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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to values last week. In New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at best steady to generally barely steady. Demand light to moderate, occasionally fairly good on the West Coast. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mostly normal to over-time processing schedules. Light 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, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate for the quiet demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY					
EXTRA LARGE	117-126	120-133					
LARGE	116-125	118-121					
MEDIUM	103-112	105-108					
Prices delivered to store door							
	RANGE	MOSTLY					
EXTRA LARGE	124-132	125-127					
LARGE	122-130	123-125					
MEDIUM	109-117	110-112					
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**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS** 

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	99-108	103
MEDIUM	87-91	89
SMALL	76-82	

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

**NORTHEAST** Prices were sharply lower on extra large, large and medium sized eggs when compared to values reported the previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to at best steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for mostly normal to overtime processing schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126-140	126-130
LARGE	120-134	125-129
MEDIUM	104-117	109-111

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Demand was fair. Supplies were fully sufficient fo immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for regular to heavy processing schedule. Light hen offerings were

RANGE MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE 126.5-156.25 128-131
LARGE 125-155.25 126-129
MEDIUM 107.5-131.25 108-112

fair to fairly good for about adequate to adequate offerings.

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were at times light to usually moderate. Loose egg demand was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate for the quiet demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. Prices delivered to warehouse

 RANGE
 MOSTLY

 EXTRA LARGE
 126.5-135
 128-131

 LARGE
 125.5-134
 127-130

 MEDIUM
 108.5-117
 110-113

 South Central Area:
 AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices on lighter and heavier weight eggs unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at times steady to mostly barely steady. Demand was light to fair. Current supplies were fully adequate to available for immediate 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
 134-138

 LARGE
 132-136

 MEDIUM
 116-120

<u>WESTERN</u> Prices were 24 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, declined 25 cents for large, and were 15 cents lower for medium. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. The Pacific inventory increased 17% from last Monday, with California up 13% and OR-WA-UT increasing 25%. Offerings were fully adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks were usually adequate.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Benchmark prices 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 cautiously steady. The Pacific inventory increased 17% from last Monday, with California up 13% and OR-WA-UT increasing 25%. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.28.

	RANGE
JUMBO	164
EXTRA LARGE	167
LARGE	161
MEDIIUM	148

# **NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 11, 2008 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 04, 2008 were 152,550 cases which was 16 percent below the prior week and 13 percent below estimates.

C	ARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL				
Cases purchased present week	115,725	36,825	152,550				
% change from the							
prior week	-8	-35	-16				
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.							

# **CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

All prices were lower. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	89-96	94
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	78-83	78-80
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA	I, IL, IN, KS, LA	, MI, MN, MO,
NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading levels were slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Retail demand was slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-08

#### RANGE MAJORITY WTD **AVG**

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-12.75 CENTS/LB. 9.45 \*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-APR-08

# RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-12.5 CENTS/LB. 9.73 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT** \*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

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

	(30 D	OZEN C	40E0-II	NINOU	SANDS	)	
APR 07, 2	800		No	So	So		
	No	rtheast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.6	22.7	8.8	8.2	13.0	59.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-0.7	1.7	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	53.0	15.3	27.9	34.9	154.6
	Change	2.7	0.7	-0.7	5.0	5.4	9%
Large	Curr Wk	42.9	134.0	75.6	116.7	110.8	480.0
	Change	5.8	31.2	16.3	14.3	19.6	22%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	41.9	14.5	20.9	30.1	117.4
	Change	-1.9	4.8	-1.9	2.3	2.9	6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	2.5	0.2	3.5	5.7	16.0
	Change	1.5	-1.5	-0.2	0.4	2.1	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.5	20.5	8.4	10.4	7.5	48.3
	Change	-1.3	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.2	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.7	49.4	16.9	19.6	26.9	128.5
	Change	5.3	5.7	7.1	1.0	1.7	19%
Total	Curr Wk	104.3	324.0	139.7	207.2	228.9	1004.1
Percent	Change	13%	15%	17%	12%	17%	15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	1004.1 258.5	15% 18%	152 32
Total Shell Egg	1262.6	16%	184

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 152 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.

- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT Northeast

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 MAR 24, 2008

GRADE A XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 2.09 2.06 1.87 1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAR 24, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

**GRADE A** XLARGE LARGE MEDIUM SMALL 1.60 1.60 1.44 .96

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Daily WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 4, 2008 CURRENT LOADS 23.75 FUTURE LOADS 11.75 TOTAL LOADS 35.50

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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1			102.50	104.00			1.00	GL W J	113.00					125.00	3.50
GL W J					109.90		2.50	GL W XL	109.50					115.24	4.25
GL W XL			113.67	115.33	100.46		8.75	GL W LG						110.25	3.00
GL W LG			95.00		96.00		4.75	GL W MD	89.75					101.00	1.00
GL W MD			91.50	94.00			1.50								
NRBS - 48		85.00		89.00	83.00		14.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly 5-Day WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 31, 2008-APRIL 4, 2008 CURRENT LOADS 93.00 FUTURE LOADS 62.25 TOTAL LOADS 155.25

		SE	1	NE	M	IW			S	C	N۱	N	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LDS
GNR W 1	112.50	120.00	109.17	111.29			9.00	GL W J	113.00					127.59	8.50
GNR W 3							1.00	GL W XL	113.14					120.14	16.25
GNR W 4		92.50					2.00	GL W LG	115.00					117.23	14.00
GL W J					112.43		7.50	GL W MD	89.75	105.00				102.78	11.75
GL W XL		117.94	116.36	118.96	108.78		47.25	GL BR XL						154.00	.75
GL W LG		116.67	106.50	114.80	103.56		26.50	GL BR LG						154.00	.50
GL W MD			90.67	91.50	87.42		17.50								
GL W SM			88.50	90.67			3.00								
NRBS - 50				106.00	101.00		.75								
NRBS - 48	90.00	88.11	96.92	98.00	90.20	98.18	68.00								
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.

<b>COLD STORAGE MO</b>	(in thousands)		
ON HAND	03/31/08	03/24/08	04/02/07
PACICIFIC COAST	17	20	24
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

# **NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are readily available. Retail demand is poor.

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** 148.39 LARGE 146.56 **MEDIUM** 125.86 **SMALL** 116.00

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

Brown Eggs	Cents/Carton	Mostly
Extra Large doz. 1/2 doz. Large doz. 1/2 doz.	229–261 120–158 224–250 115–149	239-240 130-134 225-230 125-128

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