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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices were unchanged when compared to values yesterday. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Retail demand was mostly reported as moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for buyer and seller requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short of needs to tight for a light to fairly good demand. Spent hen offerings were light to adequate for regular 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best into planned features. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to mostly short of needs for the light to good demand. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to yesterday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	147-156	150-153				
LARGE	146-155	148-151				
MEDIUM	127-136	129-132				

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	140-144

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries trending unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Present supplies were at least adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to tight for a fairly good demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to 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, and VT

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also at unchanged levels. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand continued light to moderate with offerings usually adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Cartoned demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was slow to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to short of needs for the light to fairly good demand. Supplies closely balanced to tight. Schedules full time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	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, and TX

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to available. Small benchmark price \$1.52.

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	194
EXTRA LARGE	197
LARGE	192
MEDIUM	172

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to at times tight for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hens were about adequate to 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, 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	178-192
EXTRA LARGE	180-185
LARGE	180-183
MEDIUM	159-162

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 higher. Demand was light to fairly good with offerings tight to short of needs. Supplies balanced to tight. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	117-122	117-119
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	100-105	100-102
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were higher on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week's values. Offerings were short to instances tight for a fairly good demand. Processing schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm with buyers and sellers closely watching further market developments. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Mar-08 were 3 percent higher than last week, but 10 percent less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	112-117	113-115
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	96-104	97-102
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 01-MAR-2008	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,222,464	30,435	11,068	5,839	2,464	4,353
PW	1,215,577	30,278	11,109	6,047	2,358	4,205
LY	1,244,556	30,640	12,266	6,505	2,050	4,398
% PW	1%	1%	0%	-3%	5%	4%
% LY	-2%	-1%	-10%	-10%	20%	-1%
2008	11,091,775	277,081	99,969	53,587	23,467	38,587
2007	10,789,854	268,511	100,625	53,703	21,845	37,850
% YTD	3%	3%	-1%	0%	7%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.29	42.48	43.24
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.73	39.02	39.70

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	612,401	50.1%	17,063	56.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	616,385	50.7%	16,986	56.1%
LAST YEAR	576,489	46.3%	16,022	52.3%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was reported as mostly steady at the high side of the current price range for whole egg and whites. Offerings were tight to adequate for whole egg, inadequate for whites, and short of needs for yolk. Demand was good to very good for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past 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	35	103-111	106.07	6.94
WHITES	12	78-84	79.79	3.99
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg ranged 3 to 5 cents higher with whites 4 to 6 cents higher. Sugared yolk ranged 1 cent higher with salted yolk 1 to 4 cents higher. Trade sentiment continued firm for all frozen products. Offerings were tight and reported as made to order with demand good for whole egg, whites, and sugared yolk, and mostly light for salted yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	118-126	123-125
WHITES	92-101	92-94
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-154	150-152
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	141-148	142-145

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were higher on whole, whites, salted yolk and sugared yolk when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were barely sufficient to tight for needs. Demand was light to good. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Mar-2008 was 5% higher compared to last week, however 19% less than the same week a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	118-126	121-123	121-130
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	90-101	92-94	96-101
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-154	146-149	152-161
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	142-145	146-158

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Frozen whole egg prices were 3 cents higher with whites 4 cents higher. Sugared and salted yolk were 1 cent higher. Offerings were adequate with demand slow to fair. Trade sentiment was fully steady for all frozen products.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	118-126	121-123	121-130
WHITES	90-101	92-94	96-101
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-154	146-149	152-161
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	142-145	146-158

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were higher albumen and whole, unchanged to higher on blends, unchanged on yolk when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were limited. Demand was unaggressive and fairly good to good. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen, fully steady on whole, steady to fully steady on yolk, and usually steady on blends. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Mar-2008 were 5% more than the previous week and 20% more than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 7% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	4.60-4.77	MOSTLY	4.60-4.65
YOLKS	3.40-3.70	MOSTLY	3.50-3.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.55-6.90	MOSTLY	6.65-6.75
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	3.40-3.60	MOSTLY	3.40-3.56

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 29, 2008-MAR 06, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 75.50 **FUTURE LOADS** 24.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 99.75

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	132.50	138.50	132.25	134.75	131.67	134.00	29.00	GNR W 1	--	140.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	112.29	1.75	GNR BR 1	157.00	--	--	--	--	165.00	1.00
GL W J	--	--	146.75	148.50	134.60	152.00	7.00	GL W J	136.00	--	--	--	153.00	150.83	6.00
GL W XL	--	149.00	145.42	146.63	141.26	--	21.50	GL W XL	144.78	153.00	151.00	--	--	156.00	12.00
GL W LG	144.00	151.00	144.67	147.56	143.96	144.89	35.50	GL W LG	--	--	149.00	--	--	153.80	7.50
GL W MD	125.33	--	119.90	121.60	125.45	126.08	16.00	GL W MD	123.50	--	127.00	--	--	131.39	7.50
GL W SM	--	--	91.25	92.50	--	--	2.25								
NRBS - 48	116.00	--	--	--	117.17	119.82	12.50								

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.

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 moderate to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings light to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	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	157.50	156.00	134.00
SOUTHEAST	158.50	156.50	134.00
MIDWEST	151.50	149.50	130.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	158.50	157.50	136.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	156.55	154.96	133.87

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales of both light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings were mostly adequate for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was at least moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was at least 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

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 01-Mar-08

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,409	1,542	2,951
Last Week	1,204	1,546	2,750
Same week yr ago	1,085	1,465	2,550
To-date/2008	12,388	13,319	25,707
To-date/2007	9,820	12,367	22,187

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	378	8	386
Last Week	126	0	126
Same week yr ago	283	0	283
To-date/2008	2,488	12	2,500
To-date/2007	1,908	14	1,922

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,787	1,550	3,337
Last Week	1,330	1,546	2,876
Same week yr ago	1,368	1,465	2,833
To-date/2008	14,876	13,331	28,207
To-date/2007	11,728	12,381	24,109

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

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

Week Ending February 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	96	0	717
Frozen	0	0	0	3
Dried	0	0	40	80
Total	0	96	40	800

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

Week Ending February 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	367	366	3,053	2,338
Frozen	0	40	133	106
Dried	0	0	0	36
Total	367	406	3,186	2,480

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending February 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	510	0	1,530	390
Large	150	0	450	2,581
Medium	1,590	1,415	4,170	2,915
Ungraded	2,250	0	21,120	5,880
Misc	0	85	0	85
Total	4,500	1,500	27,270	11,851

/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 Branch

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 01-MAR-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	177.4	-3	6
East North Central	654.1	8	-2
West North Central	325.5	10	20
South Atlantic	178.9	1	-11
South Central	53.8	-3	-11
West	190.3	0	-1
Total	1580.0	5	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)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 01-MAR-2008	CW	LW	% CHANGE	
Selected Consuming Centers	(Cases in Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	24.0	23.7	1	-21
Boston	2.9	2.9	0	-12
Chicago	78.2	59.9	31	68
Detroit	10.4	10.3	1	-17
Los Angeles	91.3	124.6	-27	-8
New Orleans	5.7	4.6	24	10
New York	31.1	29.8	4	16
St. Louis	45.5	47.4	-4	98
San Francisco	14.8	14.7	1	-15
Total	303.9	317.9	-4	20
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.7			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS –

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)		
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	03/03/08	3,100	89,106	76,373
AM	02/01/08	3,210	70,926	85,345
CHG		-110	18180	-8972
PCT CHG		-3%	26%	-11%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT MAR 04, 2008

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	212	208	174	117
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	204-208	200-204	169-173	110-114
MOSTLY	206-207	202-203	171-172	112-113
RHODE ISLAND	208-212	204-208	170-174	116-120
MOSTLY	208	204	170	116
VERMONT	217	213	181	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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