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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on all weights. Trade sentiment was generally steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were about adequate to 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 for all sizes. Midwest delivered prices warehouse and store door are 3 cents higher on extra large and large, mediums increased 10 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Cartoned and food service demand light to instances fairly good, best into vacation areas. Supplies were close to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were limited with demand fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	103-112	106-109	LARGE	84-93	88
LARGE	102-111	104-107	MEDIUM	60-66	64
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83	SMALL	35-41	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on mediums and heavier weight eggs when compared to the previous week. The market tone entering the week was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short for a moderate to good demand. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for regular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-125	111-115
LARGE	105-119	110-114
MEDIUM	80-93	85-87

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices up 3 cents, mediums up 10 cents. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Offers limited for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	111.5-120	113-116
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was usually steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to about sufficient for a moderate to good demand. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.25-115	109-112
LARGE	101.25-113	107-110
MEDIUM	69.25-89	82-86

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 were unchanged on all sizes when compare to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	119-123
LARGE	117-121
MEDIUM	92-96

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-118	111-113
LARGE	108-116	109-111
MEDIUM	84-92	85-77

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for jumbo, 3 cents higher for extra large and large, and 10 cents higher for medium. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was 5% higher than last Monday, with California increasing 4% and OR-WA-UT up 7%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 2 cents higher for jumbo, 3 cents higher for extra large and large, and increased 10 cents for medium. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory was 5% higher than last Monday, with California up 4% and OR-WA-UT increasing 7%. Offerings were usually adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Small benchmark price 102.

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	160
EXTRA LARGE	156
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	122

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 27, 2007 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 20, 2007 were 177,783 cases which was 17 percent below the prior week and 17 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	140,711	37,072	177,783

% change from the prior week..... -20 -1 -17
 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 ranged unchanged. Offerings were reported as quiet with demand fairly good to good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

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	72-77	73-75
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	59-65	64
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 levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.40
*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 mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. 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-JUL-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-12 CENTS/LB.		9.55
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-JULY 23, 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	7.2	14.9	6.6	8.8	10.0	47.5
	Change	-1.1	0.8	0.5	0.0	-1.6	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.4	31.2	11.6	20.6	33.2	121.0
	Change	1.8	4.9	-0.1	-0.1	3.2	9%
Large	Curr Wk	27.0	95.6	72.3	83.8	106.3	385.0
	Change	-0.6	20.5	2.3	9.0	15.2	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.3	39.5	17.9	15.8	31.2	114.7
	Change	0.4	-5.5	-4.7	-2.7	-0.8	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	7.9	3.2	4.4	7.9	28.0
	Change	0.1	-3.3	0.2	1.3	0.2	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.1	20.5	9.6	12.6	7.2	52.0
	Change	-1.1	1.7	0.0	0.0	-2.8	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.9	45.8	22.2	22.2	20.1	123.2
	Change	4.4	3.8	-2.7	-0.9	-2.6	2%
Total	Curr Wk	88.5	255.4	143.4	168.2	215.9	871.4
Percent	Change	5%	10%	-3%	4%	5%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	871.4	5%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.9	1%	33
Total Shell Egg	1092.3	4%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 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 JULY 09, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.04	2.02	1.82	1.20
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 09, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.58	1.58	1.42	.82

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 20, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	87.50	--	2.00	88.50	90.00	--	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	101.00	5.00	--	104.75	5.00	GL W XL	--	101.00	5.00			
GL W XL	--	--	9.00	99.00	99.67	92.38	96.00	9.00	9.00	GL W LG	--	99.00	6.00	--	--	6.00	GL W LG	--	99.00	6.00			
GL W LG	--	--	7.00	87.00	90.00	88.00	--	7.00	7.00	GL W MD	--	--	1.00	--	--	1.00	GL W MD	--	--	1.00			
GL W MD	--	--	3.00	73.00	75.00	--	--	3.00	3.00	NRBS - 39	--	--	2.00	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 39	--	--	2.00			
NRBS - 39	--	--	3.00	--	--	67.25	--	3.00	3.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUL 16, 2007-JUL 20, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	88.17	--	33.00	89.13	90.67	85.00	--	--	33.00	GNR W 1	--	94.75	21.00	--	--	21.00	GNR W 1	--	94.75	21.00			
GNR BR 1	--	89.00	3.00	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00			
GL W J	--	--	2.75	110.50	112.00	101.57	101.00	2.75	2.75	GL W J	100.43	105.00	3.00	--	--	3.00	GL W J	100.43	105.00	3.00			
GL W XL	98.00	102.00	26.75	101.50	101.73	93.63	96.00	26.75	26.75	GL W XL	--	104.00	12.25	--	104.75	12.25	GL W XL	--	104.00	12.25			
GL W LG	--	102.00	50.00	91.84	95.33	90.59	98.83	50.00	50.00	GL W LG	--	99.89	29.50	--	105.54	29.50	GL W LG	--	99.89	29.50			
GL W MD	78.00	69.08	24.25	66.63	70.50	65.18	72.50	24.25	24.25	GL W MD	62.00	86.60	15.00	--	--	15.00	GL W MD	62.00	86.60	15.00			
GL W SM	--	--	4.00	43.00	49.13	48.38	51.00	4.00	4.00	GL W SM	45.00	--	1.00	--	--	1.00	GL W SM	45.00	--	1.00			
GL BR J	--	--	.25	--	--	--	--	.25	.25	GL BR J	--	--	.25	--	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	.25			
GL BR XL	--	--	.25	--	--	--	--	.25	.25	GL BR XL	--	--	.25	--	--	.25	GL BR XL	--	--	.25			
GL BR LG	--	97.00	3.00	--	--	--	86.00	3.00	3.00	GL BR LG	--	--	1.00	--	111.50	1.00	GL BR LG	--	--	1.00			
GL BR MD	--	--	.25	--	--	72.00	--	.25	.25	GL BR MD	--	83.00	.25	--	--	.25	GL BR MD	--	83.00	.25			
NRBS - 50	--	--	1.00	--	--	74.00	76.00	1.00	1.00	NRBS - 39	70.00	--	8.0	73.00	76.80	8.0	NRBS - 39	70.00	--	8.0			
NRBS - 48	--	--	10.00	--	--	75.00	75.38	10.00	10.00														
NRBS - 45	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	1.00														
NRBS - 42	--	--	8.00	--	69.00	63.00	64.25	8.00	8.00														
NRBS - 39	--	--	8.00	--	--	62.64	64.00	8.00	8.00														
NRBS - 36	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	58.00	1.00	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS (In

Thousands)

ON HAND	07/16/07	07/09/07	07/17/06
PACIFIC COAST	1	1	70
LOS ANGELES	0	0	67

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS JULY 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.	224 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 149	125 - 128

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance.

Supplies are barely adequate to adequate. 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	129.49
LARGE	123.94
MEDIUM	99.86
SMALL	75.00

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