



# USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

MONDAY  
OCTOBER 15, 2007  
VOL. 54 NO. 83

ISSN 1520-6122

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News & Analysis Branch

## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were about sufficient to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully sufficient for a moderate demand.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse		IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100	LARGE	75-84 79
LARGE	93-102	95-98	MEDIUM	66-71 70
MEDIUM	82-91	84-87	SMALL	48-54

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	88-96	89-91

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MN, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, eastern NY & western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices declined on extra large and large, however mediums were unchanged when compared to values last week. Trade sentiment was steady on mediums, steady with caution noted on larger sizes. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal to heavy schedules. Light hens were adequate to fully adequate for an at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-118	104-108
LARGE	97-111	102-106
MEDIUM	84-97	89-91

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101.5-118.25	103-106
LARGE	100-112.25	101-104
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

Southeast Area: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to usually moderate. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
MEIDIUM	88.5-97	90-93

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium sized eggs when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was mixed, although ranging mostly light to moderate. Supplies were about adequate to available for buyer needs.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade A, and grade A white eggs in cartons, delivered store, cents per dozen

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	96-100

**WESTERN** Prices were 5 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, and large, with mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances barely steady. The Pacific inventory was 5% lower than last Monday, with California down 8% and OR-WA-UT declining 2%. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand reported as seasonally normal to fairly good.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 5 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, and large with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was 5% lower than last Monday, with California down 8% and OR-WA-UT declining 2%. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand reported as seasonally normal to instances fairly good. Small benchmark price \$1.07.

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	158
EXTRA LARGE	147
LARGE	137
MEDIIUM	127

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 19, 2007 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 12, 2007 were 201,596 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	151,187	50,409	201,596
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-16	-2

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were reported as adequate to mostly fully adequate while demand was moderate. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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	75-81	75-78
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-71	63-66

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Trading levels were mixed, but generally lower than the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were spotty but showing seasonal improvement. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.5		8.87

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally no better than fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-OCT-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12		9.28
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**

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/ (30 Dozen cases-in thousands)

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	21.8	8.3	10.7	61.0
	Change	-1.8	1.0	0.8	-2.2	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.5	99.5	14.5	24.3	200.5
	Change	-0.9	30.8	-1.0	-3.1	13%
Large	Curr Wk	51.0	132.6	70.7	106.2	484.5
	Change	2.5	-0.2	-0.7	2.7	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.5	35.2	16.6	19.1	110.5
	Change	-0.7	-3.4	-0.6	-1.6	-7%
Smal	ICurr Wk	4.0	8.7	1.4	4.2	23.0
	Change	0.9	-0.6	0.8	-3.3	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.9	20.2	7.6	10.7	46.6
	Change	-0.8	-0.6	1.0	-2.1	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.3	51.0	18.8	14.4	123.7
	Change	0.0	0.7	-1.2	-6.5	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	124.4	369.0	137.9	189.6	1049.8
Percent	Change	-1%	8%	-1%	-8%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Number of Cooperators</b>

Shell Egg	1,049.8	0%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.8	7%	33
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,307.6</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>187</b>

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 OCTOBER 1, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.04	2.02	1.82	1.24
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.60	1.60	1.44	.84

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2007**

CURRENT LOADS								52.25	FUTURE LOADS								32.50	TOTAL LOADS								84.75
SE				NE				MW				SE				NE				MW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	79.50	--	80.50	82.00	--	--	5.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	119.00	120.00	--	--	1.00									
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	105.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50									
GL W J	--	--	--	--	98.00	--	1.50	GL W XL	--	96.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.75									
GL W XL	--	--	89.00	90.50	84.36	--	4.75	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00									
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	81.63	--	11.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	1.50	NRBS - 48	78.00	82.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00									
GL W SM	--	--	52.50	54.00	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	79.00	82.00	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	78.79	81.00	--	81.00	80.00	--	40.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	11.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 8, 2007-OCT 12, 2007**

CURRENT LOADS								118.00	FUTURE LOADS								88.00	TOTAL LOADS								206.00
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	81.25	--	81.38	83.25	--	--	16.00	GNR W 1	--	85.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00									
GNR W 3	--	--	--	72.00	67.25	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	117.00	--	--	119.00	120.00	--	--	3.00									
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	99.00	--	--	--	--	108.86	--	--	5.50									
GL W J	--	--	95.50	97.00	94.60	--	4.50	GL W XL	81.00	94.25	--	--	--	91.94	--	--	14.75									
GL W XL	--	86.50	88.63	90.06	83.89	--	39.75	GL W LG	--	87.00	--	--	--	91.45	--	--	18.50									
GL W LG	--	81.67	78.67	80.33	83.19	--	38.50	GL W MD	73.00	79.13	78.50	--	--	84.32	--	--	12.25									
GL W MD	83.00	--	71.33	76.00	73.69	76.75	16.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	55.00	59.00	--	--	1.00									
GL W SM	--	--	52.50	54.00	--	--	3.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50									
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.50	GL BR LG	--	117.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50									
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	151.00	--	2.50	NRBS - 48	78.00	82.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00									
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	80.00	79.00	82.00	5.00																			
NRBS - 48	79.14	81.00	--	78.50	76.89	78.79	97.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	76.00	--	75.00	18.00																			

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**

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	10/08/07	10/01/07	10/09/06
PACIFIC COAST	08	08	49
LOS ANGELES	0	0	48

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS OCT 15, 2007**

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MOSTLY
	CENTS/CARTON		
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 all small sizes, lower on extra large and large. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is mixed.

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	126.14
LARGE	121.49
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	88.00

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS AND ANALYSIS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Michael Sheats
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)359-1175	(Southern States Area Supervisor)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Nettie Andry
	Fax	(562)432-8295	
	Recorded	(213)534-1335	