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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was mostly steady to instances fully steady beginning the week. Retail demand continued moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to close, at times tight for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight for a good demand. Light type fowl were adequate to barely 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the mostly good demand. Floor stocks tight balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	144-153	147-150
LARGE	143-152	145-148
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-159	152-154
LARGE	149-157	150-152
MEDIUM	141-149	142-144

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	125-134	129
MEDIUM	119-123	121
SMALL	69-75	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to values last week. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to instances good. Supplies about adequate to adequate for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for irregular processing schedules. Light type hens were barely sufficient to sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151-167	153-156
LARGE	145-159	150-154
MEDIUM	137-150	142-144

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a good demand. Spent hen supplies were sufficient to barely adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-162	156-159
LARGE	153-160	154-157
MEDIUM	138.25-147	140-144

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand moderate to very good. Food service movement light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight for the mostly good demand. Floor stocks were tight to balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEDIUM	141.5-150	150-153

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

NEW YORK Prices were the same on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were closely balanced on mediums, sufficient on larger sizes.

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	149-153

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was down 8% from last Monday, with California declining 7% and OR-WA-UT down 9%. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand usually fairly good. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 8% from last Monday, with California down 7% and OR-WA-UT down 9%. Offerings were adequate to available while demand was reported as fairly good. Supplies in close balance to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.59.

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
MEDIUM	179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 21, 2007 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 14, 2007 were 228,922 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	190,869	38,053	228,922
% change from the prior week.....	+2	-21	-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

All prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly good with offerings tight. Floor stocks tight to balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment 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	111-115	111-113
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-101	93-95

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 generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced to normal. Finished sales were fair as shipping channels were narrowing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.5		9.37

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the at adequate to least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product was fair to mostly moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-DEC-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.25		9.42
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	8.5	17.9	8.0	7.5	11.7
	Change	-0.9	-2.9	-0.9	-3.3	-0.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	30.9	14.7	26.5	34.2
	Change	-1.6	-10.9	-2.8	-1.7	-9.1
Large	Curr Wk	33.9	105.5	79.4	116.0	113.7
	Change	-9.7	-32.0	-39.9	-23.3	-10.0
Medium	Curr Wk	11.0	40.1	17.7	21.9	36.2
	Change	2.0	1.6	0.5	5.6	-2.2
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	3.6	1.0	1.5	3.3
	Change	1.8	-1.2	-0.2	-0.8	0.3
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	25.2	8.0	8.4	8.9
	Change	0.0	2.5	-0.5	-1.9	0.7
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.3	37.7	21.6	9.5	30.4
	Change	-2.9	-3.0	-1.7	-4.3	1.3
Total	Curr Wk	95.0	260.9	150.4	191.3	238.4
Percent	Change	-11%	-15%	-23%	-13%	-8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	936.0	-14%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	170.2	-16%	33
Total Shell Egg	1,106.2	-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: WHOLESAL E PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 03, 2007

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.09	2.06	1.87	1.24

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 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 DECEMBER 14, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								14.75	FUTURE LOADS								15.00	TOTAL LOADS								29.75
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS											
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00		GNR W 2	--	134.00	--	--	--	--	4.00										
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00		GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	133.00	--	1.00		GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	146.00	2.00										
GL W J	--	--	146.50	148.00	130.00	--	3.00		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	147.00	1.00										
GL W XL	--	--	140.00	142.50	134.25	--	5.00		GL W MD	--	133.50	--	--	--	139.00	3.75										
GL W MD	--	--	131.50	133.00	127.73	--	4.75		GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	146.00	.25										
GL W SM	--	--	85.50	87.00	--	--	1.00		GL BR LG	--	154.50	--	--	--	--	.75										
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	130.00	--	.25																			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	148.00	--	.75																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 10, 2007-DEC 14, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								58.50	FUTURE LOADS								47.75	TOTAL LOADS								106.25
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS											
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	128.50	--	129.42	131.00	--	132.50	34.00		GNR W 1	--	137.00	--	--	--	--	3.00										
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00		GNR W 2	--	134.00	--	--	--	--	4.00										
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	166.75	144.00	--	3.00		GNR BR 1	--	159.00	--	--	--	--	2.00										
GL W J	--	--	146.50	148.00	131.00	--	4.00		GL W J	133.50	142.00	--	--	--	147.33	5.00										
GL W XL	137.00	143.00	140.63	142.21	134.89	--	16.75		GL W LG	--	145.29	--	--	--	149.00	9.50										
GL W LG	--	149.00	139.00	139.11	136.00	141.00	20.75		GL W MD	--	136.77	--	--	--	140.30	12.25										
GL W MD	130.00	130.00	131.13	135.00	128.34	130.44	20.75		GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	147.50	.50										
GL W SM	--	--	86.50	87.67	--	--	3.00		GL BR LG	--	154.50	--	--	--	--	.75										
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	131.50	--	.50																			
GL BR XL	--	171.00	--	--	--	--	.50																			
GL BR LG	--	173.29	--	--	148.00	--	3.00																			
NRBS - 50	--	--	112.00	--	--	--	.50																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	111.00	112.79	17.00																			
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	104.00	2.00																				

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)		
	12/10/07	12/03/07	12/11/06
PACIFIC COAST	04	04	0
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS DEC 17, 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 sizes. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is good.

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	172.67
LARGE	170.67
MEDIUM	157.86
SMALL	109.00

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