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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas when compared to values a day earlier. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower in most locations. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand on the West Coast was moderate to instances fairly good, however light to moderate elsewhere. Current supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to more than sufficient for a fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings ranged adequate to ample for 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.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers were lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to more available for the fair to fairly good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	141-150	144-147
LARGE	140-149	142-145
MEDIUM	119-128	121-124

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
	Range	Mostly
LARGE	99-108	103
MEDIUM	87-91	89
SMALL	76-82	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	150-164	151-155
LARGE	144-158	149-153
MEDIUM	120-133	125-127

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to usually moderate. Loose egg demand was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to more available for the fair to fairly good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	150.5-159	152-155
LARGE	149.5-158	151-154
MEDIUM	125.5-134	127-130

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand. Light hen offerings were moderate to fairly good for adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	146-158	152-155
LARGE	145-156	150-153
MEDIUM	120-133.25	124-128

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

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

NEW YORK EGGS Extra large, large and medium prices were unchanged when compared to values on Thursday. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Demand continued very light to fair. Current supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	134-138
LARGE	132-136
MEDIUM	116-120

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	148-156	149-151
LARGE	146-154	147-149
MEDIUM	125-133	126-128

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 24 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, declined 25 cents for large, and were 15 cents lower for medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate with demand light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 24 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, 25 cents lower for large, and 15 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate with demand moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.43.

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	188
EXTRA LARGE	191
LARGE	186
MEDIUM	163

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	172-186
EXTRA LARGE	174-179
LARGE	174-177
MEDIUM	150-153

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 All prices were lower. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings adequate to more available than previously reported. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	94-98	96
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	80-85	79-81
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 sharply lower when compared to early week values. Offerings improved and were at least adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were usually normal. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. Cases broken in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Mar-2008 were 7% higher than last week and 1% more than the same week a year earlier.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	85-95	89-92
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	75-83	76-81
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-MAR-2008	(lbs. in thousands)			(Excludes Ingredients)		
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,280,121	31,980	11,829	6,270	2,641	4,461
PW	1,232,354	30,407	11,383	6,097	2,409	4,364
LY	1,259,493	31,524	11,544	6,303	2,493	4,466
% PW	4%	5%	4%	3%	10%	2%
% LY	2%	1%	2%	-1%	6%	0%
2008	16,002,555	400,105	144,916	77,511	33,027	55,755
2007	15,826,982	394,101	147,188	78,747	31,425	55,560
% YTD	1%	2%	-2%	-2%	5%	0%
		CW	PW	LY		
Average Yield per Case - (Inedible Included)		42.61	42.40	42.74		
Average Yield per Case - (Inedible Excluded)		39.12	38.86	39.20		

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	652,839	51.0%	17,904	56.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	633,773	51.4%	17,216	56.6%
LAST YEAR	617,057	49.0%	17,538	55.6%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 132 to 134 fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, steady to about steady for whites, and mostly steady for yolk. Demand was moderate for whole egg and whites and quiet for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and yolk and mostly adequate to instances tight for whites. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower 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	15	95-105.5	98.67	-6.04
WHITES	19	74-80	75.42	-4.29
YOLKS	3	134	134.00	

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg ranged irregular with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak for whole egg and whites with frozen yolk products steady. Demand was mostly moderate for whole egg and whites and light for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for needs and reported as made to order. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	119-122	120-122
WHITES	97-99	99
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-152	147-150
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-148	142-145

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whites, unchanged on sugar and salted yolks, and unchanged to lower on whole when compared to values last week. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Offerings were generally sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 29-Mar-2008 were 9% more than the previous week and 5% higher than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	118-125	119-120	121-130
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	90-99	97-98	100-105
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-151	148-150	152-161
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	143-145	146-158

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Frozen whole egg prices were 1 cent lower with all other prices unchanged. Demand was quiet to instances moderate with offerings adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and steady on the balance of products.

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

	RANGE	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	125-129	
WHITES	102-105	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	149-152	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-147	

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were slightly higher on albumen, unchanged on whole and blends, lower on yolks when compared to values last week. Offerings were short to about adequate for a fair to fairly good demand. Trade sentiment was at least steady to albumen, steady on whole, barely steady to yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Mar-2008 were 10% more than the previous week and 6% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 5% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	4.65-4.80	MOSTLY	4.70-4.80
YOLKS	3.44-3.66	MOSTLY	3.45-3.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.65-7.18	MOSTLY	6.85-6.95
BLENDS (Whole plus sweetener)	3.39-3.60	MOSTLY	3.50-3.60

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 28, 2008-APR 03, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 82.50 **FUTURE LOADS** 62.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 144.50

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	116.50	120.00	112.17	115.13	--	--	10.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	130.33	6.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	123.14	--	--	--	--	124.12	15.25
GNR W 4	--	95.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W LG	115.00	--	--	--	--	121.07	13.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	114.58	--	6.00	GL W MD	--	105.00	--	--	--	106.40	16.75
GL W XL	--	124.48	120.00	121.26	112.88	--	45.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	156.80	1.25
GL W LG	--	125.00	112.25	119.43	107.23	138.00	28.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	157.60	1.25
GL W MD	--	--	91.83	92.00	93.25	--	21.00								
GL W SM	--	--	88.75	91.00	88.00	--	4.50								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	106.00	101.00	--	.75								
NRBS - 48	90.00	92.00	96.92	99.06	95.00	104.58	55.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	93.75	95.75	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	97.00	92.00	--	.25								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	94.00	89.00	--	.25								

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 generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the at least adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was light and TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Salvage costs were fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, with offerings continued adequate to ample. 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	153.00	151.00	126.00
SOUTHEAST	153.50	151.50	126.00
MIDWEST	145.50	143.50	122.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	153.50	152.50	128.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	151.42	149.72	125.86

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales of light and heavy canners were too few to report. Offerings were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was fair to mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION Week ending 29-Mar-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,647	1,568	3,215
Last Week	1,389	1,392	2,781
Same week yr ago	1,214	1,412	2,626
To-date/2008	17,865	19,311	37,176
To-date/2007	14,554	17,493	32,047

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		-----Thousands-----	
Head	278	0	278
Last Week	333	0	333
Same week yr ago	204	0	204
To-date/2008	3,842	12	3,854
To-date/2007	2,762	14	2,776

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	1,925	1,568	3,493
Last Week	1,722	1,392	3,114
Same week yr ago	1,418	1,412	2,830
To-date/2008	21,707	19,323	41,030
To-date/2007	17,316	17,507	34,823

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Week Ending March 22, 2008	Year-To-Date			
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	336	49	1,674
Frozen	6	0	8	5
Dried	0	1	98	169
Total	6	337	155	1,848

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

Week Ending March 22, 2008	Year-To-Date			
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	322	225	4,266	3,923
Frozen	22	0	213	113
Dried	0	35	0	191
Total	344	260	4,479	4,227

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending March 22, 2008	Year-To-Date			
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	0	1,550	2,810	5,189
Large	4,650	4,180	14,500	16,661
Medium	1,500	1,860	8,040	9,575
Ungraded	720	2,300	44,110	12,680
Misc	0	0	0	85
Total	6,870	9,890	69,460	44,190

/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

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS –

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)		
	Frozen	Processed	Processed
	Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 03/31/08	2,989	88,930	69,865
AM 03/01/08	3,100	89,106	76,373
CHG	-111	-176	-6508
PCT CHG	-4%	0%	-9%

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 1 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 152 million dozen during February 2008, up 1 percent from February a year ago, but 12 percent below the 172 million dozen broken last month.

February 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. February 2007 contained 20 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2008 through February, shell eggs broken totaled 323 million dozen, up 4 percent from the comparable period in 2007. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2008 was 422 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2007.

Source: FSIS/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-MAR-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.4	-2	4
East North Central	585.4	-12	-6
West North Central	301.8	-9	5
South Atlantic	174.1	-3	-12
South Central	52.3	-8	-19
West	185.8	-13	-11
Total	1481.8	-9	-5
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 29-MAR-2008	CW		% CHANGE	
Selected Consuming Centers	(Cases in Thousands)	LW	LW	LY
Atlanta	34.0	31.0	10	13
Boston	3.6	4.2	-14	38
Chicago	104.8	86.1	22	36
Detroit	14.8	9.8	51	41
Los Angeles	103.8	93.4	11	6
New Orleans	6.4	6.4	0	19
New York	34.4	33.9	1	13
St. Louis	50.4	60.0	-16	90
San Francisco	15.4	15.1	2	-11
Total	367.6	339.9	8	29
4 Week Moving Avg.	332.0			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APR 01, 2008

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	195	191	157	117
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	185-189	181-185	147-151	110-114
MOSTLY	187-188	183-184	149-150	112-113
RHODE ISLAND	192-196	188-192	154-158	116-120
MOSTLY	192	188	154	116
VERMONT	195-200	191-195	157-169	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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Egg Quality Control
Out of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 3/23/2008 - 3/29/2008

Region	Cases Shipped to:			Total State
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Midwest:	9784	11580	52069	73433
South Central:	2290	0	6443	8733
Southeast:	780	780	3980	5540
Northeast:	0	0	0	0
Western:	4180	3180	10092	17452
Grand Total:	17034	15540	72584	105158
Military:	0	0	0	0
Non-Military:	17034	15540	72584	105158