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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes in all locations when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Demand was in a full range of light to very good, but was mostly viewed as moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to in balance for current trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for a light demand. Light hens were sufficient for a moderate to fairly good demand.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were 2 cents higher for large and medium other market prices were unchanged Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were usually moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were mostly adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90	LARGE	67-76	71	
LARGE	83-92	85-88	MEDIUM	61-65	63	
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80	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. The market tone was steady. Current demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mixed holiday processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the fair 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, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand ranged moderate to very good where actively featured. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to balanced for trade requirements. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher, with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate to fully adequate. Demand was reported as quiet. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady.

	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, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending upward. Market tone remains steady. Demand was fair. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for a light demand with mixed schedules for weekend. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

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

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand remained light to fair. Supplies were sufficient for trading requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-108
LARGE	102-106
MEDIUM	93-97

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91.99	92-94
LARGE	89-97	90-92
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large and 2 to 3 cents higher on medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was in a full range of slow to fairly good, mostly light. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with demand slow to fairly good, mostly light. Supplies were adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.00

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	139
EXTRA LARGE	139
LARGE	130
MEDIUM	120

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	123-137
EXTRA LARGE	122-127
LARGE	118-121
MEDIUM	107-110

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 Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were mostly adequate to occasionally fully adequate. Demand was reported as usually quiet. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	72-77	72-74
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	57-63	58-60
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 unchanged to higher when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate for a light demand. Processing schedules were mixed due to upcoming holiday. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17-May-2008 were 3 percent less than the previous week, however 8 percent more than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	66-71.5	66-68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-60	53-58
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 17-MAY-200	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,344,820	33,189	13,502	7,118	3,259	4,345
PW	1,380,554	33,114	13,918	7,189	3,333	4,561
LY	1,319,095	32,183	12,248	6,843	2,415	4,519
% PW	-3%	0%	-3%	-1%	-2%	-5%
% LY	2%	3%	10%	4%	35%	-4%
2008	25,507,472	632,797	236,862	125,852	55,207	87,494
2007	24,641,240	611,677	229,503	123,281	47,240	86,230
% YTD	4%	3%	3%	2%	17%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	43.24	42.58	42.30
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	40.01	39.27	38.87

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	656,851	48.8%	17,006	51.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	671,457	48.6%	17,410	52.6%
LAST YEAR	631,429	47.9%	16,769	52.1%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report. Trade sentiment was about steady for whole egg and whites and steady to fully steady for yolk. Demand was fair for whole egg and whites at the beginning of the week and by week's end demand was reported as quiet going into the extended holiday weekend. Yolk demand was fairly good. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher 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	15	61-64	63.07	-.22
WHITES	15	50-53	52.00	-.65
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 3 cents lower. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 4 cents higher with salted yolk 1 to 4 cents higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to instances fairly good and better for frozen yolk products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	83-86	
WHITES	72-78	72-74
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	148-150	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-147	143-146

EASTERN REGION Mostly prices were lower on whole and whites, however sugared yolks were unchanged to higher and salted yolks were unchanged when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were sufficient for a mostly moderate demand. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17-May-2008 were 17% higher than last week and 27% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	82-88	83-85	88-93
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	70-80	73-75	78-83
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-150	148-150	152-156
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	139-147	143-145	146-156

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Frozen whole egg prices were 1 cent lower with frozen whites 2 cents lower. Sugared and salted yolk prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	86-90	
WHITES	80-83	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	149-152	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	144-147	

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were lower on whole and albumen, irregular on yolks when compared to the previous week. Offerings were usually sufficient for a light demand. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 17-May-2008 were 2% less than the previous week, but 35% more than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 17% higher than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	3.80-4.15	MOSTLY	3.80-3.95
YOLKS	3.25-3.40	MOSTLY	3.25-3.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.70-6.05	MOSTLY	5.75-5.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.25-3.30		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 16, 2008-MAY 22, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 69.00

FUTURE LOADS 57.50

TOTAL LOADS 126.50

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	69.83	--	71.63	72.38	71.00	--	16.00	GNR W 1	--	72.75	--	--	--	--	14.00
GNR W 3	--	65.67	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.50	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	100.50	2.00
GL W J	--	--	87.50	89.50	84.50	--	4.00	GL W XL	83.50	87.29	--	--	--	92.79	9.00
GL W XL	77.83	84.00	83.08	86.52	82.09	86.50	42.50	GL W LG	--	88.50	--	--	--	90.43	13.25
GL W LG	74.75	79.75	81.88	80.71	79.84	85.56	32.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W MD	80.00	73.50	69.57	76.00	73.06	--	16.75	GL BR XL	86.00	--	83.50	--	--	95.00	1.00
GL W SM	54.43	57.61	65.50	68.75	51.33	64.00	5.25	GL BR LG	85.00	--	83.50	--	--	93.33	2.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	72.75	--	75.00	1.75	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	.75								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	69.33	70.50	73.28	35.00								

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 a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the mostly adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. 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 fairly good, offerings adequate. Schedules full time to overtime. 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	96.50	95.00	84.50
SOUTHEAST	95.50	93.50	84.00
MIDWEST	88.50	86.50	78.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	100.50	94.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.50	92.43	83.21

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 adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Demand was mostly moderate with most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	

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

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION Week ending 17-May-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,589	1,812	3,401
Last Week	1,537	1,768	3,305
Same week yr ago	1,085	1,532	2,617
To-date/2008	28,076	30,898	58,974
To-date/2007	22,310	27,463	49,773

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		-----Thousands-----	
Head	442	0	442
Last Week	489	0	489
Same week yr ago	358	0	358
To-date/2008	6,719	30	6,749
To-date/2007	4,644	14	4,658

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	2,031	1,812	3,843
Last Week	2,026	1,768	3,794
Same week yr ago	1,443	1,532	2,975
To-date/2008	34,795	30,928	65,723
To-date/2007	26,954	27,477	54,431

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 10, 2008				
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	53	96	2,163
Frozen	0	0	39	7
Dried	0	40	196	209
Total	0	93	331	2,379

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 10, 2008				
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	378	392	7,104	5,654
Frozen	4	0	241	190
Dried	40	40	200	391
Total	422	432	7,545	6,235

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 10, 2008				
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,100	720	12,279	13,469
Large	1,640	2,258	21,431	27,547
Medium	810	570	17,702	18,815
Ungraded	10,530	0	97,750	17,060
Misc	0	0	1,560	2,425
Total	15,080	3,548	150,722	79,316

/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) (In Thousands)				
		Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
		Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM	05/19/08	3,025	107,147	78,048
AM	05/01/08	3,029	97,599	79,328
CHG		-4	9548	-1280
PCT CHG		0%	10%	-2%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT (In Units of 1,000)

	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Apr 2007	Apr 2008
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,752	2,886	2,948	2,946
Yolks	1,014	953	950	909
Whole & Mixed	5,633	6,397	5,939	7,486
Unclassified	5,233	6,066	4,481	4,855
Total Frozen Eggs	14,632	16,302	14,318	16,196

Source: USDA/NASS

CHICKENS AND EGGS

April Egg Production Down 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.38 billion during April 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2008 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2008, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2007.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 17-MAY-2008	Cases (In thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	171.6	1	-3
East North Central	615.7	6	5
West North Central	310.6	5	19
South Atlantic	171.0	-1	1
South Central	51.3	-1	6
West	180.8	-1	5
Total	1501.0	3	6

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 17-MAY -2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.0	21.1	9	-10
Boston	2.8	2.7	4	4
Chicago	62.5	78.5	-20	12
Detroit	10.4	10.3	1	2
Los Angeles	90.4	92.2	-2	-13
New Orleans	5.5	5.9	-7	4
New York	29.4	30.4	-3	13
St. Louis	44.3	44.4	0	56
San Francisco	12.7	12.8	-1	0
Total	281.0	298.3	-6	10
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.9			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT MAY 20, 2008

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	145	139	122	106
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	138-142	132-136	115-119	99-103
MOSTLY	140-141	134-135	117-118	101-102
RHODE ISLAND	144-148	138-142	121-125	105-109
MOSTLY	144	138	121	105
VERMONT	145-150	139-140	122-125	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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