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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to values yesterday. Trade sentiment was mixed, although overall steady to barely steady at current levels. Demand was in a full range of light to good, but was mostly reported as light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate to available for current buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for balanced to mostly sufficient offerings. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for reduced processing schedules.

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

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment irregular, steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was light to generally moderate. Food service demand was slow. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the generally adequate offers. Most breakers worked regular commitments and previously secured shell eggs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

NEW YORK EGGS Heavier and lighter weight egg prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, but was usually about steady with caution noted. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate to cover immediate trade requirements.

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

IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE		126-135	130
MEDIUM		112-116	114
SMALL		71-77	

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	144-148

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

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained at best steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand entering the weekend was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to at times available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for planned processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to sufficient for an at least moderate to fairly good demand.

	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, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on the larger sizes and 7 cents lower for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate while demand was mixed from fair to good, mostly fair to fairly good. Floor stocks mixed.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand into retail channels moderate to fairly good. Movement into food service outlets moderate. White egg supplies of all sizes adequate, brown egg supplies tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the generally adequate offers. Most breakers worked regular commitments and previously secured shell eggs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	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,NM,OK, and TX

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week unchanged on the larger sizes and 7 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate while demand was in a full range of fair to good, mostly fair to fairly good. Supplies were mixed. Small benchmark price \$1.59.

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	193
EXTRA LARGE	196
LARGE	190
MEDIUM	179

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to light. Supplies were fully sufficient for buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for current processing schedules. Light hen demand was moderate to fairly good for about adequate to adequate offerings.

	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

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 were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to mostly adequate with demand light to moderate. Most breakers worked from regular commitments and previously secured shell eggs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	95-111	109-111
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		

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on breaking stock, but unchanged on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. The undertone was barely steady. Demand was moderate to light. Offerings increased, however were generally reported as sufficient for current processing schedules. Total cases broken under federal inspection from January 2007 through the week of 29-Dec-2007 were 1% less than the previous year. In the Eastern region total cases broken during the week 29-Dec-2007 were 17% less than the previous week, but 7% more than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	96-110	106-110
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 29-Dec-2007	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,142,258	28,349	10,133	5,526	2,350	3,714
PW	1,237,519	31,310	10,900	6,100	2,304	4,335
LY	1,177,902	29,528	10,745	5,506	2,482	4,223
% PW	-8%	-9%	-7%	-9%	2%	-14%
% LY	-3%	-4%	-6%	0%	-5%	-12%
2007	65,964,182	1,655,041	594,678	319,299	128,656	224,667
2006	66,912,435	1,664,808	613,322	324,325	140,531	225,795
% YTD	-1%	-1%	-3%	-2%	-8%	0%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.78	42.54	42.45
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.53	39.04	38.87

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	634,423	55.5%	16,932	59.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	619,233	50.0%	16,883	53.9%
LAST YEAR	606,745	51.5%	16,776	56.8%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all products. Offerings were usually adequate. Demand was fairly good for whole egg and whites and moderate for yolk. Most operators were returning to normal schedules and contractual production. Breaking stock prices were lower 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	33	91-93	92.61	2.44
WHITES	12	56-57.5	56.50	-1.9
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites and sugared yolk unchanged. Salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all products. Offerings were mostly tight to adequate for all frozen products. Demand was light to moderate for whole egg, whites, and sugared yolk with salted yolk reported as seasonally light. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	109-113	
WHITES	78-81	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-15	143-145
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	135-140	135-137

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and whites, unchanged to higher on salt yolks, and higher on sugar yolks 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. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Dec-2007 were 15% less than the previous week, but 16% more than last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	108-116	108-114	115-119
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	75-80	76-79	82-94
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	139-145	140-145	146-159
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	133-142	135-142	140-151

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually tight with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment was mostly 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.) RANGE
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 irregular when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light to occasionally moderate. Trade sentiment was irregular, but still fairly steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Dec-2007 were 2% more than the previous week, but 5% less than a year ago. The total production, year to date, of dried eggs processed was 8% lower than last year.

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

WHOLE	4.25-4.57	MOSTLY	4.35-4.49
YOLKS	3.25-3.60	MOSTLY	3.35-3.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.10-5.74	MOSTLY	5.15-5.30
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	3.00-3.15	MOSTLY	3.05-3.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 28, 2007-JAN 03, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 73.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 68.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 141.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	131.00	--	132.63	135.50	130.00	134.00	21.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 3	--	--	109.00	110.00	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	129.00	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	--	141.20	142.31	133.62	131.00	48.25
GL W LG	--	140.00	160.00	142.60	125.49	--	28.50
GL W MD	131.00	127.50	124.00	126.15	123.79	--	26.25
GL W SM	--	81.00	86.75	88.00	84.00	--	2.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	95.00	102.00	93.50	74.38	30.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	96.00	1.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	130.33	--	--	--	--	7.00
GNR W 2	--	132.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	144.00	150.00	--	--	--	145.00	2.00
GL W XL	--	141.00	--	--	--	142.54	20.50
GL W LG	--	136.80	--	--	--	137.78	11.25
GL W MD	122.00	129.00	--	--	--	128.38	14.25
GL W SM	--	90.00	--	--	--	--	.25
NRBS - 50	--	109.00	--	--	--	--	1.00

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.

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 unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	3-12	5-8

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

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was good with offerings adequate. Schedules will be full next few weeks. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	0-10.5	0-5

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	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 light and heavy canners were too few to report. Supplies of both light and heavy canners were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were reduced due to the New Year's Day holiday. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	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)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 29-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.*****

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

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

Week Ending December 22, 2007

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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-DEC-2007	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	198.2	2	8
East North Central	627.4	-5	-3
West North Central	279.5	-4	-1
South Atlantic	188.3	-2	0
South Central	55.2	-6	-14
West	194.4	-3	0
Total	1543.0	-3	-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)			

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

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 12/31/07	3,183	41,203	82,636
AM 12/01/07	3,052	37,974	89,689
CHG	131	3229	-7053
PCT CHG	4%	9%	-8%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 29- Dec-2007	Selected Consuming Centers		CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
					LW	LY
	Atlanta		28.0	40.6	-31	-19
	Boston		3.0	3.3	-9	-6
	Chicago		87.9	89.8	-2	-10
	Detroit		12.8	12.6	2	-6
	Los Angeles		94.4	90.0	5	-8
	New Orleans		6.3	7.2	-13	9
	New York		30.0	35.3	-15	-1
	St. Louis		21.3	21.5	-1	8
	San Francisco		14.5	15.3	-5	-24
	Total		298.2	322.0	-7	-9
	4 Week Moving Avg.		299.1			

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Jan 02, 2008

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE MOSTLY	204	201	167	112
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	193-197 195-196	189-193 191-192	157-161 159-160	104-108 106-107
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	206-209 206	203-206 203	164-167 164	109-112 109
VERMONT MOSTLY	199	195	163	-