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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York were higher on all sizes when compared to a day earlier. Demand was fair to moderately good. Inter company movement was very active, with export interest very brisk. Supplies ranged from short to occasionally adequate for trade needs. Traders continue to closely watch further market developments. Breaker demand was fair to good. Floor stocks were short to occasionally adequate. Light type hens offerings were adequate to fully adequate for a 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged although trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Retail sales were in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	71-80	74-77				
LARGE	70-79	72-75	LARGE	59-68		63
MEDIUM	54-63	56-59	MEDIUM	46-52		50
			SMALL	35-39		

MIDWEST AREA: 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 sharply higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm. Demand was fair to good. Supplies ranged adequate to close for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand improved and reported as moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were in close balance with some packers looking for additional product. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand fair to good for the very tight to instances adequate offers. Floor stocks were very closely balanced to short for full time schedules. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

	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 unchanged. However, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on mediums, and higher on larger sizes. The undertone was fully steady to mostly firm entering the weekend. Demand was fair to moderately good. Supplies ranged from short to adequate for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a moderate to light demand. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to fully adequate for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79.5-91.25	81-84
LARGE	78-89.25	79-82
MEDIUM	58.5-68.25	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 EGGS** Prices advanced 2 cents on mediums. Larger sizes increased 1 cent when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were at best adequate for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	96-100
LARGE	94-98
MEDIUM	81-85

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

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was very firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7-8 cents higher on large, and 10 higher on medium. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Offerings light.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 10 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand was light to moderate. Offerings were light. Small benchmark price 78.

**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	124
EXTRA LARGE	122
LARGE	115
MEDIUM	98

### 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	209-339
LARGE	179-329
MEDIUM	139-309

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	106-112
EXTRA LARGE	104-110
LARGE	102-105
MEDIUM	85-88

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** All prices were higher. Demand was fair to good while offerings were very tight to instances adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to short of full-time schedules. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

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	49-53	51-53
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	38-45	40-43
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** Mostly prices were slightly higher when compared to early week trading. Overall, the bidding levels were trending slightly higher as current offerings were limited and only about sufficient for trade needs. Demand was moderate, but most buyers were unaggressive. The undertone was steady to full steady. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January through the week ending 14-Apr-2007 were 3% less than a year earlier. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 14-Apr-2007 were unchanged from the previous week and last year.

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	48-52	48-50
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	34-41	35-38
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 14-Apr-2007 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,254,483	31,024	11,755	6,341	2,292	4534
LY	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4438
% PW	4%	2%	8%	10%	9%	-5%
% LY	3%	0%	5%	18%	-14%	-3%
2007	18,383,442	456,645	171,598	92,035	36,207	64417
2006	18,950,594	468,448	176,988	96,113	42,811	64816
% YTD	-3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-15%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.59 42.77 42.94  
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.27 39.16 39.41

**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	618,768	47.5%	17,113	54.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	633,159	50.5%	17,823	57.4%
LAST YEAR	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was firm for all liquid products. Offerings were inadequate for whole egg, tight to unavailable for whites, and closely balanced to short of needs for yolk. Asking prices continued to climb for next week's deliveries. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and whites and fairly good to mostly good for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous 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	16	44-46	44.19	1.47
WHITES	24	44-49	45.88	2.63
YOLKS	8	52-54	52.75	.75

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged with whites 1 cent lower. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady to instances firm for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for all frozen products with demand light to fairly good and best for yellow product. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	63-69	64-67
WHITES	66-70	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-73	69-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	66-68

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and whites, irregular on sugar yolks, and unchanged to higher on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading improved with some sales for deliveries into late second quarter. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was mixed but mostly steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 14-Apr-2007 were 2% more than the previous week, and 5% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.) LTL

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	62-69	64-65	63-73
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	63-70	63-67	69-78
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-74	68-72	75-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	67-68	71-76

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/14 was 3% more than the previous week. Demand fair. Freezer stocks were adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	69-73
WHITES	69-72
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks and blends, unchanged to higher on whole, and higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair with buyers usually purchasing product on a as needed basis. Offerings were limited and in a range of barely adequate to occasionally adequate for trade inquiry. The undertone was at least steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 14-Apr-2007 was 9% more than the previous week, but 14% less than a year ago. The total year to date of dried eggs produced was 15% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.20-2.50	MOSTLY	2.22-2.30
YOLKS	1.43-1.65	MOSTLY	1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.75-5.05	MOSTLY	4.83-4.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.75-1.85		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 13, 2007-APR 19, 2007

CURRENT LOADS		120.25		FUTURE LOADS		83.75		TOTAL LOADS		204.00		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	58.75	63.00	61.25	61.89	41.00	—	23.00	GNR W 1	—	69.14	—	15.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	63.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	92.00	—	4.50	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	4.00	GL W XL	65.00	79.04	36.00	
GL W J	—	—	74.50	76.00	67.60	—	4.50	GL W LG	65.50	72.83	41.25	
GL W XL	—	75.00	71.00	75.34	71.29	—	74.50	GL W MD	54.00	—	6.25	
GL W LG	58.00	77.24	67.00	70.00	65.48	70.75	79.50	GL BR XL	—	—	1.00	
GL W MD	—	—	56.00	57.60	55.82	66.00	11.00	GL BR MD	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	—	—	44.50	44.00	3.50	NRBS - 48	39.00	42.00	1.00	
GL BR XL	—	—	—	61.00	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	51.67	13.00					
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	7.00					
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	6-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations for spent leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	0-6

**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	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	80.50	80.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	82.50	80.50	61.00
MIDWEST	75.50	73.50	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	81.50	79.50	61.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	80.03	78.38	60.51

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. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules was noted as 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 14-APR-07**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	—Thousands—		
Head	1,114	1,376	2,490
Last Week	1,117	1,422	2,539
Same week yr ago	1,018	1,333	2,351
To-date/2007	16,785	20,291	37,076
To-date/2006	17,966	21,537	39,503

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	—Thousands—		
Head	239	0	239
Last Week	156	0	156
Same week yr ago	107	3	110
To-date/2007	3,157	14	3,171
To-date/2006	3,652	10	3,662

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	1,353	1,376	2,729
Last Week	1,273	1,422	2,695
Same week yr ago	1,125	1,336	2,461
To-date/2007	19,942	20,305	40,247
To-date/2006	21,618	21,547	43,165

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 April 07, 2007		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	95	258	1,867	2,814
Frozen	0	0	5	80
Dried	0	0	169	146
Total	95	258	2,041	3,040

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

Week Ending April 07, 2007		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	135	30	4,246	768
Frozen	0	4	113	264
Dried	0	0	191	41
Total	135	34	4,550	1,073

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

Week Ending April 07, 2007		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Extra Large	990	2,370	7,619	19,320
Large	3,310	5,230	23,701	26,395
Medium	330	750	11,585	18,965
Ungraded	1,470	3,720	14,540	21,080
Misc	780	780	865	1,800
Total	6,880	12,850	58,310	87,710

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.**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

(In Units of 1,000)

	FEB 2006	FEB 2007	MAR 2006	MAR 2007
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	3,024	2,926	3,002	2,765
Yolks	1,569	1,065	1,451	1,032
Whole & Mixed	16,516	6,393	13,293	5,649
Unclassified	3,359	5,309	3,011	5,292

**Total Frozen Eggs 24,468 15,693 20,757 14,738**

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 14-Apr-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	191.9	4	0
East North Central	634.7	-3	-2
West North Central	267.4	-4	-16
South Atlantic	180.6	-4	-9
South Central	57.0	-6	6
West	176.2	-19	-21
Total	1507.8	-5	-8
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 14-Apr-2007	CW (In Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Selected Consuming Centers			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.1	36.3	-36	-43
Boston	2.8	4.3	-35	-24
Chicago	67.3	94.9	-29	-39
Detroit	16.2	23.3	-30	-25
Kansas City	4.4	5.6	-21	-19
Los Angeles	102.9	108.7	-5	-25
New Orleans	5.4	5.9	-8	-26
New York	27.2	36.2	-25	-18
St. Louis	15.2	15.5	-2	-13
San Francisco	16.5	21.6	-24	-24
Total	281.0	315.2	-11	-29
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.9			

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)**

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
	(THOUSANDS)		
AM 04/16/07	3,328	71,994	47,267
AM 04/01/07	3,240	69,750	47,359
CHG	88	2244	-92
PCT CHG	3%	3%	0%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Apr 17, 2007

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	131	125	100	80
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	123-127	118-122	93-97	73-77
	125-126	120-121	95-96	75-76
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	129-133	124-128	99-103	79-83
	129	124	99	79
VERMONT MOSTLY	130	125	100	-
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