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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for a moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to at least adequate for the light to fair 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-129	122-124
LARGE	119-127	120-122
MEDIUM	86-94	87-89

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	95-104	99
MEDIUM	64-69	68
SMALL	45-51	

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. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129.5-138	131-134
LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
MEDIUM	85.5-94	87-90

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies ranged at least adequate to fully sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were short to barely adequate for generally normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings were at adequate to least adequate for a light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-141	124-127
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	80-93	85-88

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. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to barely sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were adequate to at least sufficient for the light to fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108.25-129	123-126
LARGE	101.25-127	121-124
MEDIUM	78.25-90	83-87

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA.

**NEW YORK** Prices on all sizes remained the same as values a day earlier. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on mediums, and usually sufficient on heavier weight eggs.

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	92-96

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week also unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was light to fairly good, usually moderate, with offerings adequate to tight and closest for jumbo and extra large.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices to retailers were 9 cents higher for the larger sizes with medium 1 cent higher. Bench mark prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week also at unchanged levels. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were tight to adequate, short for jumbo and extra large, with demand light to fairly good. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

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	176
EXTRA LARGE	170
LARGE	158
MEDIUM	123

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** 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	160-174
EXTRA LARGE	153-158
LARGE	145-148
MEDIUM	110-113

**BREAKING STOCK**

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.

**CENTRAL REGION**

Prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings tight. Most breakers immediate breaking stock needs were currently covered for production of regularly committed liquid. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	82-83	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	66-74	66-69
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on breaking stock, and unchanged on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly steady at current levels. Demand was slowing but was still moderate to good. Offerings were short to barely adequate for current needs. Breaking schedules were reported as generally normal. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January through the week ending 01-Sep-2007 were 2% less than a year earlier. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 01-Sep-2007 were 3% less than the previous week, and 7% lower than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	79-83	81-82
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	65-73	66-70
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 01-Sep-2007		(lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,265,953	32,421	10,628	5,573	2,315	4,134
PW	1,307,180	34,405	10,767	5,753	2,210	4,566
LY	1,318,808	33,261	11,834	6,119	2,654	4,458
% PW	-3%	-6%	-1%	-3%	5%	-9%
% LY	-4%	-3%	-10%	-9%	-13%	-7%
2007	44,250,746	1,094,454	409,020	219,910	88,502	151,606
2006	45,331,169	1,111,431	424,686	225,637	102,377	152,697
% YTD	-2%	-2%	-4%	-3%	-14%	-1%
		<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)		41.67	42.45	42.21		
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)		38.41	38.96	38.83		

**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	604,818	47.8%	16,506	50.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	607,715	46.5%	17,257	50.2%
LAST YEAR	593,114	45.0%	16,972	51.0%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salt yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment remains firm for whole egg and yolk with whites steady. Demand was good to mostly very good for whole egg and yolk with white demand fairly good to good. Offerings were tight to inadequate for whole egg and yolk with whites adequate to available as breakers continue to separate for liquid yolk needs. Available whites were easily absorbed throughout the nation. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 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	68-69	68.07	.72
WHITES	33	48-55	50.88	-1.16
YOLKS	3	89.5-90	89.83	-.34

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Prices ranged unchanged for whole egg with whites and sugared yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg and whites with frozen yolk products firm. Offerings were adequate for whites and tight to in very close balance for the balance of frozen products. Demand was in a full range of light to good with demand for yolk products usually reported as strongest. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	83-89	83-86
WHITES	72-74	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-109	105-107
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102-105

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and whites, unchanged to higher on sugar yolks, and higher on salt yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to good. Supplies were reported as in close balance to about adequate for trade requirements. Undertone was steady to fully steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Sep-2007 were 10% lower than the previous week, and 6% less than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	82-89	83-86	89-93
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	68-76	72-74	75-89
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-109	103-106	110-115
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	98-105	101-105	105-112

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg and yolk and steady for whites. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand moderate to fairly good.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	89-93	
WHITES	77-80	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	109-112	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	105-108	

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were irregular on albumen, unchanged to higher on whole, and higher on yolks and blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Supplies were short to about adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady to occasionally firm. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Sep-2007 were 5% more than the previous week, but 13% lower than a year ago. The total production year to date, of dried eggs processed was 14% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.97-3.15	MOSTLY	3.00-3.05
YOLKS	2.33-2.50	MOSTLY	2.35-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.04-5.22	MOSTLY	5.05-5.10
BLENDS ((Whole plus sweetener))	2.10-2.30	MOSTLY	2.12-2.25

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 31, 2007-SEP 06, 2007

**CURRENT LOADS 80.00 FUTURE LOADS 88.75 TOTAL LOADS 168.75**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	99.00	108.00	100.25	102.29	102.60	102.00	54.00	GNR W 1	--	109.89	--	--	--	107.00	34.00
GNR W 4	--	77.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W J	--	111.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 2	--	--	--	--	--	103.00	1.00	GL W XL	105.00	111.00	--	--	--	119.69	11.75
GL W J	108.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	110.40	--	119.00	--	111.29	22.00
GL W XL	116.50	--	117.87	114.81	105.79	--	30.75	GL W MD	70.00	76.00	--	80.00	--	78.67	7.50
GL W LG	--	115.00	115.13	110.90	100.29	--	31.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	58.50	1.00
GL W MD	79.00	--	68.75	73.00	68.85	75.50	19.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL W SM	--	--	57.80	59.90	56.17	59.50	8.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50	NRBS - 39	--	82.00	--	81.75	--	81.00	7.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	83.00	33.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	69.25	72.00	70.71	--	9.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	48.00	49.00	--	--	1.00								

\*WTD AVG 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.

<b>LIGHT TYPE HENS</b>		
CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)		
	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	6-8
<b>EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS</b> Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.		
	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS</b> Salvage values were too few to report. Demand was limited for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.		
	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
<b>NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS</b> Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.		
	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-6

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy cannery were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. The undertone was generally steady. Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23-30 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
24-32 MAJORITY 29-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**  
W/E 01-September-07 (PRELIMINARY)

	<b>U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically</b>		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,034	1,563	2,597
Last Week	1,555	1,622	3,177
Same week yr ago	931	1,557	2,488
To-date/2007	39,056	50,877	89,933
To-date/2006	38,718	52,005	90,723
	<b>U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada</b>		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	186	0	186
Last Week	305	0	305
Same week yr ago	50	0	50
To-date/2007	8,865	23	8,888
To-date/2006	5,785	26	5,811
Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section			
	<b>Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada</b>		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,220	1,563	2,783
Last Week	1,860	1,622	3,482
Same week yr ago	981	1,557	2,538
To-date/2007	47,921	50,900	98,821
To-date/2006	44,503	52,031	96,534
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch			

**COMBINED REGIONAL** September 07, 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	125.50	124.00	86.50
HSOUTHEAST	124.50	122.50	85.00
HMIDWEST	118.50	116.50	83.50
HSOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	124.50	88.50
HCOMBINED REGIONAL	125.61	121.96	86.00

HComputed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**  
**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 25, 2007	Year-To-Date			
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	94	254	2,711	6,617
Frozen	0	0	25	172
Dried	0	0	447	399
Total	94	254	3,183	7,188

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

Week Ending August 25, 2007	Year-To-Date			
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	432	58	11,239	2,322
Frozen	0	0	263	754
Dried	0	0	659	66
Total	432	58	12,161	3,142

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending August 25, 2007	Year-To-Date			
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Extra Large	1,290	1,350	30,559	55,971
Large	1,340	3,400	53,156	111,221
Medium	1,170	1,380	35,933	61,812
Ungraded	3,990	5,088	57,272	84,812
Misc	780	928	7,105	6,195
Total	8,570	12,146	184,025	320,161

/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

**EGG PRODUCTS**

**Shell Eggs Broken Down 3 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 166 million dozen during July 2007, down 3 percent from July a year ago, and 3 percent below the 171 million broken last month.

July 2007 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. July 2006 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2007 through July, shell eggs broken totaled 1.15 billion dozen, down 3 percent from the comparable period in 2006. To date, cumulative total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2007 was 1.50 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2006.

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

W/E 01-SEP-2007	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.4	5	0
East North Central	624.5	-3	-2
West North Central	280.6	0	-3
South Atlantic	171.2	2	-11
South Central	52.7	-7	-6
West	179.0	-1	-8
Total	1490.4	-1	-4
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**

W/E 01-SEP-2007

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% Change	
	(Cases In Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	29.6	26.7	11	3
Boston	3.1	3.0	3	0
Chicago	55.8	63.7	-12	-26
Detroit	10.2	10.4	-2	-1
Los Angeles	80.3	108.5	-26	-25
New Orleans	5.6	5.7	-2	4
New York	28.2	26.0	8	1
St. Louis	13.4	10.0	34	-11
San Francisco	14.0	13.6	3	-23
Total	240.2	267.6	-10	-17
4 Week Moving Avg.	244.8			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands) Processed other Poultry
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	
	Lbs	Lbs	
AM 09/04/07	3,249	113,808	80,111
AM 08/01/07	3,152	107,664	81,493
CHG	97	6144	-1382
PCT CHG	3%	6%	-2%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of Jul 31, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on Sep 01, 2007 are:

<b>Frozen Eggs</b>	18	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
<b>Processed Turkeys</b>	531	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
<b>Processed Other Poultry</b>	635	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Sep 04, 2007

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	172	167	121	90
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	164-169	159-163	114-118	83-87
MOSTLY	166-167	161-162	116-117	85-86
RHODE ISLAND	172-175	167-170	121-124	90-94
MOSTLY	172	167	121	90
VERMONT	172	167	120-121	-
MOSTLY	-	-	120	-