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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday's values. The market tone was at best steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand continued light to moderate. Supplies were in close balance to ample. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to available for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were down two cents on large and one cent on medium to producers and unchanged to retailers. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Cartoned egg demand were light to instances moderate. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to mostly ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light for the adequate to available offers. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady. Prices delivered to warehouse:

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

Prices delivered to store door:

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

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	54-63	58
MEDIUM	48-54	50
SMALL	35-39	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand fairly good to good for the tight to instances adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Prices delivered to warehouse:

	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, OK, & TX

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower, checks and undergrades unchanged. Light demand for the adequate to available offers. Schedules fulltime for next week. Trade sentiment barely steady. Prices delivered to warehouse:

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

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to fully adequate for a light to good demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Spent hens were sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	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.

**NEW YORK** Prices were the same on all sizes as yesterday's values. Trade sentiment ranged at best steady to at times weak. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for present trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	91-95
LARGE	89-93
MEDIUM	82-86

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with caution noted. Asking prices for next week were down 2 cents for jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large, and 4 cents lower for large and medium. Retailer demand remains usually light with offerings fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices to retailers were sharply lower with benchmark prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Asking prices for next week were down 2 cents on jumbo, 3 cents lower for extra large, and 4 cents lower for large and medium. Retailer demand was rep reported as slow with offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 94.

**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	130
EXTRA LARGE	127
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	114

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** Prices to consumers major chains, metropolitan area, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

UNAVAILABLE

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	114-118
EXTRA LARGE	110-115
LARGE	108-111
MEDIUM	101-104

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with demand somewhat quiet and reported as currently light. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment 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	54.5-58	55-57
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	42-49	44-47
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** Majority prices were lower when compared to early week trading. Current offerings ranged from barely adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Demand continues to slow, but was reported in a range of light to good. Trade sentiment was unsettled and reported as steady to barely steady. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 12-May-2007 were unchanged from the previous week, but 16% less than a year ago. Nationally the total eggs processed/broken this year under federal inspection through the week of 12-May-2007 was 4% less than a year ago.

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	54-63	54-58
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	41-45
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 05/12/07 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITES	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,275,946	31,352	12,019	6,391	2,160	4567
PW	1,226,797	31,085	11,081	6,146	2,087	4344
LY	1,353,010	32,642	13,348	7,125	3,640	4391
% PW	4%	1%	8%	4%	4%	5%
% LY	-6%	-4%	-10%	-10%	-41%	4%
2007	23,322,145	579,494	217,255	116,439	44,826	81710
2006	24,298,541	600,812	227,414	122,851	55,770	82468
% YTD	-4%	-4%	-4%	-5%	-20%	-1%
		<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.58	42.92	42.50			
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.00	39.38	39.26			

**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	621,055	48.7%	16,493	52.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	596,766	48.6%	16,966	54.6%
LAST YEAR	596,248	44.1%	15,796	48.4%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and yolk and barely steady to weak for whites. Demand was fair for whole egg and fairly good to very good for whites and yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, fully adequate for whites, and tight to barely adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the past 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.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	15	52-53	52.93	-.11
WHITES	43	51.5-57.5	53.51	-.35
YOLKS	10	67-76.5	68.20	1.79

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged 1 to 2 cents higher with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 2 cents higher with salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment continued steady with a firm undertone on all frozen products. Demand was moderate to instances good with offerings adequate to very closely balanced. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	71-78	71-73
WHITES	69-78	69-71
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-84	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-80	78-79

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whites, unchanged on whole, unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, and higher on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was fair. Supplies were about sufficient to adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was mixed and unsettled, most were reporting a steady market. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 12-May-2007 were 4% less than the previous week, and 19% lower than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	69-78	70-75	76-80
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	67-78	68-72	74-83
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-83	79-83	86-90
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-80	75-78	81-86

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** All prices were higher. Demand continued light to moderate with offerings adequate. Freezer stocks closely balanced to adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	77-81
WHITES	74-77
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	88-91
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen, higher on yolks, and unchanged to higher on whole and blends when compared to a week earlier. Inquiry was fair to occasionally moderately good. Most buyers were still purchasing product on a as needed basis. Offerings were limited and reported as about adequate to short of trade inquiry. The undertone was mixed but usually steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 12-May-2007 were 4% more than the previous week, but 41% lower than a year ago. The total year to date of dried eggs processed was 20% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.40-2.60	MOSTLY	2.42-2.55
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.75-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.10-5.35	MOSTLY	5.20-5.30
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	1.90-2.05		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 11, 2007-MAY 17, 2007  
**CURRENT LOADS 112.00 FUTURE LOADS 63.25 TOTAL LOADS 175.25**

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			CLASS	SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS		ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	61.50	--	15.00	62.00	62.46	--	--	--	15.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	2.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	70.00	74.00	--	--	--	84.95	5.75		
GL W J	--	--	3.50	--	--	70.07	--	--	3.50	GL W XL	68.09	70.00	--	--	--	75.31	12.25		
GL W XL	77.13	77.14	48.00	71.29	72.22	68.55	--	--	48.00	GL W LG	60.56	67.27	--	--	--	72.53	17.50		
GL W LG	64.00	78.00	34.50	64.60	63.31	63.60	55.00	34.50	34.50	GL W MD	55.75	59.00	57.00	62.25	--	62.68	12.75		
GL W MD	--	59.50	28.25	57.94	59.74	51.77	54.00	28.25	28.25	GL W SM	40.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W SM	--	47.50	5.25	47.94	50.21	--	--	5.25	5.25	NRBS - 50	--	60.00	--	--	--	--	13.00		
NRBS - 50	--	--	2.00	62.00	65.50	61.00	--	2.00	2.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 48	--	--	62.00	53.86	56.69	55.67	58.97	62.00	62.00	NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 45	--	--	2.00	--	--	--	57.00	2.00	2.00	NRBS - 36	--	30.00	--	--	--	--	--		
NRBS - 36	--	30.00	2.00	--	--	27.00	--	2.00	2.00										

\*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed 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 REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-12	5-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was light with offerings sufficient for needs. Schedules were about normal. Finished sales were clearing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Removal costs were unchanged, majorities adjusting. Demand was light to moderate, offerings were adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-8

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were mostly adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was least moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-31 MAJORITY 26-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**  
 W/E 12-May-07 (PRELIMINARY)

	<b>U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically</b>		
	<b>Light Hens</b>	<b>Heavy Hens</b>	<b>Total Hens</b>
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,026	1,604	2,630
Last Week	1,232	1,324	2,556
Same week yr ago	1,226	1,509	2,735
To-date/2007	21,225	25,931	47,156
To-date/2006	22,631	27,417	50,048
	<b>U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada</b>		
	<b>Light Hens</b>	<b>Heavy Hens</b>	<b>Total Hens</b>
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	293	0	293
Last Week	294	0	294
Same week yr ago	208	0	208
To-date/2007	4,286	14	4,300
To-date/2006	4,459	10	4,469

**COMBINED REGIONAL** May 18, 2007  
 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	88.50	88.00	79.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	79.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	73.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	88.50	79.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	87.83	86.19	77.80

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	<b>Light Hens</b>	<b>Heavy Hens</b>	<b>Total Hens</b>
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,319	1,604	2,923
Last Week	1,526	1,324	2,850
Same week yr ago	1,434	1,509	2,943
To-date/2007	25,511	25,945	51,456
To-date/2006	27,090	27,427	54,517

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 May 05, 2007	Year-To-Date			
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	49	258	2,110	3,531
Frozen	0	0	7	125
Dried	0	40	169	187
Total	49	298	2,286	3,843

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

Week Ending May 05, 2007	Year-To-Date			
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	322	35	5,262	1,030
Frozen	58	4	190	369
Dried	0	0	351	41
Total	380	39	5,803	1,440

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

Week Ending May 05, 2007	Year-To-Date			
	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Extra Large	720	2,190	12,749	28,980
Large	240	5,430	25,289	40,045
Medium	510	2,490	18,245	27,965
Ungraded	240	7,440	17,060	36,764
Misc	0	0	2,425	2,580
Total	1,710	17,550	75,768	136,484

/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 &amp; Analysis

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
		lbs	lbs	lbs
AM	05/14/07	3,221	77,962	53,996
AM	05/01/07	3,338	75,263	52,498
CHG		-117	2699	1498
PCT CHG		-4%	4%	3%

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

W/E 12-May-2007	CASES	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	175.3	-1	4
East North Central	608.6	-2	-4
West North Central	260.2	-1	-15
South Atlantic	170.8	-2	-6
South Central	58.6	16	9
West	169.1	3	-5
Total	1442.6	-1	-5
Matched plants reporting		81	81
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**

Week ending 12-May-2007

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% Change	
	(Cases In Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	23.1	26.6	-13	-16
Boston	2.7	2.9	-7	-13
Chicago	65.2	50.4	29	13
Detroit	10.5	10.1	4	1
Los Angeles	103.1	95.3	8	-11
New Orleans	5.3	5.4	-2	-17
New York	25.4	25.3	0	-17
St. Louis	13.5	12.4	9	-11
San Francisco	12.3	16.0	-23	-28
Total	261.1	244.4	7	-8
4 Week Moving Avg.	255.1			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** May 15, 2007

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	133	128	105	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	127-131	122-126	99-103	79-83
MOSTLY	129-130	124-125	101-102	81-82
RHODE ISLAND	132-136	127-131	104-108	85-89
MOSTLY	132	127	104	85
VERMONT	133-135	128-130	105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-