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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices New York remained the same as last Friday's values. Regional prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment ranged steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were less than adequate to adequate for normal to over-time processing schedules. Light hen offerings were at least adequate to ample for a moderate to good demand.

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 at times steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate, best for current and planned feature activity. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for light demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105-114	108-111
LARGE	104-113	106-109
MEDIUM	92-101	94-97

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112-120	113-115
LARGE	110-118	111-113
MEDIUM	98-106	99-101

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	86-95	90
MEDIUM	76-80	78
SMALL	71-77	

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

NORTHEAST Extra large, large and medium prices were sharply lower when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually barely steady to steady. Demand was fair to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for mostly normal to over-time processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate to sufficient for normal schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-131	117-120
LARGE	109-123	114-118
MEDIUM	96-109	100-103

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 mixed. Demand into all outlets was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to available for current buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock demand was light to fair and processing schedules were mostly normal to heavy. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at least adequate for a moderate to fair good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-140.25	116-119
LARGE	113-139.25	114-117
MEDIUM	100.5-116.25	101-105

Southeast Area: AL, 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 light to moderate, with the best movement coming from limited feature activity. Loose egg demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the light demand. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118.5-127	120-123
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEDIUM	100.5-109	102-105

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady to instances barely steady. Demand was fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current buyer and seller 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	123-127
LARGE	121-125
MEDIUM	108-112

WESTERN Prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo, 9 cents lower for extra large, down 12 cents for large, and were 11 cents lower for medium. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. The Pacific inventory increased 1% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT down 1%. Offerings were adequate to ample with demand slow to instances moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo, down 9 cents on extra large, declined 12 cents on large, and were 11 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. The Pacific inventory increased 1% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT down 1%. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand mostly slow to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

	RANGE
JUMBO	158
EXTRA LARGE	158
LARGE	149
MEDIUM	137

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 18, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 11, 2008 were 180,251 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	139,017	41,234	180,251
% change from the prior week.....	+20	-22	+7

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 unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings light to adequate. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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	80-83	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	68-73	68-70
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 from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slowing. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.59

*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 mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.76
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)

APR 14, 2008		No	So	So	Atl Pacific 5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Cent			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	21.5	8.1	8.0	14.5	59.5
	Change	0.8	-1.2	-0.7	-0.2	1.5	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.7	51.5	22.4	20.2	42.0	155.8
	Change	-3.8	-1.5	7.1	-7.7	7.1	1%
Large	Curr Wk	37.7	127.5	80.6	97.6	109.5	452.9
	Change	-5.2	-6.5	5.0	-19.1	-1.3	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	39.6	16.5	23.3	27.9	117.3
	Change	0.0	-2.3	2.0	2.4	-2.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	3.4	0.5	3.0	5.4	17.8
	Change	1.4	0.9	0.3	-0.5	-0.3	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	18.5	8.5	11.0	6.8	47.4
	Change	1.1	-2.0	0.1	0.6	-0.7	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	44.8	21.3	16.8	24.4	121.0
	Change	-2.0	-4.6	4.4	-2.8	-2.5	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	96.6	306.8	157.9	179.9	230.5	971.7
	Change	-7%	-5%	13%	-13%	1%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	971.7	-3%	152
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.1	2%	32
Total Shell Egg	1235.8	-2%	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.

- 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: WHOLESAL E PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 31, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.17	2.09	1.90	1.30

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAR 31, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.62	1.62	1.46	.96

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Daily WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 11, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 16.25 FUTURE LOADS 9.75 TOTAL LOADS 26.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	90.50	--	91.50	93.00	--	--	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	102.50	108.50	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	1.00	GL W XL	100.00	107.00	--	--	--	--	2.25
GL W XL	105.00	108.00	100.50	104.00	99.00	--	6.25	GL W LG	98.00	105.00	--	--	--	--	.75
GL W LG	--	--	96.50	99.00	--	--	2.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	.25								
NRBS - 48	73.50	75.00	80.00	81.00	--	--	7.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly 5-Day WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 07, 2008-APR 11, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 70.25 FUTURE LOADS 52.00 TOTAL LOADS 122.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	SC		NW		SW		LDS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	93.50	94.33	94.67	96.00	--	--	12.00	GL W J	106.41	--	--	--	102.50	113.96	5.75
GNR W 3	--	87.50	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	100.89	103.50	--	--	--	111.00	9.50
GL W J	--	--	109.50	112.00	100.00	--	3.00	GL W LG	96.86	108.20	--	--	--	106.40	3.75
GL W XL	104.67	107.44	106.14	107.22	100.19	95.50	36.25	GL W MD	91.00	94.18	--	--	--	91.38	9.50
GL W LG	--	103.50	98.50	99.67	96.44	--	18.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	.25
GL W MD	97.00	90.83	91.40	88.25	79.75	--	21.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75
GL W SM	--	--	78.00	79.50	75.00	79.50	3.25								
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	.25								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	6.00								
NRBS - 48	73.50	75.00	81.00	83.64	80.60	86.86	60.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	72.50	74.00	--	--	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.

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, lower on the balance. Supplies are available. Retail demand is fair.

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	139.94
LARGE	135.16
MEDIUM	118.86
SMALL	111.00

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (in thousands)

ON HAND	04/07/08	03/31/08	04/09/07
PACIFIC COAST	15	17	24
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 04/06/2008 - 04/12/2008

Region	Number of Cases Shipped to:			Total State
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Midwest:	20,496	4,515	81,258	106,269
South Central:	3,900	0	19,156	23,056
Southeast:	2,326	0	6,608	8,934
Northeast:	0	0	810	810
Western:	6,402	3,424	11,754	21,580
Grand Total	33,124	7,939	119,586	160,649
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NON-MILITARY	33,124	7,939	119,586	160,649

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

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