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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices remained the same as values a day earlier. Trade sentiment ranged mostly steady in most areas, however the West Coast was barely steady to weak. Demand, was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to at times close for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged balanced to tight for a fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen demand was moderate to good for mostly normal 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 steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good but below expectations. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to short for the fair to fairly good demand. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	147-156	150-153	LARGE	128-137	132
LARGE	146-155	148-151	MEDIUM	111-115	113
MEDIUM	127-136	129-132	SMALL	76-82	

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

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged on all sized when compared to values a day earlier. The market tone entering the weekend was steady. Demand was mixed, ranging light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements.

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

<b>MIDWEST REGIONAL</b>	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154-162	155-157
LARGE	152-160	153-155
MEDIUM	133-141	134-136

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady entering the weekend. Demand was fair to fairly good, better where limited features were a factor. Supplies were about adequate for current buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock demand was fair to fairly good for limited offerings. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for regular 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment continued barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned demand was light to fairly good. Loose egg movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to short for the fair to fairly good demand. Supplies were balanced to tight. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	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 barely steady to weak. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. 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. Retail demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for a fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	154.25-163	157-160
LARGE	151.25-161	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 unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good although reported as somewhat slowing for next week. Offerings were tight to short. Supplies balanced to tight. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	118-123	118-120
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	101-106	101-103
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices remained the same as early week's values. Trade sentiment was steady with traders continuing to watch further market developments. Demand was unaggressive and usually fair to fairly good for limited offerings. Processing schedules were mostly normal to reduced. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Mar-2008 were 2% less than both last week and the same week a year ago.

	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 08-MAR-2008	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,186,199	29,847	10,817	5,752	2,383	4,056
PW	1,222,464	30,435	11,068	5,839	2,464	4,353
LY	1,265,159	31,484	11,840	6,219	2,572	4,602
% PW	-3%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-3%	-7%
% LY	-6%	-5%	-9%	-8%	-7%	-12%
2008	12,277,974	306,928	110,786	59,339	25,850	42,643
2007	12,055,013	299,995	112,465	59,922	24,417	42,452
% YTD	2%	2%	-1%	-1%	6%	0%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.55	42.29	42.80
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				39.13	38.73	39.16

**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	601,229	50.7%	16,846	56.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	612,401	50.1%	17,063	56.1%
LAST YEAR	594,412	47.0%	16,750	53.2%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady with a cautious undertone noted for all liquid products. Current demand was good to very good for whole egg and whites and quiet for yolk. Offerings were usually adequate to instances tight for whole egg, balanced to short for whites, and light for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last 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	43	103.5-110.5	108.97	2.90
WHITES	8	81-88	84.47	4.68
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with whites unchanged to 3 cents higher. Salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with a firm undertone for all frozen products. Demand was usually moderate to instances good while offerings were tight to adequate. Breaking stock prices were slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	120-126	123-125
WHITES	95-101	95-97
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	146-154	150-152
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	142-148	143-145

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged to higher on sugared yolks, unchanged on whole and salted yolks when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were at best sufficient for needs. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Mar-2008 were 1% lower than last week and 4% 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.) RANGE
WHOLE	116-126	121-123	121-130
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	90-101	95-97	99-105
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-154	146-150	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 white prices were 3 cents higher with the balance of prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate and price selective. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all frozen products.

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

	LTL	
	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE	
WHOLE	126-130	
WHITES	102-105	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	149-152	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-147	

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**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were higher albumen, unchanged to higher on whole and unchanged on yolk when compared to the previous week's prices. Offerings were limited for a mostly moderate and unaggressive demand. Trade sentiment ranged steady to at times firm with albumen remaining in the best position. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Mar-2008 were 3% less than the previous week and 7% less than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 6% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	4.60-4.80	MOSTLY	4.62-4.70
YOLKS	3.45-3.70	MOSTLY	3.50-3.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.65-6.90	MOSTLY	6.75-6.80
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 MAR 07, 2008-MAR 13, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS** 76.50 **FUTURE LOADS** 25.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 101.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	144.00	146.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	140.00	--	--	--	154.00	3.00
GNR W 1	131.50	138.00	131.67	135.00	134.00	134.44	30.00	GNR BR 1	157.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.25
GNR W 4	--	111.00	106.00	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	137.00	--	--	--	--	146.29	7.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	164.50	1.25	GL W XL	142.00	150.00	--	--	--	153.35	2.25
GL W J	--	--	144.00	146.00	130.17	--	8.00	GL W LG	141.36	144.75	147.00	--	--	154.76	11.50
GL W XL	--	150.00	142.96	145.17	138.00	139.00	15.75	GL W MD	127.00	128.53	122.00	--	--	127.21	8.75
GL W LG	--	147.00	140.75	147.00	146.50	145.00	33.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	1.00
GL W MD	128.00	125.00	119.24	121.00	116.93	121.67	16.75								
GL W SM	--	92.00	90.50	92.00	82.00	85.00	2.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	119.50	120.29	13.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	104.00	99.00	--	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 mostly moderate to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	5-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Prices were of insufficient volume to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were soft. Salvage values were expected to rise.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings light to barely adequate. Schedules mostly 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 at least sufficient for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was 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 08-Mar-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,353	1,475	2,828
Last Week	1,409	1,542	2,951
Same week yr ago	1,182	1,356	2,538
To-date/2008	13,741	14,794	28,535
To-date/2007	11,002	13,723	24,725

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		-----Thousands-----	
Head	453	0	453
Last Week	378	8	386
Same week yr ago	165	0	165
To-date/2008	2,941	12	2,953
To-date/2007	2,073	14	2,087

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	1,806	1,475	3,281
Last Week	1,787	1,550	3,337
Same week yr ago	1,347	1,356	2,703
To-date/2008	16,682	14,806	31,488
To-date/2007	13,075	13,737	26,812

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

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

Week Ending March 01, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	145	0	862
Frozen	2	0	2	3
Dried	58	40	98	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>985</b>

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

Week Ending March 01, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	430	466	3,483	2,804
Frozen	40	0	173	106
Dried	0	40	0	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>2,986</b>

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending March 01, 2008		Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	0	960	1,530	1,350
Large	2,300	2,060	2,750	4,641
Medium	750	750	4,920	3,665
Ungraded	8,990	0	30,110	5,880
Misc	0	0	0	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,040</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>39,310</b>	<b>15,621</b>

/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 08-MAR-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW LY	
<b>REGIONS</b>			
North Atlantic	183.5	3	9
East North Central	620.2	-5	-2
West North Central	309.7	-5	7
South Atlantic	179.7	0	-10
South Central	56.1	4	-11
West	194.9	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1544.1</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>0</b>

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 08-MAR-2008	CW	LW	% CHANGE	
<b>Selected Consuming Centers</b>	<b>(Cases in Thousands)</b>		LW	LY
Atlanta	25.5	24.0	6	1
Boston	3.2	2.9	10	0
Chicago	81.0	78.2	4	37
Detroit	11.7	10.4	13	7
Los Angeles	91.4	91.3	0	-13
New Orleans	5.1	5.7	-11	-14
New York	31.5	31.1	1	19
St. Louis	52.2	45.5	15	105
San Francisco	14.9	14.8	1	-18
<b>Total</b>	<b>316.5</b>	<b>303.9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>
4 Week Moving Avg.	307.4			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)		
	Frozen	Processed	Processed
	Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 03/10/08	3,099	89,105	74,725
AM 03/01/08	3,100	89,106	85,345
CHG	-1	-1	-10620
PCT CHG	0%	0%	-12%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2008 are:  
Frozen Eggs 14 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%  
Processed Turkeys 464 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%  
Processed Other Poultry 686 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT MAR 11, 2008**

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	204	200	166	117
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	204-208	200-204	169-173	110-114
MOSTLY	206-207	202-203	171-172	112-113
RHODE ISLAND	200-204	196-200	162-164	116-120
MOSTLY	200	196	162	116
VERMONT	204-205	200	166-169	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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**MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS**

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2008  
COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>NUMBER OF POUNDS</b>	<b>% CHANGE LAST MONTH</b>	<b>% CHANGE LAST YEAR</b>
<b>WHOLE</b>			
<b>PLAIN</b>	1,072,848	-7%	-60%
<b>FREE FLOWING</b>	1,111,246	-19%	-77%
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>2,184,094</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>-71%</b>
<b>WHITE (ALBUMEN)</b>	3,906,954	-6%	-20%
<b>YOLK</b>			
<b>PLAIN</b>	1,113,567	19%	-65%
<b>FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)</b>	1,373,420	-20%	-57%
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>2,486,987</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-61%</b>
<b>BLENDS 1/</b>			
<b>WHOLE</b>	1,045,878	15%	-25%
<b>WHITE</b>	42,550	-2%	-31%
<b>YOLK</b>	29,200	308%	700%
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>1,117,628</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-23%</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,695,663</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-52%</b>

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:  
FEBRUARY 3, 2008 - MARCH 1, 2008  
TOTAL 9,708,000 POUNDS.

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to, sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup