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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to a day earlier. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was fair to good. However, promotional activity was limited and lower on both regular and specialty eggs with the average price sharply lower when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were usually adequate, but reported as in close balance. Breaking stock demand was light to moderately good with offerings in balance to adequate for holiday schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was moderate to good with reorders noted as fairly good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules reduced to full time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-154	148-151
LARGE	144-153	146-149
MEDIUM	135-144	137-140

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152-160	153-155
LARGE	150-158	151-153
MEDIUM	141-149	142-144

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	126-135	130
MEDIUM	119-123	121
SMALL	71-77	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand fair to good. Supplies of all sizes in close balance to adequate with brown eggs tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
LARGE	152.5-161	154-157
MEDIUM	142.5-151	151-154

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at best adequate on all sizes for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for a moderate to light demand. Light type hen offerings were usually adequate for reduced processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	155-169	155-158
LARGE	149-163	154-158
MEDIUM	139-152	143-146

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from current week levels. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were generally sufficient with some locations reporting floor stocks in close balanced. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a moderate but reduced holiday demand. Spent fowl offerings were generally sufficient for the moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.5-162	156-159
LARGE	153-160	154-157
MEDIUM	141.25-149	142-146

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

**NEW YORK** Extra large, large and medium egg prices remained the same when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair. Supplies were about adequate for immediate trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	151-155

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged with asking prices unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with demand continuing fairly good to good. Some continued to report slight trucking delays. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good. Some continued to report slight trucking delays. Supplies balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.59. Some California producer prices noted as increasing 1 cent for delivery during the week of December 24, 2007.

**CALIFORNIA:** 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

**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	177-191
EXTRA LARGE	179-184
LARGE	178-181
MEDIUM	166-169

**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** Prices unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	111-113	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-101	93-95
ENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The undertone was barely steady. Demand slowed in late week trading and was moderate to light. Floor stocks, although not that available, were usually about adequate for next week anticipated holiday trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due in part to the holiday week. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January through the week ending 22-Dec-2007 were 1% less than a year earlier. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week of 22-Dec-2007 were 1% less than a week earlier, but 15% more than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	107-111	108-110
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	91-99	92-96
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 22-Dec-2007	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,237,519	31,310	10,900	6,100	2,304	4,335
PW	1,265,916	33,553	10,218	5,541	2,204	4,488
LY	1,254,047	32,127	11,283	6,036	2,925	4,427
% PW	-2%	-7%	7%	10%	5%	-3%
% LY	-1%	-3%	-3%	1%	-21%	-2%
2007	64,821,924	1,626,692	584,545	313,774	126,306	220,952
2006	65,734,533	1,635,280	602,577	318,819	138,049	221,572
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-9%	0%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.54	42.50	42.96
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				39.04	38.95	39.43

**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	619,233	50.0%	16,883	53.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	630,215	49.8%	17,599	52.5%
LAST YEAR	612,608	48.9%	17,241	53.7%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all products. Offerings were adequate to more available than previously noted due to end users reduced holiday schedules. Demand was mostly light to moderate for all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous 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	76-97	90.17	-2.64
WHITES	16	54-62	56.69	2.29
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole egg prices ranged irregular with whites unchanged to 1 cent lower. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was reported as steady for all products. Demand was quiet as most operators worked reduced schedules through the holiday period. Offerings were very closely balanced. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	109-114	109-111
WHITES	78-81	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-151	143-145
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	137-140	

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were unchanged on whites, unchanged to higher on salt yolks, unchanged to lower on whole, and lower on sugar yolk when compared to a week earlier. Demand was limited, but offerings were also light. Breaking schedules were less than normal due in part to the holiday week. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22-Dec-2007 were 4% more than the previous week, and 15% higher than last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	108-116	108-114	115-119
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	75-81	76-79	82-94
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	134-151	136-143	146-159
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	130-141	135-141	140-151

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** Prices continued unchanged. Demand was reported as mostly moderate while offerings were balanced to instances tight. Trade sentiment was steady on all frozen products.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE			115-119
WHITES			83-86
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)			144-147
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)			139-142

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to higher on albumen and whole, but lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trading ranged from moderate to often light. Inquiry was still reported as good. Trade sentiment was irregular, but still fairly steady to fully steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Dec-2007 were 5% more than the previous week, but 21% lower than a year ago. However, the total production year to date, of dried eggs processed was 9% less than last year.

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

WHOLE	4.30-4.65	MOSTLY	4.35-4.53
YOLKS	3.30-3.60	MOSTLY	3.30-3.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.10-5.79	MOSTLY	5.21-5.35
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	2.95-3.45	MOSTLY	3.05-3.45

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 21, 2007-DEC 27, 2007  
**CURRENT LOADS 49.25 FUTURE LOADS 30.75 TOTAL LOADS 80.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	133.50	137.50	133.50	136.17	--	134.15	34.00	GNR W 1	--	137.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 2	--	132.67	--	--	--	--	3.00
GNR W 4	--	--	91.00	92.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	145.00	145.00	3.75
GL W J	--	--	--	--	127.18	--	2.75	GL W XL	130.65	140.71	--	--	--	142.38	17.75
GL W XL	--	149.67	138.00	145.80	131.33	--	27.50	GL W LG	129.83	136.00	--	--	151.00	140.21	9.25
GL W LG	--	148.00	--	143.55	127.63	--	15.25	GL W MD	122.33	--	--	--	--	134.33	5.50
GL W MD	138.00	--	131.50	133.26	131.04	--	14.75	GL W SM	91.00	--	--	--	--	103.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	88.00	88.40	84.00	90.00	4.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	142.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	126.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	164.00	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	148.00	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00								

\*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

**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 REGION** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas Day holiday. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair at best. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to instances good with offerings adequate. Schedules currently reduced due to the upcoming holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

**COMBINED REGIONAL**

December 28, 2007

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	156.50	156.00	144.50
SOUTHEAST	157.50	155.50	144.00
MIDWEST	149.50	147.50	138.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	157.50	155.50	152.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	155.30	153.67	145.26

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 about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Christmas holiday. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
23-30 MAJORITY 27-28	

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
24-32 MAJORITY 30-31	

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 22-Dec-07

\*\*\* Due to the Holiday in Canada the information for this report is not yet available.

It will be released as soon as possible.\*\*\*

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

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

Week Ending December 15, 2007		Year-To-Date		
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	0	50	3,277	11,786
Frozen	0	3	71	175
Dried	0	10	753	747
Total	0	63	4,101	12,708

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

Week Ending December 15, 2007		Year-To-Date		
Type	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Liquid	318	136	15,482	5,504
Frozen	51	0	391	914
Dried	0	0	857	66
Total	369	136	16,730	6,484

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending December 15, 2007		Year-To-Date		
	2007	2006 /1	2007 /2	2006
Jumbo	0	0	0	150
Ex Large	3,345	2,490	64,705	90,171
Large	5,990	5,813	108,832	176,178
Medium	0	950	62,310	86,286
Ungraded	2,280	6,480	214,348	254,718
Misc	0	0	7,849	6,975
Total	11,615	15,733	458,044	614,478

/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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers  
(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)**

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 12/25/07	3,207	40,045	86,837
AM 12/01/07	3,052	37,974	89,689
CHG	155	2071	-2852
PCT CHG	5%	5%	-3%

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**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)  
W/E 22-DEC-2007

REGIONS	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	194.9	3	4
East North Central	660.8	-3	-2
West North Central	291.0	1	0
South Atlantic	191.5	-4	-1
South Central	59.0	-3	5
West	200.7	2	-1
Total	1597.9	-1	0
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 22- Dec-2007

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	40.6	32.0	27	10
Boston	3.3	3.2	3	0
Chicago	94.2	89.8	5	11
Detroit	12.8	12.6	2	11
Los Angeles	90.0	91.8	-2	-17
New Orleans	7.2	7.5	-4	20
New York	35.3	34.5	2	7
St. Louis	23.3	21.5	8	39
San Francisco	15.3	14.6	5	-26
Total	322.0	307.5	5	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	300.0			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** Dec 26, 2007  
Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	204	201	167	112
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	193-197	189-193	157-161	104-108
MOSTLY	195-196	191-192	159-160	106-107
RHODE ISLAND	195-199	191-195	159-163	107-111
MOSTLY	195	191	159	107
VERMONT	199	195	163	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-