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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, regional prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand remained light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for the light to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully sufficient 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged, prices delivered warehouse and store door were sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg demand were light to at times moderate. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand fairly good to good for the barely adequate to adequate offers. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	70-79	72-75

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	58-67	62
MEDIUM	52-58	54
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 sharply lower on medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a light to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-101	87-90
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	73-86	78-80

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. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg demand was very light to instances moderate. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate with demand fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	76.5-85	78-81

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. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for a light to good demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-100.25	89-92
LARGE	86-98.25	87-90
MEDIUM	76.5-88.25	77-81

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 extra large, large and mediums when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady. Demand ranged very light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	85-89

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	76-84	77-79

**WESTERN** Prices were 11 cents lower for jumbo, 12 to 13 cents lower for extra large and large, and 11 cents lower for mediums. The Pacific region inventory was 8% lower than last Monday, with California down 10% and OR-WA-UT down 6%. Trade sentiment weak. Retailer demand mostly light. Offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were 11 cents lower for jumbo, 13 cents lower for extra large and large, and down 11 cents medium. The Pacific inventory was 8% lower than last Monday, with California 10% lower and OR-WA-UT down 6%. Trade sentiment was weak. Retailer demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Small benchmark price 94.

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	130
EXTRA LARGE	127
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	114

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		JUMBO	
EXTRALARGE		EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	UNAVAILABLE	LARGE	UNAVAILABLE
MEDIUM		MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 18, 2007 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 11, 2007 were 197,376 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	151,492	45,884	197,376
% change from the prior week.....	-1	+2	-0

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 were unchanged. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate with demand continuing fairly good to good. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	60-66	60-62
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	45-52	47-50
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** Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was limited with offerings sufficient for needs. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAY-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.				

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the about adequate to mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-MAY-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-12	CENTS/LB.		9.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.				

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 14, 2007**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So	Atl Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	19.2	7.5	11.1	10.7	58.8
	Change	-1.0	-2.0	-0.1	0.8	-1.6	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	40.5	13.8	28.2	43.1	148.5
	Change	-3.9	-6.4	0.1	1.6	-0.7	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	29.3	110.0	81.3	106.9	107.6	435.1
	Change	-7.1	-5.2	1.5	-4.3	-11.1	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	49.7	20.6	15.8	26.9	122.9
	Change	-2.2	5.0	2.9	-0.1	-1.9	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	7.0	2.5	1.8	4.0	21.2
	Change	0.6	-1.6	0.3	-2.5	0.0	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	22.6	10.5	10.5	5.1	50.3
	Change	-0.8	7.7	0.2	-0.3	-1.2	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.2	45.8	18.5	21.2	28.1	126.8
	Change	-2.3	7.6	0.9	-4.7	-3.8	-2%
Total							
Percent	Curr Wk	93.1	294.8	154.7	195.5	225.5	963.6
	Change	-15%	2%	4%	-5%	-8%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	963.6	-4%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	227.9	11%	33
Total Shell Egg	1191.5	-1%	189

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 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

**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 30, 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 30, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.56	1.56	1.40	.80

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 11, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								25.75	FUTURE LOADS								4.25	TOTAL LOADS			30.00
SE			NE		MW				SC			NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	62.50	—	63.50	65.00	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	85.00	1.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	—	72.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	61.00	—	—	—	—	—	71.44	2.25					
GL W XL	—	—	73.00	75.00	59.57	—	4.00	GL W LG	59.00	—	—	—	—	—	71.00	1.00					
GL W LG	—	—	58.00	60.00	62.00	—	1.25	GL W MD	61.25	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00					
GL W MD	—	—	56.00	58.21	—	—	3.50	NRBS - 48	57.86	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00			
GL W SM	—	—	43.00	45.50	—	—	.25														
NRBS - 50	—	—	62.00	65.50	61.00	—	2.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	66.00	60.00	60.57	10.00														

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/07/07-05/11/07

CURRENT LOADS								85.50	FUTURE LOADS								49.50	TOTAL LOADS			135.00
SE			NE		MW				SC			NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	68.75	—	68.75	69.88	70.00	63.00	17.00	GNR W 1	—	71.50	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GL W J	—	—	79.00	80.00	73.69	—	5.00	GL W J	81.00	80.50	—	—	—	88.00	8.25						
GL W XL	79.57	81.88	80.50	77.24	78.97	—	50.25	GL W XL	61.00	80.15	—	79.50	—	77.07	12.25						
GL W LG	91.00	—	76.33	62.95	75.75	—	27.00	GL W LG	61.83	77.33	—	—	—	74.00	8.75						
GL W MD	61.00	61.00	59.68	61.89	59.71	62.00	17.25	GL W MD	62.30	72.89	—	70.38	—	69.21	10.00						
GL W SM	51.00	54.00	46.33	48.50	47.00	—	6.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00						
NRBS - 50	—	—	62.00	65.50	61.00	—	2.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	87.00	91.00	.75						
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	66.00	59.44	60.60	43.0000	NRBS - 48	57.86	60.00	—	—	—	—	11.00						
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00														

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.

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

ON HAND	05/07/07	04/30/07	05/08/06
PACIFIC COAST	4	23	102
LOS ANGELES	0	18	98

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	105.86
LARGE	103.86
MEDIUM	94.86
SMALL	74.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** MAY 14, 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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**California Department of Food and Agriculture  
Egg Quality Control**

Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

**Report Period: 05/06/2007 - 05/12/2007**

<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	1,180	0	4,154	5,334
Illinois	288	60	180	528
Indiana	0	0	840	840
Iowa	4,474	3,930	37,426	45,830
Maine	0	0	820	820
Michigan	0	2,490	6,598	9,088
Minnesota	4,660	925	9,938	15,523
Missouri	3,080	0	6,690	9,770
Nevada	0	0	720	720
New Hampshire	780	0	0	780
North Carolina	1,914	0	3,240	5,154
Ohio	0	0	2,532	2,532
Oregon	2,313	0	0	2,313
Texas	0	0	996	996
Utah	1,710	5,389	6,634	13,733
Wisconsin	1,510	760	2,910	5,180
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>83,678</b>	<b>119,141</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>21,909</b>	<b>13,554</b>	<b>83,678</b>	<b>119,141</b>