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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, prices were higher on mediums but unchanged on the balance of sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady, at times firm in spot locations. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and sufficient to instances tight for lighter weights. Light type fowl were usually adequate 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** Prices were 2 cents higher for mediums delivered to warehouse and store door and unchanged to producers. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and balanced to tight for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time, instances reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	84-93	86-89

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	90-98	91-93

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-84	79
MEDIUM	68-73	72
SMALL	50-56	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on extra large and large, but slightly higher on mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were less available but still adequate for a moderate to good demand. Light type hens were mostly adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-118	104-108
LARGE	97-111	102-106
MEDIUM	86-99	91-93

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were slightly higher on mediums, but generally unchanged on larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the fair to good demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101.5-110.25	103-106
LARGE	100-107	101-104
MEDIUM	87.5-95	88-92

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on extra large and large, up 1 cent on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to fairly good and reported as improving. Supplies adequate to closely balanced for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Schedules full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
MEIDIUM	89.5-98	91-94

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The undertone was generally in a range of steady to fully steady with increased confidence noted. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for immediate trade 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	98-102

**WESTERN** Prices were 1 to 2 cents higher for the larger sizes with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory was 5% lower than last Monday, with California declining 1% and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Offerings were adequate with demand usually moderate to instances fairly good.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory was 5% lower than last Monday, with California declining 1% and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Offerings were reported as adequate with demand mostly moderate. 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	160
EXTRA LARGE	149
LARGE	139
MEDIIUM	127

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 26, 2007 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 19, 2007 were 201,234 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	146,928	54,306	201,234
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+8	-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 tight to barely adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment fully 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	77-81	77-79
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 LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were mixed compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-OCTOBER-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25 CENTS/LB.		8.98
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally fair for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-OCTOBER -07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.		9.12
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-OCT 22, 2007**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	Cent	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	19.9	9.8	12.2	13.7	62.8	
	Change	0.0	-1.9	1.5	1.5	0.7	3%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.9	44.0	14.1	24.5	36.5	146.0	
	Change	-1.6	-55.5	-0.4	0.2	2.8	-27%	
Large	Curr Wk	33.5	133.5	93.3	97.1	110.2	467.6	
	Change	-17.5	0.9	22.6	-9.1	-13.8	-3%	
Medium	Curr Wk	7.5	32.4	16.1	19.3	29.5	104.8	
	Change	-3.0	-2.8	-0.5	0.2	0.4	-5%	
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	7.3	0.5	5.2	2.8	19.4	
	Change	-0.4	-1.4	-0.9	1.0	-1.9	-16%	
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	19.1	7.2	12.7	7.4	49.3	
	Change	1.0	-1.1	-0.4	2.0	1.2	6%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	66.4	18.3	19.4	18.1	138.3	
	Change	-5.2	15.4	-0.5	5.0	-0.1	12%	
Total	Curr Wk	97.7	322.6	159.3	190.4	218.2	988.2	
Percent	Change	-21%	-13%	16%	0%	-5%	-6%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	988.2	-6%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	229.7	-11%	33
Total Shell Egg	1217.9	-7%	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 OCT 08, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.04	2.02	1.82	1.24
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCT 08, 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 19, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								25.00	FUTURE LOADS								16.75	TOTAL LOADS								41.75
		SE		NE		MW					SE		NE		MW					SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	79.50	--	81.50	82.50	--	--	8.00		GL W J	111.00	--	--	--	--	--	113.00	3.00	GL W J	111.00	--	--	--	--	--	113.00	3.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	62.00	1.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	104.15	1.25		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	104.15	1.25	
GL W J	--	--	96.50	98.00	95.75	--	2.00		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	105.22	2.25		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	105.22	2.25	
GL W XL	--	--	88.50	96.00	91.05	92.00	9.50		GL W MD	82.00	--	--	--	--	87.78	2.25		GL W MD	82.00	--	--	--	--	87.78	2.25	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	90.46	--	6.25		GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	121.00	0.25		GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	121.00	0.25	
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	72.60	--	6.75		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	120.00	1.00		GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	120.00	1.00	
GL W SM	60.00	63.00	--	--	--	--	1.00																			
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	.25																			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	107.00	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 15, 2007-OCT 19, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								104.00	FUTURE LOADS								53.00	TOTAL LOADS								157.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW					SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	79.50	--	80.50	82.14	84.00	76.00	21.00		GNR W 1	--	88.20	--	--	--	--	5.00		GNR W 1	--	88.20	--	--	--	--	--	5.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	62.00	1.00		GNR BR 1	--	116.00	--	--	124.75	126.00	6.00		GNR BR 1	--	116.00	--	--	124.75	126.00	6.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00		GL W J	105.33	--	--	--	--	111.38	10.00		GL W J	105.33	--	--	--	--	--	111.38	10.00
GL W J	93.00	--	96.00	97.50	96.05	--	8.00		GL W XL	90.00	98.33	--	98.75	--	102.58	6.25		GL W XL	90.00	98.33	--	98.75	--	102.58	6.25	
GL W XL	--	92.75	88.13	91.08	87.68	92.00	48.75		GL W LG	88.00	100.00	--	97.00	--	99.59	20.25		GL W LG	88.00	100.00	--	97.00	--	99.59	20.25	
GL W LG	--	92.75	77.00	78.59	88.17	91.60	42.00		GL W MD	79.42	--	80.00	--	86.46	11.50		GL W MD	79.42	--	80.00	--	--	--	86.46	11.50	
GL W MD	84.00	82.50	--	--	73.62	147.00	18.75		GL W SM	53.00	--	--	--	58.00	1.00		GL W SM	53.00	--	--	--	--	--	58.00	1.00	
GL W SM	59.50	62.50	59.83	62.83	55.50	55.50	7.00		GL BR XL	--	117.00	--	--	--	121.00	0.75		GL BR XL	--	117.00	--	--	--	--	121.00	0.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	0.75		GL BR LG	--	117.00	--	--	--	120.00	1.75		GL BR LG	--	117.00	--	--	--	--	120.00	1.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	121.67	--	2.75		NRBS - 48	81.00	82.00	--	--	--	8.00		NRBS - 48	81.00	82.00	--	--	--	--	8.00		
NRBS - 50	--	--	78.00	79.00	--	--	4.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	78.00	80.20	78.43	78.00	47.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	76.00	77.50	6.00																			

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)		
	10/15/07	10/08/07	10/16/06
PACIFIC COAST	06	08	05
LOS ANGELES	0	0	04

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** OCT 22, 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 higher on medium, steady on the balance.

Supplies are adequate to available. 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	123.89
LARGE	118.34
MEDIUM	105.86
SMALL	90.00

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