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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply higher on all weights. The market tone was fully steady to mostly firm. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to short and confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were tight to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully adequate for the 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 Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium and unchanged for small. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail sales ranged from light to fairly good, usually moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules were full-time to reduced at times. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
				RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78-87	81-84	LARGE	60-69	64
LARGE	77-86	79-82	MEDIUM	48-54	52
MEDIUM	64-73	66-69	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 eight cents higher on larger sizes, and eleven cents higher on mediums when compared to last week levels. The undertone remains fully steady to mostly firm. Demand was fair to good. Supplies ranged short to adequate 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 a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-101	87-90
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	67-80	72-74

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to usually close and were held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Schedules were full-time to reduced at times. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	70.5-79	72-75

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply higher on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was firm beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for the moderate to light demand. Light type hens were sufficient to fully adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81.25-95	89-92
LARGE	79-93	87-90
MEDIUM	60.25-78	71-75

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 when compared to Friday's report. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged from short to adequate. The undertone was fully steady to firm.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-93	86-88
LARGE	83-91	84-86
MEDIUM	70-78	71-73

WESTERN Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 7-8 cents higher on large, and 10 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 7%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 10 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6 higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 88.

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	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	108

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	
EXTRA LARGE	209-339	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	179-329	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	139-309	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 27, 2007 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 20, 2007 were 263,207 cases which was 25 percent below the prior week and 23 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	218,780	44,427	263,207
% change from the prior week.....	-29	+6	-25

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to good. Offerings were tight and held with confidence. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Schedules were full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to 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	50-54	52-54
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	39-46	41-44

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent fowl. 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 23-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.25 CENTS/LB.		8.37

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-APR-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12 CENTS/LB.		8.80

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 APRIL 09, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.99	1.96	1.78	1.20

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 09, 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 23, 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	7.5	16.9	6.2	9.6	10.8	51.0
	Change	1.4	1.3	-1.1	0.7	-2.0	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	15.0	37.8	10.0	19.3	31.9	114.0
	Change	-0.3	-7.1	3.4	1.0	2.7	0%
Large	Curr Wk	25.5	83.8	57.7	84.9	90.9	342.8
	Change	5.3	2.5	2.5	4.0	-1.2	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.0	30.7	12.9	11.8	30.2	92.6
	Change	-0.1	-3.1	-0.9	-3.2	1.7	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	8.7	0.9	2.9	3.0	17.6
	Change	-0.7	0.2	0.4	-1.0	-1.4	-12%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	18.4	9.7	12.1	6.0	48.8
	Change	-1.0	-1.8	0.0	-0.5	0.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.6	36.3	11.0	15.8	27.7	100.4
	Change	-4.1	-6.0	-1.1	-2.4	1.8	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	69.3	232.6	108.4	156.4	200.5	767.2
Percent	Change	1%	-6%	3%	-1%	1%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	767.2	-1%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	235.3	-7%	33

Total Shell Egg	1002.5	-3%	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 APR 20, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
17.00								6.50								23.50	
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	70.50	—	70.00	72.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	105.00	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	80.50	82.00	90.75	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	99.33	4.00		
GL W XL	—	—	82.00	84.00	86.00	—	5.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	94.33	6.00		
GL W LG	—	—	78.00	80.00	82.50	88.00	10.00	GL W MD	71.00	—	—	76.25	—	77.00	2.00		
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50										
GL BR LG	—	—	74.00	80.00	—	—	2.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/16/07-04/20/07

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS	
103.75								75.75								179.50	
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	62.00	67.00	64.25	64.78	—	—	19.00	GNR W 1	—	69.89	—	—	—	—	15.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	63.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	92.00	—	—	—	—	99.00	3.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	4.00	GL W XL	—	80.20	—	81.25	89.00	93.73	30.75		
GL W J	—	—	79.00	80.50	81.88	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	75.51	—	77.00	88.00	81.36	39.75		
GL W XL	—	75.00	75.75	77.16	75.18	—	66.00	GL W MD	65.33	—	61.50	76.25	—	64.69	8.25		
GL W LG	—	82.71	72.50	71.86	70.48	76.50	78.00	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	1.00		
GL W MD	—	—	56.00	58.75	55.82	66.00	10.50	GNR W 1	—	69.89	—	—	—	—	15.00		
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	—	—	44.50	44.00	3.50	GL W J	92.00	—	—	—	—	99.00	3.00		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	61.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	80.20	—	81.25	89.00	93.73	30.75		
GL BR LG	—	—	74.00	80.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	75.51	—	77.00	88.00	81.36	39.75		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	11.00	GL W MD	65.33	—	61.50	76.25	—	64.69	8.25		
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	47.00	7.00	GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	1.00		

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	04/16/07	04/09/07	04/17/06
PACIFIC COAST	24	24	72
LOS ANGELES	18	18	67

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS APR 23, 2007

The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are close. 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	106.86
LARGE	104.86
MEDIUM	90.86
SMALL	74.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS APRIL 23, 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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