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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on larger sizes and mostly steady on lighter weights. Demand was light to moderate, instances good in areas where inclement weather was a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample on the heavier weights while mediums were sufficient to tight. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hens were sufficient for the 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 2 cents higher for medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady with a barely steady undertone for the larger sizes and steady for the lighter weight eggs. Retail demand was light to moderate. Loose egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and balanced to tight for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the moderate to good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150
LARGE	143-152	145-148
MEDIUM	130-139	132-135

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-159	152-154
LARGE	149-157	150-152
MEDIUM	136-144	137-139

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	125-134	129
MEDIUM	114-118	116
SMALL	63-69	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were 2 cents higher on mediums, but unchanged on larger sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady on heavier weight eggs, mostly steady on mediums. Retail and distributive demand was reported as good in areas where wintry weather was a factor, however mostly light in unaffected areas. Supplies were reported as sufficient to closely balanced for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate for mostly normal to reduced processing schedules. Light type hens offerings were no better than adequate for an at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	132-145	137-139

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on mediums and generally unchanged on the heavier eggs. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available on the heavy weights and close to at times tight on mediums. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate for the fairly good demand. Spent hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-162	156-159
LARGE	153-160	154-157
MEDIUM	134-142	135-139

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were 2 cents higher for medium and unchanged for extra large and large. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to ample for the larger sizes and balanced to instances tight for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for the moderate to good demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEIDIUM	134.5-143	136-139

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

**NEW YORK** Extra large, large, and medium prices were unchanged when compared to values last Friday. Trade sentiment was about steady on heavier weights; steady to at times fully steady on mediums. Demand was fair to good, better where inclement weather was a factor. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced 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	159-163
LARGE	157-161
MEDIUM	144-148

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday with California up 16% and OR-WA-UT increasing 6%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to instances fairly good.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California up 16% and OR-WA-UT up 6%. Offerings were adequate with demand reported as mostly moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.53.

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	193
EXTRA LARGE	196
LARGE	190
MEDIIUM	173

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 07, 2007 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 30, 2007 were 195,298 cases which was 22 percent below the prior week and 18 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	146,267	49,031	195,298

% change from the prior week..... -32 +29 -22  
 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. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good with offerings tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

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	101-108	103-105
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	85-92	85-87
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 compared to the past week. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were seasonally active in shipping channels. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-DECEMBER-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.17
*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 to moderate for the at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. 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 03-DECEMBER -07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25 CENTS/LB.		9.41
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-DEC 03, 2007**  
 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Ne	Cent	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	21.3	6.8	10.6	12.9	60.0	
	Change	0.2	2.9	0.4	1.1	1.8	12%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.0	50.1	13.7	24.6	40.3	152.7	
	Change	3.1	17.8	1.3	3.4	6.8	27%	
Large	Curr Wk	43.3	127.9	99.2	120.3	129.3	520.0	
	Change	11.3	16.7	26.5	36.2	14.8	25%	
Medium	Curr Wk	10.5	41.1	17.9	19.4	34.4	123.3	
	Change	-1.4	5.7	0.1	1.4	2.0	7%	
Small	Curr Wk	2.5	4.2	0.8	2.3	6.0	15.8	
	Change	0.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-1%	
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	20.0	10.4	9.8	9.7	51.5	
	Change	-1.3	-2.1	-0.6	-4.3	0.7	-13%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.6	45.9	24.8	15.9	27.7	132.9	
	Change	1.9	-3.2	0.9	0.8	0.8	1%	
Total	Curr Wk	108.9	310.5	173.6	202.9	260.3	1056.2	
	Change	15%	14%	20%	23%	11%	16%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1056.2	16%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.6	7%	33
Total Shell Egg	1260.8	14%	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 NOV 19, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.09	2.06	1.87	1.24

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOV 19, 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								25.00	FUTURE LOADS								18.25	TOTAL LOADS								43.25
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	127.50	--	131.00	131.00	--	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	140.00	145.00	2.00										
GL W XL	--	138.00	135.50	138.67	131.88	--	12.00	GL W XL	135.00	143.00	--	--	--	--	145.50	6.00										
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	130.07	--	12.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	143.07	7.00										
GL W MD	--	--	126.75	130.00	--	--	5.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	139.00	2.00										
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	81.00	85.00	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 26, 2007-NOV 30, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								89.75	FUTURE LOADS								56.50	TOTAL LOADS								146.25
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	128.90	142.43	130.70	132.54	--	--	34.00	GNR W 1	--	139.40	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00									
GNR BR 1	--	141.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	138.00	138.99	7.25										
GL W J	--	--	--	--	120.94	--	4.25	GL W XL	134.30	141.25	--	--	--	--	144.49	10.50										
GL W XL	129.25	133.86	138.80	142.00	131.24	--	29.25	GL W LG	127.50	143.50	--	142.00	--	--	139.73	20.75										
GL W LG	--	143.77	136.50	138.21	126.41	142.67	47.75	GL W MD	--	134.54	--	--	--	--	136.60	17.00										
GL W MD	126.00	131.00	126.00	126.95	104.00	106.00	30.25	GL BR XL	--	--	138.75	--	--	--	145.40	1.25										
GL W SM	--	--	77.75	80.17	78.00	83.50	4.25	GL BR LG	--	147.67	--	--	--	--	146.00	2.25										
GL BR XL	--	158.67	147.50	--	--	--	1.50	NRBS - 50	109.00	110.00	--	--	--	--	--	3.00										
GL BR LG	--	158.00	147.50	--	--	--	3.75	NRBS - 48	102.00	105.00	--	--	--	--	--	4.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	106.33	103.87	22.00																			

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)		
	11/26/07	11/19/07	11/27/06
PACIFIC COAST	05	05	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS DEC 03, 2007**

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)	
	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 higher on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. 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	172.22
LARGE	170.67
MEDIUM	152.86
SMALL	103.00

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