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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the post-holiday week. Demand was light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for a fair to at times 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** Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to usually barely steady. Retail demand was mixed ranging from light to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was mostly light. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate and were steadily increasing. Schedules full-time to extended. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-80	74-77	LARGE	52-61 56
LARGE	70-79	72-75	MEDIUM	36-42 40
MEDIUM	54-63	56-59	SMALL	31-35

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower on extra large, large and mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady to barely steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for generally normal processing schedules. Light hens were about adequate for a fair to at times fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-93	79-82
LARGE	73-87	78-82
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate. Demand was mostly light. Schedules were full-time to extended. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78.5-87	80-83
LARGE	76.5-85	78-81
MEDIUM	58.5-67	60-63

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady following the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for the fair to at times fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79.5-96.25	81-84
LARGE	78-94.25	79-82
MEDIUM	58.5-73.25	59-63

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 Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady entering the week. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	87-91
LARGE	85-89
MEDIUM	68-72

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-86	79-81
LARGE	76-84	77-79
MEDIUM	60-68	61-63

**WESTERN** Prices 15 cents lower on jumbo, 16 cents lower on extra large and large, and 13 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 43% lower than last Monday with California down 53% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 21%. Retailer demand slowed. Easter clearances often better than expected with current offerings easily adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 15 cents lower on jumbo, 16 cents lower on extra large and large, and 13 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 53% lower than last Monday. Easter floor stocks reported cleared better than expected in many quarters by strong last minute orders. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 78.

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	124
EXTRA LARGE	122
LARGE	115
MEDIUM	98

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	219-519
LARGE	229-349	EXTRA LARGE	209-308
LARGE	189-339	LARGE	199-499
MEDIUM	159-309	MEDIUM	179-249

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 13, 2007 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 06, 2007 were 404,486 cases which was 23 percent above the prior week and 23 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	362,970	41,516	404,486
% change from the prior week.....	+24	+14	+23

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 ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand mostly light and price sensitive. Schedules full-time to occasionally longer. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	47-51	48-51
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	36-43	38-41
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 are higher compared to the past period. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales had slowed. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.75 CENTS/LB.		7.69
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to about offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal with some plants taking some down time in observance of the Easter holiday. 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 09-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-12 CENTS/LB.		7.85
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 26, 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 26, 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 09, 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	5.4	18.1	7.9	10.7	11.5	53.6
	Change	-0.8	-3.6	0.5	-1.1	-3.9	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	14.1	49.4	11.0	17.9	18.2	110.6
	Change	-11.9	1.5	-0.7	-3.8	-21.6	-25%
Large	Curr Wk	21.1	108.4	53.2	75.3	78.8	336.8
	Change	-19.4	-26.4	-14.0	-15.6	-64.7	-29%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.2	39.5	13.7	17.5	20.2	101.1
	Change	0.3	0.7	2.4	-1.2	-17.3	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	8.2	1.4	6.0	4.0	22.4
	Change	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	1.8	-2.6	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	20.7	8.6	16.2	5.0	54.1
	Change	0.9	-1.8	0.7	2.1	-2.3	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.3	51.3	23.2	36.2	20.5	142.5
	Change	-3.8	-0.9	1.7	8.9	-5.0	1%
Total	Curr Wk	68.5	295.6	119.0	179.8	158.2	821.1
Percent	Change	-34%	-9%	-7%	-5%	-43%	-20%

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	821.1	-20%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.2	15%	33
Total Shell Egg	1074.3	-14%	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 AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 06, 2007  
CURRENT LOADS 33.50 FUTURE LOADS 3.50 TOTAL LOADS 37.00

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	54.50	--	--	57.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	56.00	--	--	--	--	67.47	4.25
GL W J	--	--	71.50	73.00	53.36	--	3.75	GL W XL	55.00	61.00	--	--	--	65.47	4.75
GL W XL	--	--	68.00	66.00	55.13	--	7.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	60.79	3.50
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	48.83	--	5.00	GL W MD	45.00	--	--	--	--	50.00	3.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	39.00	--	2.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75
GL W SM	46.00	49.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	44.00	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	50.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	48.00	8.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	43.00	38.50	--	4.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 02, 2006 -APR 06, 2007  
CURRENT LOADS 126.75 FUTURE LOADS 46.75 TOTAL LOADS 173.50

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	60.50	--	64.00	64.88	58.50	65.63	39.00	GNR W 1	--	70.00	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	53.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	59.46	--	--	--	64.00	68.66	8.75
GL W J	--	--	79.17	81.33	54.32	--	7.75	GL W XL	57.24	62.75	--	--	--	66.59	15.75
GL W XL	--	64.00	73.00	67.88	55.84	57.33	30.75	GL W LG	53.75	--	--	91.00	--	62.56	12.25
GL W LG	--	--	--	68.33	49.78	--	20.00	GL W MD	47.14	--	--	54.25	--	52.37	7.25
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	39.68	--	5.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	47.67	50.33	49.00	51.00	--	--	4.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	NRBS - 48	44.00	47.00	--	--	--	--	12.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	53.00	2.00	NRBS - 39	29.00	30.00	--	--	--	50.00	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	45.26	50.23	68.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	43.00	38.50	--	4.00								

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.

### NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

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

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97.86
LARGE	95.86
MEDIUM	76.86
SMALL	70.00

### COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/03/07	03/26/07	01/23/06
PACIFIC COAST	24	25	72
LOS ANGELES	18	18	67

### CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

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

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*Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation***Report Period:** 4/1/2007 - 4/7/2007

<b>State</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Central CA</b>	<b>Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA</b>	<b>Total State</b>
Arizona	0	0	2,367	2,367
Colorado	0	0	2,604	2,604
Illinois	0	0	8,730	8,730
Iowa	1,560	6,251	32,907	40,718
Michigan	0	0	1,452	1,452
Minnesota	3,540	565	5,392	9,497
Missouri	3,917	0	1,170	5,087
Nevada	0	0	700	700
North Carolina	1,945	0	1,740	3,685
Oregon	2,665	0	0	2,665
Texas	0	0	8,490	8,490
Utah	740	770	10,743	12,253
Washington	0	2,448	0	2,448
Wisconsin	380	1,440	1,493	3,313
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,747</b>	<b>11,474</b>	<b>77,788</b>	<b>104,009</b>
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NON-MILITARY	14,747	11,474	77,788	104,009

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture/Egg Quality Control