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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices increased 2 cents on all sizes when compared to a day earlier. Trade sentiment was firm as producers get ready for the seasonal holiday markets. Demand was good on extra large and smalls, and irregular but mostly moderate on large. Supplies were usually sufficient for the current retail demand. Although, most packers were holding floor stocks with increased confidence as they get ready for the anticipated holiday movement. Promotional activity on regular shell eggs is higher than last week, but sharply lower than last year. This week reported weighted feature price on large is lower than the previous weeks activity. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short for the moderate to very good demand. Many breakers were working from regular commitments and their own production. Light type hens were adequate for the 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 higher for all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending sharply higher for next week. The trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the good to very good demand. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-104	98-101
LARGE	94-103	96-99
MEDIUM	85-94	87-90

IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE		89-97	93
MEDIUM		82-86	84
SMALL		54-60	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. However, asking prices for next week deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly firm going into the weekend. Retail demand was fair to moderate, with the best interest noted on extra large. Supplies were adequate, but held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were often light for a moderate to good demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for a moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-119	105-109
LARGE	98-112	103-107
MEDIUM	87-100	92-94

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the good to very good demand. Floor stocks were tight. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
LARGE	101.5-110	103-106
MEDIUM	90.5-99	92-95

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was firm entering the weekend. Demand was usually reported as good on extra large, but only moderate for large. Supplies were about adequate to adequate, but confidently held where available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102.5-110	104-107
LARGE	101-108	102-105
MEDIUM	88.25-96	89-93

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 advanced 2 cents on extra large, large and mediums when compared Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was fair. Supplies, although held with confidence, were generally adequate for present buyer and seller needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	126-130
LARGE	124-128
MEDIUM	113-117

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-110	103-105
LARGE	100-108	101-103
MEDIUM	91-99	92-94

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher for jumbo and 13 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand ranged from slow to good, mostly moderate to fairly good with offerings balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo and 13 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was in a full range of slow to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.09. Prices to retailers were unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher for extra large and 2 cents higher on the balance.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketers 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	150
LARGE	141
MEDIUM	129

## 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	144-158
EXTRA LARGE	133-138
LARGE	128-131
MEDIUM	116-119

**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** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was good to very good while many breakers worked from regular commitments and company owned production exclusively as offerings continued tight to inadequate. Floor stocks tight. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	85-90	85-87
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-78	70-73
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 two cents higher when compared to early week trading. The undertone was fully steady to firm. Demand was good to moderate for about adequate but usually limited offerings. Floor stocks were barely adequate for less than normal to normal processing schedules. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January through the week ending 27-Oct-2007 were 2% less than a year ago. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 27-Oct-2007 were 5% less than the previous week, but 2% more than a year earlier.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	82-86	83-85
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	69-76	70-73
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 27-Oct-2007	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,309,681	34,119	11,166	6,025	3,293	4,368
PW	1,349,860	35,232	11,428	6,100	2,516	4,376
LY	1,260,190	33,807	9,897	5,301	1,877	4,117
% PW	-3%	-3%	-2%	-1%	31%	0
% LY	4%	1%	13%	14%	75%	6%
2007	54,891,196	1,367,599	502,048	268,785	108,089	186,620
2006	55,749,659	1,374,946	517,475	273,612	120,393	187,581
% YTD	-2%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-10%	-1%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.51	42.33	42.15
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				39.18	39.09	38.89

**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	639,724	48.8%	18,001	52.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	643,494	47.7%	17,121	48.6%
LAST YEAR	600,692	47.7%	17,776	52.6%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and yolk while whites remain steady. Demand was very good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good for whites. Offerings were inadequate for whole egg and yolk and adequate for whites. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last 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	24	74.5-92	82.48	8.76
WHITES	20	48-53.5	51.45	.55
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole egg prices ranged 2 to 7 cents higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged 5 cents higher with salted yolk unchanged to 5 cents higher. Trade sentiment continued firm for whole egg and sugared yolk, steady for whites and steady to fully steady for salted yolk. Demand was good for all products with whole egg receiving the most interest followed closely by sugared yolk. Offerings were tight for all products with the exception of whites which were reported as adequate. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	90-99	92-95
WHITES	72-76	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	114-120	116-119
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	109-115	109-112

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whites, with mostly values usually 2 to 3 cents higher on the balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Supplies were irregular but usually in close balance to barely adequate for trade needs. Undertone was fully steady to firm. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Oct-2007 were 2% less than the previous week, but 4% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	85-99	89-92	95-100
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	71-76	72-76	75-84
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	110-120	112-117	118-123
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	107-115	107-110	112-120

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** Frozen whole egg prices were 2 cents higher with whites unchanged. Sugared and salted yolk prices were 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was firm for frozen whole egg and yolk products with whites steady. Offerings were balanced to tight with demand fairly good to good.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	96-100	
WHITES	77-80	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	117-120	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	112-115	

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on albumen, but balance of items were mostly all higher when compared to a week earlier. New trading was limited, but improved. Demand was usually fair, although the best interest remains on LTL. Overall, movement remains fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to barely adequate for current trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Oct-2007 were 31% more than the previous week, and 75% more than a year ago. The total production year to date, of dried eggs processed was 10% less than last year.

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

WHOLE	3.45-3.71	MOSTLY 3.55-3.65
YOLKS	2.55-2.75	MOSTLY 2.60-2.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.03-5.30	MOSTLY 5.05-5.15
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	2.45-2.56	MOSTLY 2.45-2.50

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 26, 2007-NOV 01, 2007

CURRENT LOADS 97.75

FUTURE LOADS 80.00

TOTAL LOADS 177.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	86.83	93.00	90.50	90.00	--	88.17	60.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	100.00	101.50	100.30	--	7.00
GL W XL	--	95.31	102.90	106.45	102.79	104.00	27.50
GL W LG	--	98.64	104.00	101.83	102.97	105.43	42.00
GL W MD	83.57	--	83.17	84.50	79.55	90.00	18.25
GL W SM	64.00	--	61.83	64.71	--	--	7.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	124.00	--	--	128.00	--	2.25
GL BR MD	--	--	--	91.00	84.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	84.25	85.17	53.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	92.33	--	102.58	--	--	21.00
GNR BR 1	--	116.00	--	--	125.00	126.00	2.00
GL W J	102.00	--	--	--	109.00	114.78	9.00
GL W XL	108.50	--	--	112.00	--	115.80	9.25
GL W LG	112.00	--	--	109.75	--	113.76	18.25
GL W MD	--	93.50	--	--	--	94.71	12.00
GL BR XL	--	--	118.00	--	--	124.00	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	118.00	--	--	124.00	.75

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.

**LIVE 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** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	3-12	5-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was fair for adequate offerings of spent leghorn fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices were slightly lower. Offerings were barely adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment about steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	0-9	0-4.5

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

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	107.00	105.00	93.00
SOUTHEAST	105.50	103.50	91.00
MIDWEST	99.50	97.50	88.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	109.50	104.50	93.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	105.55	102.67	91.58

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were at least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was seasonally fair. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-30 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-32.5 MAJORITY 29-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 27-OCT-07**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

THOUSANDS

Head	1,050	1,608	2,658
Last Week	1,187	1,602	2,789
Same week yr ago	991	1,604	2,595
To-date/2007	47,424	63,058	110,482
To-date/2006	46,810	64,020	110,830

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

THOUSANDS

Head	224	0	224
Last Week	246	0	246
Same week yr ago	156	5	161
To-date/2007	11,068	36	11,104
To-date/2006	6,571	46	6,617

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS

Head	1,274	1,608	2,882
Last Week	1,433	1,602	3,035
Same week yr ago	1,147	1,609	2,756
To-date/2007	58,492	63,094	121,586
To-date/2006	53,381	64,066	117,447

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch Washington, DC

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

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

Week Ending October 20, 2007		Year-To-Date		
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	155	506	3,074	9,528
Frozen	2	0	71	172
Dried	48	0	617	580
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>10,280</b>

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

Week Ending October 20, 2007		Year-To-Date		
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	371	184	13,136	3,305
Frozen	3	4	279	891
Dried	40	0	817	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>14,232</b>	<b>4,262</b>

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending October 20, 2007		Year-To-Date		
	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Ex Large	2,010	2,730	46,879	74,571
Large	2,480	2,720	73,795	143,604
Medium	3,120	1,590	51,614	72,882
Ungraded	17,710	18,780	122,274	186,818
Misc	0	0	7,849	6,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,320</b>	<b>25,820</b>	<b>302,411</b>	<b>485,000</b>

/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

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

W/E 27-OCT-2007	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	173.3	-3	0
East North Central	626.5	0	1
West North Central	280.9	1	-2
South Atlantic	184.8	2	-3
South Central	55.6	2	-5
West	187.0	-3	-6
Total	1508.1	0	-1
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 27-OCT-2007	Selected Consuming Centers(Cases in Thousands)		% CHANGE	
	CW	LW	LW	LY
Atlanta	26.5	27.1	-2	-7
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	0
Chicago	52.6	50.7	4	-22
Detroit	10.4	10.3	1	4
Los Angeles	119.0	102.3	16	27
New Orleans	5.4	4.8	13	-11
New York	26.1	26.2	0	-5
St. Louis	16.1	13.0	24	8
San Francisco	13.6	13.7	-1	-23
Total	272.8	251.2	9	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	261.0			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)	
	Frozen	Processed	Processed	
	Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry	
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 10/29/07	3,217	78,741		82,253
AM 10/01/07	3,226	107,745		66,944
CHG	-9	-29004		15309
PCT CHG	0%	-27%		23%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Oct 30, 2007

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	155	151	124	93
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	149-153	145-149	119-123	86-90
MOSTLY	151-152	147-148	121-122	83-89
RHODE ISLAND	154-158	150-154	123-127	92-96
MOSTLY	154	150	123	92
VERMONT	155	151	120-124	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-