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



Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady, mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings remained sufficient to ample for a light to mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens were at least adequate to ample for normal to heavy 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 in IA-MN-WI were lower for small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to generally moderate. Loose egg movement was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies remained adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

| RANGE  | MOSTLY           |
|--------|------------------|
| 98-107 | 101-104          |
| 97-106 | 99-102           |
| 85-94  | 87-90            |
|        | 98-107<br>97-106 |

| IA-MN-WI   | Prices paid | to     |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| producers. | Range       | Mostly |
| LARGE      | 79-88       | 83     |
| MEDIUM     | 69-73       | 71     |
| SMALL      | 61-67       |        |

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

<u>NORTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for a light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were at least adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

|   | RANGE       | MOSTLY      |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| EXTRA LARGE                             | 111-127     | 113-116     |
| LARGE                                   | 105-119     | 110-114     |
| MEDIUM                                  | 92-105      | 96-99       |
| NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA,         | MD, ME, NH, | Eastern NJ, |
| Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT |             |             |

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady. Retail demand was light to moderate where active features were in place. Food service demand was reported as mostly slow. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

|                                | RANGE         | MOSILI   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| EXTRA LARGE                    | 110.5-119     | 112-115  |
| LARGE                          | 106.5-115     | 108-111  |
| MEDIUM                         | 93.5-102      | 95-98    |
| SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,K | S,LA,MO,NM,OK | , and TX |

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was fair. Supplies were adequate to available for buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for a fair demand. Light type fowl supplies were at least adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

|   | KANGE           | WOSILI        |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| EXTRA LARGE                             | 107.5-123.25    | 109-112       |
| LARGE                                   | 106-122.25      | 107-110       |
| MEDIUM                                  | 92.5-107.25     | 93-97         |
| SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, Southern VA | MS, NC, SC, Eas | stern TN, and |

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 all sizes when compared to values reported a day earlier. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate entering the weekend. Current supplies remained fully sufficient to cover buyer and seller needs.

|             | KANGE   |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 116-120 |
| LARGE       | 114-118 |
| MEDIUM      | 101-105 |

| MIDWEST REGIONAL | RANGE   | MOSTLY  |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE      | 105-113 | 106-108 |
| LARGE            | 103-111 | 104-106 |
| MEDIUM           | 91-99   | 92-94   |

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were adequate with demand quiet to moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices were unchanged for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was quiet to moderate with offerings adequate. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.10.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> 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.

|             | KANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO       | 150   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 150   |
| LARGE       | 142   |
| MEDIUM      | 130   |

#### **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                  | 134-148 |
| EXTRA LARGE            | 133-138 |
| LARGE                  | 130-133 |
| MEDIUM                 | 117-120 |

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LTL

#### **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 were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

|                                     | RANGE           | MOSTLY       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| BREAKING STOCK                      | 78-80           | 78           |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES                | 55-70           | 65-67        |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN | N,KS,LA,MI,MN,N | MO,NM,ND,NE, |
| OH,OK,SD,TX,WI                      |                 |              |

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for a light to fair demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal to at times heavy. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 19-Apr-2008 were 1% higher than last week and 15% more than last year.

|  | RANGE         | MOSILY      |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| BREAKING STOCK                             | 75-79         | 75-77       |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES                       | 61-69         | 62-67       |
| EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL        | , GA, KY, ME, | MD, MA, MS, |
| NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WY | ✓             |             |

#### EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

| W/E 19- | APR-2008     | (lbs. in th  | ousands)    | (Excl     | udes Ingr | edients) |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Total   | Cases        | Liquid       | Liquid      | Liquid    | Dried     | Ined     |
| Product | ion Broken   | Whole        | Whites      | Yolk      |           |          |
| CW      | 1,367,993    | 33,303       | 13,167      | 6,761     | 3,421     | 4,667    |
| PW      | 1,363,703    | 33,482       | 12,799      | 6,944     | 3,032     | 4,622    |
| LY      | 1,231,747    | 30,019       | 11,220      | 6,056     | 2,340     | 4,200    |
| % PW    | 0%           | -1%          | 3%          | -3%       | 13%       | 1%       |
| % LY    | 11%          | 11%          | 17%         | 12%       | 46%       | 11%      |
| 2008    | 20,078,383   | 500,370      | 183,253     | 97,996    | 42,203    | 69,610   |
| 2007    | 19,615,189   | 486,664      | 182,819     | 98,091    | 38,547    | 68,617   |
| % YTD   | 2%           | 3%           | 0%          | 0%        | 9%        | 1%       |
|         |              |              |             | CV        | V PW      | LY       |
| Average | Yield per Ca | se - (Inedik | ole Include | ed) 42.3  | 2 42.42   | 41.81    |
| Average | Yield per Ca | se - (Inedik | le Exclud   | ed) 38.91 | 39.03     | 38.40    |

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

|               | Cases   | s Broken   | Liqu   | iid Whole  |
|---------------|---------|------------|--------|------------|
|               | Cases   | % of Total | Lbs.   | % of Total |
| CURRENT WEEK  | 672,712 | 49.2%      | 17,690 | 53.1%      |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 675,588 | 49.5%      | 17,613 | 52.6%      |
| LAST YEAR     | 593,796 | 48.2%      | 16,174 | 53.9%      |

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and whites and generally steady for yolk. Demand was light to moderate for whole egg, moderate to fairly good for whites, and quiet for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and closely balanced for yolk. Breaking stock prices were unchanged 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  | 12    | 64-75 | 71.42     | -3.83     |
| WHITES | 27    | 59-68 | 64.06     | -4.91     |
| YOLKS  |       | TFEWR |           |           |

#### **FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole egg ranged 7 to 9 cents lower with whites 2 to 5 cents lower. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged with salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites and mostly steady for frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate with demand light to mostly moderate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

| IN                                    | JCKLUIS                    |            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
|                                       | RANGE                      | MOSTLY     |
| WHOLE                                 | 96-100                     | 97-98      |
| WHITES                                | 86-94                      | 88-90      |
| SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)           | 145-150                    | 150        |
| SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)           | 143-146                    |            |
| WHITES<br>SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 96-100<br>86-94<br>145-150 | 97-<br>88- |

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were lower on whole and whites, irregular on sugared and salted yolks when compared to prices a week ago. Trade sentiment was usually steady on yolks, barely steady on whites and whole. Offerings were sufficient. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 19-Apr-2008 were 2% less than a week ago, however 8% higher than last year. Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

|                    |  | LIL  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| TRUCKLOTS          | (MIN.  | 25 CONT.)  |
| RANGE              | MOSTLY   | RANGE  |
| 96-104             | 96-100   | 102-112  |
| TFEWR              |  |  |
| 86-91              | 86-88  | 90-100   |
| OLIDS)142-150      | 145-149  | 152-158  |
| LIDS) 143-145      |  | 146-158  |
| r, generally 28-32 | % egg solids   | S.   |
|                    | RANGE<br>96-104<br>TFEWR<br>86-91<br>OLIDS)142-150<br>LIDS)143-145 | RANGE MOSTLY 96-104 96-100 TFEWR 86-91 86-88 OLIDS)142-150 145-149 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Frozen whole egg prices were 8 cents lower with whites 6 cents lower. Frozen sugar and salt yolk prices remain unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites and steady on the balance.

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

| 3, 11, 3, 1, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, | LTL             |
|--|-----------------|
|  | (MIN. 25 CONT.) |
|  | RANGE           |
| WHOLE  | 99-103          |
| WHITES   | 92-95           |
| SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)                            | 149-152         |
| SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)                            | 144-147         |
|  |                 |

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen and yolks, unchanged on whole when compared to the previous week's prices. Offerings were adequate for a light to moderate demand. Most buyers were still purchasing product on an as needed basis. The undertone was unsettled. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 19-Apr-2008 were 13% more than the previous week and 46% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 9% more than a year earlier.

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

| WHOLE  | 4.20-4.50              | MOSTLY 4.35-4.45 |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
| YOLKS  | 3.31-3.55              | MOSTLY 3.31-3.45 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED<br>BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 6.40-6.85<br>3.35-3.50 | MOSTLY 6.70-6.85 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 18, 2008-APRIL 24, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 65.50 FUTURE LOADS 73.25 TOTAL LOADS 138.75

|           | 5     | SE    |       | NE     | M     | IW    |       |          | 5     | SC    | NV  | ٧   | S     | W      |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|--------|-------|
| CLASS     | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST    | ORG   | DST   | LOADS | CLASS    | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST | ORG   | DST    | LOADS |
| GNR W 1   | 82.75 | 86.00 | 83.63 | 85.13  |       |       | 14.00 | GNR W 1  |       |       |     |     |       |        | 2.00  |
| GNR W 3   |       | 76.00 |       |        |       |       | 1.00  | GNR BR 1 | 95.00 |       |     |     |       |        | 2.50  |
| GNR BR 1  |       |       |       |        |       |       | 2.50  | GL W J   | 88.00 |       |     |     | 95.00 | 101.60 | 12.00 |
| GL W J    |       |       | 99.50 | 101.00 | 87.06 |       | 10.00 | GL W XL  | 86.83 | 95.06 |     |     |       | 93.57  | 13.25 |
| GL W XL   |       | 98.77 | 95.67 | 96.80  | 85.47 |       | 41.50 | GL W LG  | 90.50 | 95.40 |     |     | 86.00 | 89.21  | 9.00  |
| GL W LG   |       | 94.80 | 92.50 | 90.63  | 82.08 |       | 22.25 | GL W MD  |       | 80.00 |     |     |       | 83.00  | 7.50  |
| GL W MD   |       | 83.75 | 79.38 | 79.71  | 75.30 |       | 26.75 | GL W SM  |       | 71.00 |     |     |       |        | .50   |
| GL W SM   |       |       |       |        | 63.58 | 64.70 | 2.50  | GL BR XL |       |       |     |     |       |        | .50   |
| GL BR XL  |       |       |       |        |       |       | .50   | GL BR LG |       |       |     |     |       |        | .75   |
| GL BR LG  |       |       |       |        |       |       | .75   |          |       |       |     |     |       |        |       |
| GL BR MD  | 77.00 | 80.00 |       |        |       |       | 1.00  |          |       |       |     |     |       |        |       |
| NRBS - 48 | 68.50 | 70.00 |       | 78.23  | 79.08 | 78.70 | 43.50 |          |       |       |     |     |       |        |       |
| NRBS - 39 |       |       |       | 69.00  | 64.00 |       | 1.00  |          |       |       |     |     |       |        |       |
| NRBS - 36 | 60.00 |       |       | 65.00  |       |       | 1.25  |          |       |       |     |     |       |        |       |

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

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-12 4-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were light. Salvage costs were expected to rise.

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.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 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           | <b>EX LARGE</b> | LARGE  | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| NORTHEAST         | 114.50          | 112.00 | 97.50  |
| SOUTHEAST         | 110.50          | 108.50 | 95.00  |
| MIDWEST           | 102.50          | 100.50 | 88.50  |
| SOUTH CENTRAL     | 113.50          | 109.50 | 96.50  |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 110.37          | 107.66 | 94.44  |

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 generally adequate for current needs. Demand was fair to mostly moderate with most existing supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO RE

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)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION Week ending 19-Apr-08

|                                 | U.S. IOWI Staughtered domestically |           |        |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--|--|--|
|                                 | Light                              | Heavy     | Total  |  |  |  |
|                                 | Hens                               | Hens      | Hens   |  |  |  |
|                                 |                                    | Thousands |        |  |  |  |
| Head                            | 1,567                              | 1,571     | 3,138  |  |  |  |
| Last Week                       | 1,549                              | 1,494     | 3,043  |  |  |  |
| Same week yr ago                | 1,026                              | 1,280     | 2,306  |  |  |  |
| To-date/2008                    | 22,542                             | 23,858    | 46,400 |  |  |  |
| To-date/2007                    | 17,811                             | 21,571    | 39,382 |  |  |  |
| U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada |                                    |           |        |  |  |  |

| olor form oldaginorod in odridad |       |           |       |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|                                  | Light | Heavy     | Total |  |  |  |  |
|                                  | Hens  | Hens      | Hens  |  |  |  |  |
|                                  |       | Thousands |       |  |  |  |  |
| Head                             | 311   | 0         | 311   |  |  |  |  |
| Last Week                        | 333   | 0         | 333   |  |  |  |  |
| Same week yr ago                 | 236   | 0         | 236   |  |  |  |  |
| To-date/2008                     | 4,965 | 12        | 4,977 |  |  |  |  |
| To-date/2007                     | 3,393 | 14        | 3,407 |  |  |  |  |
|                                  |       |           |       |  |  |  |  |

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

| Total U          | J.S. fowl s | slaughtered in the U.S | . and Canada |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------|
|                  | Light       | Heavy                  | Total        |
|                  | Hens        | Hens                   | Hens         |
|                  |             | Thousands              |              |
| Head             | 1,878       | 1,571                  | 3,449        |
| Last Week        | 1,882       | 1,494                  | 3,376        |
| Same week yr ago | 1,262       | 1,280                  | 2,542        |
| To-date/2008     | 27,507      | 23,870                 | 51,377       |
| To-date/2007     | 21,204      | 21,585                 | 42,789       |

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

# exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| 0.3. Exports to Canada, in Founds (000) (Freinfillary) |                  |         |              |       |  |  |  |
|--|------------------|---------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Week Endi  | ng April 12, 200 | )8      | Year-To-Date |       |  |  |  |
| Type   | 2008             | 2007 /1 | 2008 /2      | 2007  |  |  |  |
| Liquid   | 0                | 194     | 96           | 2,061 |  |  |  |
| Frozen   | 0                | 2       | 8            | 7     |  |  |  |
| Dried  | 40               | 0       | 178          | 169   |  |  |  |
| Total  | 40               | 196     | 282          | 2,237 |  |  |  |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary) Week Ending April 12, 2008 Year-To-Date 2007 Type 2008 2007 /1 2008 /2 5,491 Liquid 315 4,443 197 Frozen 9 0 226 113 Dried 40 80 40 271 Total 364 277 5,757 4,827 **Inspected Shell Eggs** 

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

Week Ending April 12, 2008 Year-To-Date

|  | 2008   | 2007 /1 | 2008 /2 | 2007   |  |
|--|--------|---------|---------|--------|--|
| Jumbo  | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0      |  |
| Ex Large   | 600    | 1,920   | 4,010   | 9,539  |  |
| Large  | 900    | 360     | 15,520  | 24,061 |  |
| Medium   | 2,280  | 2,220   | 12,780  | 13,805 |  |
| Ungraded   | 13,500 | 780     | 67,150  | 15,320 |  |
| Misc   | 0      | 0       | 0       | 865    |  |
| Total  | 17,280 | 5,280   | 99,460  | 63,590 |  |
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/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 -

| Sele   | cted Cente | rs (Inc. (  | Gov't Stocks)  | (In Thousands)       |
|--------|------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
|        |            | Frozen      | Processed      | Processed            |
|        |            | Eggs<br>Lbs | Turkeys<br>Lbs | other Poultry<br>Lbs |
| AM     | 04/21/08   | 3,028       | 94,450         | 77,982               |
| AM     | 04/01/08   | 2,959       | 90,808         | 72,309               |
| CHG    |            | 69          | 3642           | 5673                 |
| PCT CH | G          | 2%          | 4%             | 8%                   |

| MONTHLY COLD ST   | (In Units | of 1,000) |        |        |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
|                   | Feb       | Feb       | Mar    | Mar    |
| FROZEN EGGS:      | 2007      | 2008      | 2007   | 2008   |
| Whites            | 2,926     | 2,952     | 2,752  | 2,655  |
| Yolks             | 1,065     | 962       | 1,014  | 870    |
| Whole & Mixed     | 6,393     | 7,097     | 5,633  | 5,905  |
| Unclassified      | 5,309     | 5,721     | 5,233  | 6,072  |
| Total Frozen Eggs | 15,693    | 16,732    | 14,632 | 15,502 |
| Source: USDA/NASS |           |           |        |        |

#### **CHICKENS AND EGGS**

# March Egg Production Down 2 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.68 billion during March 2008, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2008 averaged 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, up slightly from March 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2008 totaled 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler- type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2008, averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from April 1, 2007.

| COMMERCIAL EGG<br>W/E 19-APR-2008  | G MOVEMENT (Rec<br>Cases | eipts From Pr<br>% Change |    |  |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----|--|
| REGIONS  | (In thousands)           | LW                        | LY |  |
| North Atlantic   | 172.4                    | -1                        | 1  |  |
| East North Central   | 623.5                    | 1                         | -4 |  |
| West North Central   | 323.5                    | 6                         | 12 |  |
| South Atlantic   | 172.0                    | 1                         | 1  |  |
| South Central  | 53.3                     | 9                         | -4 |  |
| West   | 196.7                    | 9                         | 9  |  |
| Total  | 1541.4                   | 3                         | 2  |  |
| 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

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| Selected Consuming | CW          | LW        | % CHA | NGE |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-----|
| Centers            | (Cases in T | housands) | LW    | LY  |
| Atlanta            | 23.3        | 25.0      | -7    | -21 |
| Boston             | 2.9         | 3.0       | -3    | 0   |
| Chicago            | 63.2        | 50.9      | 24    | 34  |
| Detroit            | 10.2        | 9.6       | 6     | 9   |
| Los Angeles        | 117.3       | 90.3      | 30    | 19  |
| New Orleans        | 5.7         | 5.4       | 6     | 6   |
| New York           | 31.6        | 33.0      | -4    | 19  |
| St. Louis          | 41.0        | 39.2      | 5     | 38  |
| San Francisco      | 14.3        | 14.7      | -3    | -13 |
| Total              | 309.5       | 271.1     | 14    | 23  |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 286.5       |           |       |     |

# NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APR 22, 2008 Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlyrd store door.

|                      | Ex Large | Large   | Med     | Small   |
|----------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| MAINE                | 157      | 152     | 133     | 113     |
| MOSTLY               | -        | -       | -       | -       |
| <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> | 152-156  | 147-151 | 128-132 | 108-112 |
| MOSTLY               | 154-155  | 149-150 | 130-131 | 110-111 |
| RHODE ISLAND         | 156-160  | 151-155 | 132-136 | 112-116 |
| MOSTLY               | 156      | 151     | 132     | 112     |
| VERMONT              | 157-159  | 152-155 | 133-135 | -       |
| MOSTLY               | -        | -       | -       | -       |

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