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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were lower on all sizes when compared to values a week ago. Prices in New York were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to good entering the week. Current supplies were adequate to available for buyer and seller requirements. Breaking stock demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type hens were at least adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were unchanged, with weaker asking prices for next week, produces prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales ranged from light to fairly good where features were a driving factor. Loose egg movement was usually light to a times moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90
LARGE	83-92	85-88
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

Prices delivered to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-99	92-94
LARGE	89-97	90-92
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	65-74	69
MEDIUM	59-63	61
SMALL	56-62	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were lower on lighter and heavier weight eggs when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were fully sufficient for normal to at times heavy processing schedules. Light hen offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-116	95-98
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	79-92	83-86

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. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand was fair. Present supplies were sufficient to available for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-111.25	94-97
LARGE	91-107.25	92-95
MEDIUM	81.5-94.25	82-86

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	97.5-106	99-102
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to values last Friday. Trade sentiment at best steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for 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	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN Prices were 4 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, medium, and small, with large down 5 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was down 1% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT declining 7%. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 4 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, medium, and small, with large down 5 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 1% from last Monday, with California increasing 2% and OR-WA-UT down 7%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 99 cents.

	RANGE
JUMBO	138
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	129
MEDIUM	119

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 16, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 09, 2008 were 183,591 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	151,821	31,770	183,591
% change from the prior week.....	+7	+9	+8

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Mostly prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

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	64-71	64-66
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-58	53-55

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 mixed compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.36

*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 adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.86
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 12, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.7	18.9	6.3	10.5	10.9	52.3
	Change	0.1	-1.5	-0.1	1.2	-0.5	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.5	33.8	13.4	27.5	32.8	129.0
	Change	-1.6	-6.1	-0.8	4.1	-1.2	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	37.8	99.3	66.5	111.0	101.2	415.8
	Change	-2.3	-28.0	-2.4	9.3	5.5	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.2	34.0	18.9	24.4	25.8	115.3
	Change	-0.2	-4.3	1.0	7.2	-2.8	1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	8.2	1.6	1.1	4.3	20.5
	Change	-0.5	1.3	0.9	-0.5	-0.1	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	19.7	8.3	9.6	8.9	49.0
	Change	0.7	-1.3	-1.6	-0.7	1.0	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.1	55.9	15.6	18.8	22.5	125.9
	Change	-1.1	-3.8	0.8	-1.8	-4.1	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	98.1	269.8	130.6	202.9	206.4	907.8
Percent	Change	-5%	-14%	-2%	10%	-1%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	907.8	-4%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	279.0	6%	32
Total Shell Egg	1186.8	-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 APR 28, 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 28, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.63	1.63	1.47	.96

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Daily WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 9, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 20.25 FUTURE LOADS 29.50 TOTAL LOADS 49.75

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			CLASS	SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS		ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS			
GNR W 1	68.50	--	3.00	70.00	71.00	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GL W XL	--	--	11.00	79.50	82.00	72.10	76.00	11.00	11.00	GL W XL	--	84.00	--	--	--	83.60	8.00	8.00	
GL W LG	--	--	8.25	--	--	69.29	--	8.25	8.25	GL W LG	--	85.00	--	--	--	82.11	6.25	6.25	
GL W MD	--	--	6.50	--	74.00	65.00	--	6.50	6.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	76.00	3.00	3.00	
NRBS - 48	--	--	13.00	--	--	--	--	13.00	13.00	NRBS - 48	56.50	--	--	--	--	64.00	3.00	3.00	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly 5-Day WTD. AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 5, 2008-MAY 9, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 94.25 FUTURE LOADS 78.00 TOTAL LOADS 172.25

CLASS	SE			NE			MW			CLASS	SC			NW			SW		
	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS		ORG	DST	LDS	ORG	DST	LDS			
GNR W 1	69.17	73.50	14.00	70.88	72.00	--	70.00	14.00	14.00	GNR W 1	--	72.80	--	--	--	--	--	7.00	
GNR W 2	--	68.50	3.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	3.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	95.33	6.00	6.00	
GNR W 3	--	--	1.00	--	65.00	58.00	--	1.00	1.00	GL W XL	74.25	80.37	--	--	--	82.47	26.25	26.25	
GL W J	--	--	8.00	93.50	95.00	79.33	--	8.00	8.00	GL W LG	--	81.00	--	--	--	80.08	14.25	14.25	
GL W XL	71.00	82.00	46.75	80.38	82.92	75.49	76.00	46.75	46.75	GL W MD	71.08	--	--	--	--	74.96	12.00	12.00	
GL W LG	--	82.00	26.75	--	77.40	68.30	75.00	26.75	26.75	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	1.00	1.00	
GL W MD	--	72.00	29.00	72.52	73.00	68.05	67.00	29.00	29.00	NRBS - 48	59.04	64.60	--	--	--	64.00	12.00	12.00	
GL W SM	--	69.00	3.50	--	52.50	48.54	--	3.50	3.50										
NRBS - 48	--	62.00	67.00	64.00	64.60	66.96	65.26	67.00	67.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	7.00	--	--	57.50	62.00	7.00	7.00										

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 (in thousands)

ON HAND	05/05/08	04/28/08	05/07/07
PACIFIC COAST	10	10	4
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS
(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 lower on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are fully adequate. 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	116.91
LARGE	111.36
MEDIUM	99.86
SMALL	96.00

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