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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium sized eggs. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower in all locations. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, mostly barely steady. Demand was light to fair entering the weekend. Supplies in most area were adequate to fully adequate, but adequate to ample in the Midwest. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully sufficient offerings. Light type hens were adequate to ample a moderate to good demand.

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 in IA-MN-WI were lower. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to at best moderate demand. Schedules full-time to at times extended. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	105-114	108-111				
LARGE	104-113	106-109			79-88	83
MEDIUM	92-101	94-97			69-73	71
					64-70	

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 lower. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were available on large, adequate to fully sufficient on the balance. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were adequate to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for regular processing 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, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, but trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand remained light to moderate. Food service demand was reported as slow. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate at best. Schedules were full-time to instances extended. Trade sentiment was steady.

	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, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending downward. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Demand into all markets was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock demand was light to moderate with adequate to fully sufficient offerings. Light type hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	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, 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** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium sized eggs when compared to values a day earlier. Trade sentiment was at least barely steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate entering the weekend. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	116-120
LARGE	114-118
MEDIUM	101-105

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

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 8 cents lower for jumbo and extra large and 7 cents lower for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was quiet to fair. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 8 cents lower for jumbo and extra large and 7 cents lower for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand quiet to fair. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

**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	158
EXTRA LARGE	158
LARGE	149
MEDIUM	137

**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	142-156
EXTRA LARGE	141-146
LARGE	137-140
MEDIUM	124-127

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate at best. Schedules full-time to instances extended. Trade sentiment about steady.

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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	79-81	79
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	66-71	66-68
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on breaking stock and lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week values. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Processing schedules were generally normal to heavy. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 12-Apr-08 were 3 percent less than last week, but 11 percent higher than a year ago.

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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	75-82	75-79
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-70	63-68
EASTERN REGION 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 12-APR-2008	(Lbs In Thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,363,703	33,482	12,799	6,944	3,032	4,622
PW	1,344,132	33,480	12,372	6,781	2,722	4,566
LY	1,301,977	31,520	12,655	6,948	2,490	4,322
% Chg PWK	1%	0%	3%	2%	11%	1%
% Chg LY	5%	6%	1%	0%	22%	7%
2008	18,710,390	467,067	170,087	91,235	38,781	64,943
2007	18,383,442	456,645	171,598	92,035	36,207	64,417
% Chg YTD	2%	2%	-1%	-1%	7%	1%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>		<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>		
(Inedible Included)		42.42	42.55	42.59		
(Inedible Excluded)		39.03	39.16	39.27		

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	675,588	49.5%	17,613	52.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	666,344	49.6%	17,745	53.0%
LAST YEAR	618,768	47.5%	17,113	54.3%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 131 to 133 fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, steady to cautiously steady for whites, and steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, adequate to fully adequate for whites, and balanced to adequate for yolk. Demand was light for whole egg and yolk and moderate to fairly good for whites. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	75-76	75.25	-10.21
WHITES	30	68-71	68.97	-2.98
YOLKS	8	128-131	129.50	-1.75

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were lower on whole and whites, irregular on sugared yolks, unchanged on salted yolks when compared to values last week. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, at best steady on whites and barely steady to weak on whole. Offerings remain 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 12-Apr-2008 were 5% less than a week ago, however 1% higher than this time last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	105-116	105-111	111-117
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	90-99	92-94	96-101
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-149	147-149	152-161
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	135-145	143-145	146-158

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

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged 4 to 9 cents lower with whites 2 to 3 cents lower. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower with salted yolk unchanged to 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for whole egg and about steady for whites and sugared yolk and steady to fully steady for salted yolk. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were slightly lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	105-107	
WHITES	91-96	91-93
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-150	147-149
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-148	143-145

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices were sharply lower with whites 2 cents lower. Frozen sugar and salt yolk prices were unchanged. Offerings continued fully adequate for whole egg with the balance of products adequate. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and mostly steady on the balance.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	107-111	
WHITES	98-101	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	149-152	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-147	

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were lower on whole, unchanged to lower on yolks, unchanged on albumen when compared to the previous week's prices. Offerings were sufficient. Demand was fair as buyers continue purchasing product on an as needed basis. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on whole, mixed on the balance. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 12-Apr-2008 were 11% more than the previous week and 22% higher 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 & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	4.07-4.60	MOSTLY	4.35-4.45
YOLKS	3.35-3.60	MOSTLY	3.35-3.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.32-6.90	MOSTLY	6.80-6.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.35-3.55		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 11, 2008-APRIL 17, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS** 61.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 88.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 149.75

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	88.50	88.33	88.38	90.29	--	--	12.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	102.50	105.76	4.25
GL W J	--	--	100.50	102.00	89.23	--	4.25	GL W XL	91.53	99.95	--	--	--	93.60	11.75
GL W XL	98.92	102.68	98.17	99.79	92.26	94.00	40.75	GL W LG	91.50	100.27	--	--	91.00	94.13	7.50
GL W LG	--	102.80	96.50	94.14	88.00	--	16.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	83.91	10.75
GL W MD	92.43	87.38	81.33	79.50	76.87	72.27	29.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	67.33	68.50	74.00	76.75	3.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	109.00	--	--	--	--	100.00	1.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	73.00	5.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50								
NRBS - 48	73.50	75.00	80.00	81.00	83.00	81.57	64.00								

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 a week earlier. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate to fully 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 TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good, offerings continued adequate to ample. Schedules full time to overtime. 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	118.50	116.00	101.50
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	103.00
MIDWEST	109.50	107.50	95.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	121.50	116.50	103.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	116.95	113.96	100.96

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales of both light and heavy canners were noted as too few to report. Offerings were sufficient for current needs. Demand was fair to mostly moderate demand with most existing supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were 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 12-Mar-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,549	1,494	3,043
Last Week	1,561	1,482	3,043
Same week yr ago	1,114	1,376	2,490
To-date/2008	20,975	22,287	43,262
To-date/2007	16,785	20,291	37,076

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		-----Thousands-----	
Head	333	0	333
Last Week	479	0	479
Same week yr ago	239	0	239
To-date/2008	4,654	12	4,666
To-date/2007	3,157	14	3,171

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	1,882	1,494	3,376
Last Week	2,040	1,482	3,522
Same week yr ago	1,353	1,376	2,729
To-date/2008	25,629	22,299	47,928
To-date/2007	19,942	20,305	40,247

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

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

Week Ending April 05, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	47	95	96	1,867
Frozen	0	0	8	5
Dried	0	0	138	169
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2,041</b>

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

Week Ending April 05, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	502	135	5,176	4,246
Frozen	0	0	217	113
Dried	0	0	0	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5,393</b>	<b>4,550</b>

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending April 05, 2008		Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	600	990	3,410	7,619
Large	120	3,310	14,620	23,701
Medium	780	330	10,500	11,585
Ungraded	3,630	1,470	53,650	14,540
Misc	0	780	0	865
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>6,880</b>	<b>82,180</b>	<b>58,310</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 12-APR-2008	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	174.0	1	-8
East North Central	614.3	9	1
West North Central	304.9	4	14
South Atlantic	170.9	0	-4
South Central	48.9	-1	-14
West	179.9	-4	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1492.9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</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 12-APR -2008	Selected Consuming Centers		% CHANGE	
	CW	LW	LW	LY
	(Cases in Thousands)			
Atlanta	25.0	19.6	28	8
Boston	3.0	2.6	15	7
Chicago	50.9	55.5	-8	-21
Detroit	9.6	11.9	-19	-13
Los Angeles	90.3	89.4	1	-12
New Orleans	5.4	5.8	-7	0
New York	33.0	31.5	5	21
St. Louis	39.2	36.5	7	29
San Francisco	14.7	14.5	1	-11
<b>Total</b>	<b>271.1</b>	<b>267.3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
4 Week Moving Avg.	301.0			

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)		
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	04/14/08	2,952	93,031	76,890
AM	04/01/08	2,959	90,808	72,309
CHG		-7	2223	4581
PCT CHG		0%	2%	6%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APR 15, 2008**  
Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	164	159	144	117
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	159-163	154-158	134-138	110-114
MOSTLY	161-162	156-157	136-137	112-113
RHODE ISLAND	163-167	158-162	139-143	116-120
MOSTLY	163	158	139	116
VERMONT	167-169	162-165	144-145	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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