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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were higher on medium and larger sizes when compared values reported a week ago. New York egg prices remained the same as last Friday's. Trade sentiment was generally fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to occasionally tight for needs. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to short for a fairly good to good demand. Light type hen offerings were light to generally adequate for regular processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were mostly unchanged. Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were short of needs for the good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	147-156	150-153
LARGE	146-155	148-151
MEDIUM	127-136	129-132

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154-162	155-157
LARGE	152-160	153-155
MEDIUM	133-141	134-136

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	128-137	132
MEDIUM	111-115	113
SMALL	76-82	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to short for a fairly good demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	155-169	155-160
LARGE	149-163	154-158
MEDIUM	128-141	133-135

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on heavier and lighter weight eggs when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short mostly normal processing schedules. Light hens were adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151.25-163	157-160
LARGE	149.25-161	155-158
MEDIUM	131.5-139	132-136

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Distributive movement was about moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were short of needs for the good demand. Supplies closely balanced. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	155.5-164	157-160
LARGE	154.5-163	156-159
MEDIUM	133.5-142	135-138

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 reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

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	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	140-144

**WESTERN** Prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo, 4 cents higher for extra large, 7 cents higher for large, and 5 to 6 cents higher for medium. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. The Pacific inventory increased 18% from last Monday, with California up 26% and OR-WA-UT increasing 7%. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo, 4 cents higher for extra large, 7 cents higher for large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. The Pacific inventory increased 18% from last Monday, with California up 26% and OR-WA-UT increasing 7%. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.52.

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	194
EXTRA LARGE	197
LARGE	192
MEDIUM	172

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 07, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 29, 2008 were 176,547 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 13 percent above estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	141,336	35,211	176,547

% change from the prior week..... +17 +5 +14  
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was good with spot offerings short of needs. Supplies closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
BREAKING STOCK	114-116	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	98-103	98-100
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 moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-MAR-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.39
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as 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, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-MAR-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	77-12 CENTS/LB.		9.49
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**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

<b>MAR 03, 2008</b>		<b>No</b>	<b>So</b>	<b>So</b>			
	<b>Northeast</b>	<b>Cent</b>	<b>Cent</b>	<b>Atl</b>	<b>Pacific 5-Area</b>		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	22.5	10.4	11.1	14.6	67.4
	Change	-0.2	-0.7	1.4	0.2	0.7	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.0	41.8	21.2	25.3	43.3	162.6
	Change	3.4	8.4	0.9	0.8	-0.2	9%
Large	Curr Wk	53.9	118.6	114.7	133.2	166.7	587.1
	Change	10.7	-9.5	11.9	3.0	34.4	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	42.7	22.7	27.0	34.5	139.9
	Change	-0.6	-4.3	-1.4	11.2	9.8	12%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	4.0	2.7	2.3	1.9	15.3
	Change	-0.5	-3.4	0.2	0.8	-0.2	-17%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	22.6	8.4	9.9	7.1	50.6
	Change	0.7	3.1	0.7	1.6	1.9	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.6	46.2	21.8	19.5	26.5	135.6
	Change	8.4	-9.5	1.8	2.2	-0.7	2%
Total	Curr Wk	135.3	298.4	201.9	228.3	294.6	1158.5
	Change	19%	-5%	8%	9%	18%	8%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg	1158.5	8%	153
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.8	4%	32

Total Shell Egg 1379.3 7% 185  
 1/ Information supplied by a universe of 153 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 FEB 18, 2008

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	2.09	2.06	1.87	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEB 18, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	1.60	1.60	1.44	.96

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Daily WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 29, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS 10.00 FUTURE LOADS 5.75 TOTAL LOADS 15.75**

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	132.50	--	2.00	132.50	134.50	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	150.00	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	1.75	--	--	--	--	--	1.75	GL W XL	147.00	153.75	--	--	--	--	153.00	5.00
GL W J	--	--	1.00	--	--	134.00	--	--	1.00									
GL W XL	--	--	7.00	--	147.00	141.13	--	--	7.00									
GL W LG	--	--	1.00	--	150.00	153.00	--	--	1.00									
GL W MD	--	--	.50	--	--	--	--	--	.50									
GL W SM	--	--	1.00	--	92.00	93.00	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	.50	--	--	--	--	--	.50									

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly 5-Day WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 25, 2008-FEB 29, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS 75.00 FUTURE LOADS 39.50 TOTAL LOADS 114.50**

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	130.50	135.33	37.00	130.60	132.70	129.50	131.33	37.00	138.67	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 3	--	--	1.75	--	--	--	--	1.75	--	GNR BR 1	160.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	168.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00	--	--	--	149.00	1.00	143.50	GL W J	144.50	--	143.50	--	153.00	155.17	6.00	
GL W J	--	--	3.00	--	--	138.42	--	3.00	152.50	GL W XL	145.50	152.50	--	--	--	152.66	10.25	
GL W XL	--	147.62	28.00	144.79	145.64	139.68	--	28.00	147.33	GL W LG	--	147.33	145.00	--	--	151.03	13.00	
GL W LG	147.00	148.00	35.75	142.50	146.23	140.49	137.50	35.75	126.36	GL W MD	121.00	126.36	130.00	--	--	128.47	19.50	
GL W MD	128.00	125.71	24.50	118.17	119.43	119.63	117.00	24.50	86.00	GL W SM	--	86.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	
GL W SM	--	--	6.00	87.90	90.13	80.00	93.00	6.00										
GL BR XL	--	--	.75	--	--	183.67	--	.75										
GL BR LG	--	--	1.25	--	--	182.40	--	1.25										
NRBS - 48	--	--	14.50	--	--	116.00	116.11	14.50										

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** (in thousands)

ON HAND	02/25/08	02/18/08	02/26/07
PACIFIC COAST	28	30	21
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**  
 (price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	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 steady on small, higher 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	172.44
LARGE	170.99
MEDIUM	149.86
SMALL	116.00

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*Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation***Report Period:** 02/24/2008 - 03/01/2008

Region	Number of Cases Shipped to:			Total State
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Midwest:	10,349	6,401	86,334	103,084
South Central:	5,310	0	21,110	26,420
Southeast:	793	640	6,394	7,827
Northeast:	0	0	0	0
Western:	3,431	7,302	10,808	20,821
Grand Total	19,883	14,343	124,646	158,152
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NON-MILITARY	19,883	14,343	124,646	158,872

**Report Period:** 02/17/2008 - 02/23/2008

Region	Number of Cases Shipped to:			Total State
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Midwest:	7,674	12,364	62,319	82,357
South Central:	3,090	0	11,691	14,781
Southeast:	1,525	1,042	10,024	12,591
Northeast:	0	0	770	770
Western:	1,734	2,650	7,078	11,462
Grand Total	14,023	16,056	91,882	121,961
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NON-MILITARY	14,023	16,056	91,882	121,961

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control