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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were slightly lower in the Northeast, unchanged to lower in the Southeast, and unchanged elsewhere when compare to last week's values. Trade sentiment mostly steady to at times barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, better where promotional activity was a factor. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to available for a light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens were at least adequate to ample for regular to heavy processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL All reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to usually moderate, best for feature activity. Loose egg movement was light to at times moderate. Supplies were remained adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was about steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98-107	101-104
LARGE	97-106	99-102
MEDIUM	85-94	87-90

Prices delivered to store door

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

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	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 & western PA

NORTHEAST Prices were lower on heavier and lighter weight eggs when compared to values a week ago. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to available for immediate trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for a light to fair demand. Light type hens in the Eastern region were at least adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-124	110-113
LARGE	102-116	109-111
MEDIUM	89-102	93-96

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged to lower when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was fair. Current supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for normal to heavy processing schedules. Light type hen demand was moderate to fairly good for at least adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.5-119.25	109-112
LARGE	106-114.25	107-110
MEDIUM	92.5-102.25	93-97

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was reported as steady. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate where features were active. Food service demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices remained unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate. Offerings adequate to available. Schedules were full-time to extended. Trade sentiment was about steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
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, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX

NEW YORK Extra large, large and medium prices were the same as values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment entering the week was usually steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate for current 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	116-120
LARGE	114-118
MEDIUM	101-105

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. The Pacific inventory was up 7% from last Monday, with California 4% higher, and OR-WA-UT up 13%. Offerings were adequate with light to moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times barely steady. The Pacific inventory was 7% higher from last Monday, with California up 4% and OR-WA-UT 13% higher. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.10.

	RANGE
JUMBO	150
EXTRA LARGE	150
LARGE	142
MEDIUM	130

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 02, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 25, 2008 were 178,582 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	145,429	33,153	178,582
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+3	-6

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices remained unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate. Offerings were adequate to available. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to 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	78-80	78
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-70	65-67

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 was light and of insufficient volume to report prices. Demand was fair for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-APR-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75	CENTS/LB.	9.82
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/ (30 Dozen cases-in thousands)

		North	Cent	So	So	Pacific	5-Area
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Atl		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	21.4	6.7	8.4	12.2	54.9
	Change	-0.9	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.8	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.9	46.6	12.0	21.8	37.1	137.4
	Change	-0.3	0.3	2.2	2.5	6.6	9%
Large	Curr Wk	45.1	122.0	63.4	97.8	109.8	438.1
	Change	4.8	3.4	-7.2	4.7	9.0	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	47.9	16.7	18.0	33.8	128.1
	Change	-0.9	5.1	0.4	2.6	1.7	7%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	4.8	1.3	1.7	3.5	14.3
	Change	-2.0	-0.2	0.8	-2.1	-1.3	-25%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	19.2	6.5	12.4	9.0	48.7
	Change	-0.9	0.5	-1.3	2.2	0.8	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.3	65.8	10.3	17.8	22.2	131.4
	Change	-1.0	10.9	-7.4	-2.5	-0.9	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	102.8	327.7	116.9	177.9	227.6	952.9
Percent	Change	-1%	6%	-10%	4%	7%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	952.9	3%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.4	0%	32
Total Total Shell Egg	1,203.3	2%	183

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 151 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: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.12	2.09	1.90	1.30

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 14, 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 APRIL 25, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								12.00	FUTURE LOADS								29.75	TOTAL LOADS				41.75	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	82.50	--	--	85.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	86.50	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	102.50	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	--	95.67	97.67	82.00	--	5.00	GL W XL	--	91.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	91.00	--	--	1.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	78.00	--	3.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	91.00	--	--	2.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W MD	--	--	80.50	82.00	76.50	--	7.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	2.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	1.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	17.00																
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	2.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 21, 2008-APRIL 25, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								63.75	FUTURE LOADS								86.75	TOTAL LOADS				150.50	
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	82.50	86.00	83.50	85.00	--	--	13.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR W 3	--	76.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	95.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	GNR BR 1	95.00	--	--	--	2.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	GL W J	--	--	--	--	95.00	101.98	--	--	11.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	11.00
GL W J	--	--	99.50	101.00	87.00	--	11.00	GL W XL	86.83	94.62	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.25	GL W XL	86.83	94.62	--	--	12.25
GL W XL	--	98.77	95.69	96.81	84.56	--	41.00	GL W LG	90.50	95.40	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00	GL W LG	90.50	95.40	--	--	8.00
GL W LG	--	94.80	92.50	91.00	80.83	--	24.25	GL W MD	--	80.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.75	GL W MD	--	80.00	--	--	6.75
GL W MD	--	83.75	80.25	80.33	75.57	--	26.50	GL W SM	--	71.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50	GL W SM	--	71.00	--	--	.50
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	62.90	63.00	2.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75																
GL BR MD	77.00	80.00	--	--	--	--	1.00																
NRBS - 48	68.50	70.00	--	77.71	79.57	78.71	64.00																
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	2.00																
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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS
(In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/21/08	04/07/08	04/23/07
PACIFIC COAST	11	15	23
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS APRIL 21, 2008
(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 all sizes. Supplies are adequate to 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	129.24
LARGE	125.24
MEDIUM	110.86
SMALL	101.00

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