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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in most locations were lower on extra large, large and mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. In New York, prices remained the same as Friday's value. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak, mostly reported as barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to fairly good, best in areas where features in progress. Supplies were adequate to plentiful for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for mixed processing schedules. Light type hens were sufficient to ample for regular to instances 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 Prices were lower for all markets. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate, better into features. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. 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.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90-99	93-96
LARGE	89-98	91-94
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-105	98-100
LARGE	95-103	96-98
MEDIUM	84-92	85-87

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	68-77	72
MEDIUM	59-63	61
SMALL	56-62	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were significantly lower on extra large, large and medium when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to ample for varied processing schedules. Light hens were fully adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100-116	102-105
LARGE	94-108	99-103
MEDIUM	82-95	86-89

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were down on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was weak. Retail and distributive demand was fair. Supplies were fully adequate to instances long for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for mixed processing schedules. Light type fowl demand was fair to fairly good for fully adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-111.25	100-103
LARGE	95-107.25	98-101
MEDIUM	83-94.25	85-89

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Extra large and large prices 9 cents lower, mediums down 8 cents. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good best where features are in progress or planned. Food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offers were adequate to mostly fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101.5-110	103-106
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	85.5-94	87-90

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for immediate needs.

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	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN Prices 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. The Pacific inventory was down 8% from last Monday, with California declining 5% and OR-WA-UT down 13%. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices 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. The Pacific inventory declined 8% from last Monday, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT down 13%. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were reported as easily adequate. Supplies were closely balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 1.03.

	RANGE
JUMBO	142
EXTRA LARGE	142
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	123

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 09, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 02, 2008 were 170,519 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	141,243	29,276	170,519
% change from the prior week.....	-3	-12	-5

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were lower. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate with demand light to instances moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	64-70	67-68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-61	56-58
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. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.52
*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 at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.83
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)

MAY 05, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.6	20.4	6.4	9.3	11.4	53.1
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3	0.9	-0.8	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	39.9	14.2	23.4	34.0	134.6
	Change	3.2	-6.7	2.2	1.6	-3.1	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	40.1	127.3	68.9	101.7	95.7	433.7
	Change	-5.0	5.3	5.5	3.9	-14.1	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	38.3	17.9	17.2	28.6	114.4
	Change	0.7	-9.6	1.2	-0.8	-5.2	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	6.9	0.7	1.6	4.4	19.4
	Change	2.8	2.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.9	36%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.8	21.0	9.9	10.3	7.9	50.9
	Change	0.2	1.8	3.4	-2.1	-1.1	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.2	59.7	14.8	20.6	26.6	135.9
	Change	-1.1	-6.1	4.5	2.8	4.4	3%
Total	Curr Wk	103.0	313.5	132.8	184.1	208.6	942.0
	Change	0%	-4%	14%	3%	-8%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	942.0	-1%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.3	6%	32
Total Shell Egg	1206.3	0%	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: WHOLESAL E PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APR 21, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.12	2.09	1.90	1.30

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APR 21, 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 MAY 02, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								17.00	FUTURE LOADS								33.50	TOTAL LOADS				50.50
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	72.50	--	--	75.00	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	73.50	--	--	--	--	--	80.50	8.00						
GL W J	--	--	--	91.00	84.00	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	77.86	7.00						
GL W XL	--	--	83.00	85.00	69.00	--	8.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	64.86	--	9.00															
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.25															
GL W SM	--	--	69.50	71.00	--	--	1.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	21.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 28, 2008-MAY 05, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								60.00	FUTURE LOADS								90.75	TOTAL LOADS				150.75
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	76.50	82.50	83.33	81.83	--	--	19.00	GNR W 1	--	79.50	--	--	--	--	--	--	16.00					
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	--	--	--	--	100.90	2.25						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GL W XL	74.13	85.13	--	--	--	--	84.92	15.00						
GL W J	--	--	94.25	94.33	86.17	--	5.25	GL W LG	86.00	87.33	--	--	--	--	82.59	14.75						
GL W XL	--	96.29	90.17	91.93	80.56	--	38.7	GL W MD	--	76.00	--	--	--	--	76.30	9.00						
GL W LG	--	100.00	--	84.33	68.54	86.00	27.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	89.38	2.00						
GL W MD	--	--	--	81.00	72.43	--	19.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.75	.75						
GL W SM	--	--	67.17	68.67	69.00	--	4.75	NRBS - 48	65.40	67.00	--	--	--	--	--	10.00						
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00															
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75															
NRBS - 48	--	--	80.00	74.33	73.77	71.14	57.00															

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	04/28/08	04/21/08	04/30/07
PACIFIC COAST	10	11	23
LOS ANGELES	0	0	18

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS APRIL 21, 2008

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)	
	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 ample to long. Retail demand is fair to poor.

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	119.81
LARGE	114.59
MEDIUM	99.86
SMALL	96.00

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