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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 3 cents lower on larger sizes and mediums when compared to values a day earlier. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to mostly weak entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, usually light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for generally normal processing schedules. Light type hens were adequate to ample for regular to at times 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.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate, better into planned features. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to instances moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were 3 cents lower on extra large, large and medium when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand into all channels remained light to fair. Current supplies were fully adequate to ample for needs.

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

IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE		71-80	75
MEDIUM		62-66	64
SMALL		57-63	

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	91-95

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

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending significantly lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current buyer needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for a moderate demand. Eastern region light hens were fully adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

	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, and VT

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices continued unchanged but trending lower for next week. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand was in a full range, light to fairly good. Feature activity stimulating good interest. Food service demand was slow. Supplies remained adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet to instances moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	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, and TX

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 8 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 7 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to fair with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Supplies were adequate.

**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	150
EXTRA LARGE	150
LARGE	142
MEDIUM	130

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available for present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were fully adequate for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

	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, and Southern VA

## 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

**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** All prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet to instances moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	67-71	67-68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-64	59-61
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were lower on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early weeks values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Demand was mostly moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 26-Apr-2008 were 1 percent less than last week, but 13 percent more than last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	65-70	66-69
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	53-61	54-59
EASTERN STATES 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 26-APR-2008	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,358,641	32,916	13,163	6,844	3,240	4,501
PW	1,367,993	33,303	13,167	6,761	3,421	4,667
LY	1,204,213	30,394	11,336	5,811	2,031	4,182
% PW	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	-5%	-4%
% LY	13%	8%	16%	18%	60%	8%
2008	21,437,024	533,286	196,417	104,840	45,443	74,111
2007	20,819,402	517,057	194,155	103,901	40,578	72,799
% YTD	3%	3%	1%	1%	12%	2%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.27	42.32	42.95
Average Yield per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.95	38.91	39.48

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

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	666,722	49.1%	17,274	52.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	672,712	49.2%	17,690	53.1%
LAST YEAR	594,353	49.4%	16,562	54.5%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and whites and cautiously steady for yolk. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg, ample for whites, and adequate to fully adequate for yolk. Demand was moderate for whole egg, fair to good for whites, and light to moderate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to the past 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	11	69-72	71.05	-37
WHITES	27	52-63	56.09	-7.97
YOLKS		TFEWR		

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged 3 cents lower with sugared yolk unchanged and frozen salted yolk unchanged to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites and steady for frozen yolk products. Demand was reported as moderate with offerings adequate. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLEWHOLE	93-97	93-95
WHITES	83-91	83-87
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-150	147-150
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-146	143-146

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were lower on whole and whites, unchanged to lower on sugared and salted yolks when compared to prices the previous week. Trade sentiment remained steady on yolks, barely steady on whites and whole. Offerings were sufficient for a moderate demand. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-Apr-2008 were 6% more than a week ago and 13% higher than last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	93-99	93-96	99-106
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	81-87	85-87	86-96
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	132-150	145-149	152-158
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	143-145	146-158

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** Frozen whole egg and white prices were lower with frozen sugar and salted yolk prices unchanged. Demand was moderate while offerings continue adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and whites and steady for frozen yolk products.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	96-100		
WHITES	88-91		
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	149-152		
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-147		

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were lower on whole and albumen, unchanged on yolks when compared to the previous week's prices. Offerings were sufficient. Demand was fair to fairly good, with yolks in the better position. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, unsettled on the balance. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Apr-2008 were -5% more than the previous week and 60% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 12% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	4.10-4.40	MOSTLY	4.15-4.25
YOLKS	3.18-3.50	MOSTLY	3.31-3.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.10-6.70	MOSTLY	6.40-6.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.35-3.50		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 25, 2008-MAY 01, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 55.00

FUTURE LOADS 87.00

TOTAL LOADS 142.00

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	79.83	82.50	83.33	83.50	--	--	19.00	GNR W 1	--	81.25	--	--	--	--	17.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR BR 1	88.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.25
GNR W 3	--	--	--	65.00	58.00	--	1.00	GL W J	--	98.00	--	--	--	102.50	3.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GL W XL	76.00	92.67	--	--	--	92.00	11.00
GL W J	--	--	94.25	96.00	87.00	--	5.25	GL W LG	86.00	91.20	--	--	--	92.10	9.75
GL W XL	--	96.29	93.25	94.01	83.44	--	37.75	GL W MD	--	76.00	--	--	--	81.17	7.00
GL W LG	--	100.00	--	85.20	77.95	86.00	20.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	92.75	2.00
GL W MD	--	--	80.50	81.50	76.76	--	23.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	91.75	.75
GL W SM	--	--	66.00	67.50	72.00	--	3.75	NRBS - 48	65.40	67.00	--	--	--	--	10.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75								
NRBS - 48	--	--	80.00	75.67	74.21	74.41	53.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	2.00								

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 the previous week. Demand was fair to fairly good for the fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. 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 adequate to ample. Schedules full time. 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	111.50	110.00	94.50
SOUTHEAST	110.50	108.50	95.00
MIDWEST	102.50	100.50	88.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	113.50	109.50	96.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	109.67	107.20	93.74

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 at least sufficient for current needs. Demand was fair to moderate with most available 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  
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION** Week ending 26-Apr-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,182	1,704	2,886
Last Week	1,567	1,571	3,138
Same week yr ago	1,156	1,432	2,588
To-date/2008	23,724	25,562	49,286
To-date/2007	18,967	23,003	41,970

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		-----Thousands-----	
Head	411	7	418
Last Week	311	0	311
Same week yr ago	306	0	306
To-date/2008	5,376	19	5,395
To-date/2007	3,699	14	3,713

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	1,593	1,711	3,304
Last Week	1,878	1,571	3,449
Same week yr ago	1,462	1,432	2,894
To-date/2008	29,100	25,581	54,681
To-date/2007	22,666	23,017	45,683

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

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

Type	Week Ending April 19, 2008		Year-To-Date	
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	0	96	2,061
Frozen	0	0	8	7
Dried	0	0	178	169
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>2,237</b>

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

Type	Week Ending April 19, 2008		Year-To-Date	
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	414	187	5,905	4,630
Frozen	8	16	234	129
Dried	40	40	80	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>5,070</b>

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Type	Week Ending April 19, 2008		Year-To-Date	
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	1,350	1,350	5,360	10,889
Large	900	300	16,420	24,361
Medium	2,274	2,100	15,054	15,905
Ungraded	5,958	0	73,108	15,320
Misc	0	1,560	0	2,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,482</b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>109,942</b>	<b>68,900</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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS –**

	Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks)	Frozen		Processed	
		Eggs	Turkeys	other Poultry	
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	04/28/08	3,025	97,216	79,566	
AM	04/01/08	2,959	90,808	72,309	
CHG		66	6408	7257	
PCT CHG		2%	7%	10%	

**EGG PRODUCTS**

**Shell Eggs Broken Down 3 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 163 million dozen during March 2008, down 3 percent from March a year ago, but 7 percent above the 152 million broken last month.

March 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. March 2007 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2008 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 486 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2007. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2008 was 635 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2007.

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

REGIONS	W/E 26-APR-2008	
	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From LW LY
North Atlantic	173.9	1 3
East North Central	589.7	-4 -1
West North Central	305.0	0 16
South Atlantic	168.7	-2 -5
South Central	51.6	5 0
West	185.8	-2 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1474.7</b>	<b>-2 3</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 26-APR -2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.8	23.3	2	-12
Boston	2.8	2.9	-3	-7
Chicago	67.9	63.2	7	41
Detroit	10.8	10.2	6	17
Los Angeles	101.3	117.3	-14	1
New Orleans	5.3	5.7	-7	-5
New York	29.0	31.6	-8	8
St. Louis	39.7	41.0	-3	30
San Francisco	13.3	14.3	-7	-19
<b>Total</b>	<b>293.9</b>	<b>309.5</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>17</b>
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.5			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APR 29, 2008**

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	157	152	133	113
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	150-154	145-149	126-130	106-110
MOSTLY	152-153	147-148	128-129	108-109
RHODE ISLAND	156-160	151-155	132-136	112-116
MOSTLY	156	151	132	112
VERMONT	157-159	152-153	133	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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