
Total	288.3	279.8	3	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	278.5			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Mar 20, 2007

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	145	142	112	82
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	137-141	134-138	105-109	75-79
MOSTLY	139-140	136-137	107-108	77-78
RHODE ISLAND	144-148	141-145	111-115	81-85
MOSTLY	144	141	111	81
VERMONT	145	142-143	112	-
MOSTLY	-	142	-	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS

February Egg Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, and 998 million hatching eggs, of which 937 million were broiler-type and 61 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2007 averaged 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,992 eggs, down slightly from February 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2007 totaled 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 347 million layers consisted of 288 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2007, averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from March 1, 2006.

Source: USDA/NASS