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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally barely steady. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to very good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to adequate for a 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** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to at times fully adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 86-95 | 89-92  |
| LARGE       | 85-94 | 87-90  |
| MEDIUM      | 67-76 | 69-72  |

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.

|        | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------|-------|--------|
| LARGE  | 67-76 | 71     |
| MEDIUM | 49-55 | 53     |
| SMALL  | 38-42 |        |

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 all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good, mostly reported as moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Spent hen availability was about adequate to adequate for an at least moderate demand.

|             | 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 steady to at times barely steady. Retail demand moderate to very good. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely 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. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were about sufficient to adequate 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** Prices on extra large, large and mediums were the same as last Friday's. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Demand was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate 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% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 19%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally 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       | 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 April 06, 2007 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 30, 2007 were 328,981 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 292,503  | 36,478 | 328,981 |
| % change from the prior week..... | +3       | -16    | +1      |

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to instances fully adequate. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to mostly 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  | 52-55 |        |
| 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 compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-APR-07

|  | RANGE          | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--|----------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING                      | 5-10 CENTS/LB. |          | 7.33    |
| *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. |                |          |         |

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Sales were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal with some plants taking some down time in Observance of Good Friday. Sales of finished product was moderate to 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 02-APR-07

|   | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---|-------------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING                       | 5-12 CENTS/LB.    |          | 7.75    |
| 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 19, 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 19, 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- APR 02, 2007**

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

|          |           | North | South | South | 5-Area  |       |        |
|----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
|          | Northeast | Cent  | Cent  | Atl   | Pacific |       |        |
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk   | 6.2   | 21.7  | 7.4   | 11.8    | 15.4  | 62.5   |
|          | Change    | -0.3  | -4.6  | -2.0  | -1.5    | -2.1  | -14%   |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk   | 26.0  | 47.9  | 11.7  | 21.7    | 39.8  | 147.1  |
|          | Change    | -3.2  | -1.5  | -4.3  | -5.4    | -1.3  | -10%   |
| Large    | Curr Wk   | 40.5  | 134.8 | 67.2  | 90.9    | 143.5 | 476.9  |
|          | Change    | -5.6  | -26.0 | -36.6 | -35.0   | -26.7 | -21%   |
| Medium   | Curr Wk   | 9.9   | 38.8  | 11.3  | 18.7    | 37.5  | 116.2  |
|          | Change    | -0.9  | -3.2  | -2.5  | -3.6    | -4.6  | -11%   |
| Small    | Curr Wk   | 3.6   | 8.5   | 1.4   | 4.2     | 6.6   | 24.3   |
|          | Change    | 0.0   | -0.4  | -0.9  | 1.3     | -1.0  | -4%    |
| Misc     | Curr Wk   | 2.7   | 22.5  | 7.9   | 14.1    | 7.3   | 54.5   |
|          | Change    | 0.5   | -1.9  | -1.8  | 2.5     | 0.4   | -1%    |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk   | 15.1  | 52.2  | 21.5  | 27.3    | 25.5  | 141.6  |
|          | Change    | -4.1  | -3.9  | -0.9  | 5.8     | 0.4   | -2%    |
| Total    | Curr Wk   | 104.0 | 326.4 | 128.4 | 188.7   | 275.6 | 1023.1 |
| Percent  | Change    | -12%  | -11%  | -28%  | -16%    | -11%  | -15%   |

| TOTAL                    | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg                | 1023.1          | -15%           | 157                   |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 220.0           | 1%             | 33                    |
| Total Shell Egg          | 1243.1          | -12%           | 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 30, 2007

| CURRENT LOADS |     |     |       |       |       |     |       | FUTURE LOADS |       |     |     |     |     |       |       | TOTAL LOADS |  |
|---------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| 14.50         |     |     |       |       |       |     |       | 14.50        |       |     |     |     |     |       |       | 29.00       |  |
| SE            |     | NE  |       | MW    |       |     |       | SC           |       | NW  |     | SW  |     |       |       |             |  |
| CLASS         | ORG | DST | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST | LOADS | CLASS        | ORG   | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST   | LOADS |             |  |
| GNR W 1       | —   | —   | 70.00 | 70.67 | 64.00 | —   | 14.00 | GL W J       | 57.50 | —   | —   | —   | —   | 70.00 | 2.00  |             |  |
| GL W J        | —   | —   | —     | —     | 56.00 | —   | 1.00  | GL W XL      | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | 74.00 | .50   |             |  |
| GL W XL       | —   | —   | 80.50 | 78.00 | 63.20 | —   | 4.50  | GL W LG      | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | 62.00 | 2.00  |             |  |
| GL W LG       | —   | —   | —     | —     | 50.00 | —   | 3.00  | GL W MD      | 50.00 | —   | —   | —   | —   | 54.00 | 1.00  |             |  |
| GL W MD       | —   | —   | 60.50 | 63.00 | —     | —   | 1.50  | NRBS - 39    | —     | —   | —   | —   | —   | 50.00 | 2.00  |             |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —   | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | 1.00  |              |       |     |     |     |     |       |       |             |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —   | —   | —     | —     | 38.75 | —   | 2.00  |              |       |     |     |     |     |       |       |             |  |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/26/07-03/30/07

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | FUTURE LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | TOTAL LOADS |  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| 62.75         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 41.50        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 104.25      |  |
| 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       | 69.50 | 73.00 | 70.50 | 72.00 | 64.00 | 72.00 | 45.00 | GNR W 1      | —     | 75.86 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 10.00 |             |  |
| GNR W 2       | —     | —     | —     | 68.00 | —     | 64.00 | 2.00  | GL W J       | 57.50 | —     | 70.50 | —     | 71.50 | 75.41 | 8.50  |             |  |
| GL W J        | —     | —     | 86.00 | 88.00 | 61.38 | —     | 5.00  | GL W XL      | —     | 86.00 | —     | —     | —     | 76.05 | 5.25  |             |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | 74.92 | 78.80 | 77.02 | 63.18 | 67.00 | 20.50 | GL W LG      | —     | 80.18 | —     | 91.86 | —     | 63.33 | 11.00 |             |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | 86.00 | 53.75 | 65.00 | 53.50 | 80.00 | 20.50 | GL W MD      | 52.75 | 62.36 | —     | 62.63 | 56.00 | 62.00 | 15.00 |             |  |
| GL W MD       | 68.00 | 62.00 | 61.67 | 63.33 | 52.11 | —     | 16.50 | GL BR XL     | 61.00 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 66.00 | .50   |             |  |
| GL W SM       | 49.00 | 53.00 | 49.00 | 51.50 | 48.00 | —     | 3.00  | GL BR LG     | 60.00 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 65.00 | .75   |             |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 54.00 | 4.00  | NRBS - 50    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 4.00  |             |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 54.97 | 37.00 | NRBS - 39    | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 50.00 | 2.00  |             |  |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 52.00 | 1.00  |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 38.75 | —     | 2.00  |              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |             |  |

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       | 03/26/07 | 03/19/07 | 03/27/06 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 25       | 26       | 73       |
| LOS ANGELES   | 18       | 18       | 73       |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** APR 02, 2007

The market is lower on large, steady on small and higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

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 | 109.26 |
| LARGE       | 104.13 |
| MEDIUM      | 87.43  |
| SMALL       | 77.00  |

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** APRIL 02, 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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