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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were slightly higher on the West Coast, unchanged to lower in the Southeast region, and unchanged in remaining areas when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand was reported as light to instances good. Supplies were usually adequate to tight for immediate trade requirements.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales moderate to instances good. Loose egg movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully 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, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail and distributive demand was at times light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were mixed for irregular processing schedules. Light hen offerings were at least adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	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 unchanged to lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were mixed for a fair to fairly good demand. Light type fowl offerings were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-100	94-97
LARGE	91-98	92-95
MEDIUM	81.5-89	82-86

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady.

Prices delivered 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 lighter and heavier weight eggs when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was fair. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade needs.

Prices delivered store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	102-106
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	91-95

WESTERN Prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. The Pacific inventory increased 8% from last Monday, with California up 12% and OR-WA-UT increasing 2%. Offerings were adequate with demand slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 1 cent higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady. The Pacific inventory was 8% higher than last Monday, with California up 12% and OR-WA-UT increasing 2%. Demand was slow to fair with offerings adequate. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.00

Shell egg marketer's 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	139
EXTRA LARGE	139
LARGE	130
MEDIUM	120

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 23, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 16, 2008 were 164,219 cases which was 11 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.	131,844	32,375	164,219
% change from the prior week.....	-13	+2	-11

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 ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrade prices higher. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks adequate for current full-time schedules. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully 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	68-71	69-70
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	53-59	54-56
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 compared to last week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of heavy fowl. 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 19-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.49

*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 were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair to moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.		9.85
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 19, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	20.9	7.5	14.9	11.7	61.0
	Change	0.3	2.0	1.2	4.4	0.8	17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.3	41.3	13.0	23.5	37.6	136.7
	Change	-0.2	7.5	-0.4	-4.0	4.8	6%
Large	Curr Wk	39.9	109.0	69.4	120.2	107.3	445.8
	Change	2.1	9.7	2.9	9.2	6.1	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	34.2	22.0	18.7	28.5	114.9
	Change	-0.7	0.2	3.1	-5.7	2.7	0%
Small	Curr Wk	2.2	8.5	1.9	2.4	4.2	19.2
	Change	-3.1	0.3	0.3	1.3	-0.1	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.7	19.1	9.6	10.8	7.7	48.9
	Change	-0.8	-0.6	1.3	1.2	-1.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.1	48.5	14.7	20.2	26.2	117.7
	Change	-5.0	-7.4	-0.9	1.4	3.7	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	90.7	281.5	138.1	210.7	223.2	944.2
Percent	Change	-8%	4%	6%	4%	8%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	944.2	4%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	258.0	-8%	32
Total Shell Egg	1202.2	1%	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 MAY 05, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.12	2.09	1.90	1.30

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 05, 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 16, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								9.50	FUTURE LOADS								6.50	TOTAL LOADS								16.00
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	70.50	--	71.50	72.50	--	--	2.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00									
GL W XL	--	--	82.50	85.00	80.00	--	3.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	--	1.00									
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	77.00	--	3.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	1.00									
GL W MD	--	73.50	65.00	--	--	--	3.75																			
GL W SM	--	--	70.50	73.00	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	2.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 12, 2008-MAY 16, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								87.25	FUTURE LOADS								62.25	TOTAL LOADS								149.50
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	69.50	--	70.75	72.00	69.00	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	72.33	--	--	--	--	--	--	14.00									
GNR W 2	--	68.00	--	71.50	64.50	--	3.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	82.00	--	2.25									
GNR W 3	--	--	61.00	62.00	55.00	--	7.00	GL W J	96.08	100.00	--	--	--	100.19	--	5.00										
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	68.00	--	2.25	GL W XL	--	82.61	--	--	--	91.63	--	22.25										
GL W J	--	--	93.50	96.00	83.75	--	3.00	GL W LG	--	79.00	--	94.00	--	89.92	--	20.50										
GL W XL	--	84.67	82.50	82.18	77.82	82.00	52.00	GL W MD	65.00	--	--	--	--	79.85	--	5.25										
GL W LG	--	82.00	--	78.89	76.86	81.00	39.50	GL BR XL	86.00	--	--	--	--	89.50	--	1.00										
GL W MD	--	73.50	67.60	74.50	71.41	67.00	21.50	GL BR LG	86.00	--	--	--	--	89.50	--	1.75										
GL W SM	--	52.00	70.25	72.50	47.00	--	4.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
GL BR XL	--	--	--	86.38	75.00	--	2.25																			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	100.00	75.00	--	2.50																			
NRBS - 48	66.00	58.00	--	69.00	66.71	69.23	39.00																			
NRBS - 36	45.00	--	--	50.00	--	--	.50																			

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)		
	05/12/08	05/05/08	05/14/07
PACIFIC COAST	9	10	3
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS MAY 19, 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

Out of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 5/11/2008 - 5/17/2008

Region Cases Shipped to:

	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	Total State
Midwest:	8,429	9,518	67,063	85,010
South Central:	3,120	0	12,131	15,251
Southeast:	1,560	1,196	6,442	9,198
Northeast:	0	0	0	0
Western:	4,436	1,560	5,880	11,876
Grand Total:	17,545	12,274	91,516	121,335
Military:	0	0	0	0
Non-Military:	17,545	12,274	91,516	121,335

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