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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in all regions were sharply lower on all sizes, however New York prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies remained at least adequate to ample for trade needs, usually adequate to ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for reduced to normal processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower. Producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to at times barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate, instances good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies remained adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged offerings were adequate. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered to wareho use

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-85	78-81
MEDIUM	57-66	59-62

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-92	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-85
MEDIUM	63-71	64-66

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	58-67	62
MEDIUM	41-45	43
SMALL	32-38	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady at current levels. Retail and distributive demand was fair to instances fairly good. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for regular schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-106	88-92
LARGE	81-95	86-90
MEDIUM	61-74	65-68

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on extra large, large and medium when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to at times about steady. Demand was light to instances fair. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type fowl were about sufficient to sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-115.25	87-90
LARGE	84-108.25	85-88
MEDIUM	62.5-82.25	63-67

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, with feature activity noted. Food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to instances ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light, with offerings adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92.5-101	94-97
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	61.5-70	63-66

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

NEW YORK Prices of extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies ranged about adequate to fully adequate for current 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	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	73-87

WESTERN Prices were 9 cents lower for jumbo, 12 cents lower for extra large, 14 cents lower for large, and 13 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory was down 3% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT declining 13%. Demand was moderate to fairly good and aided by features. Offerings were usually adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 9 cents lower for jumbo, 12 cents lower for extra large, 14 cents lower for large, and 13 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California up 2% and OR-WA-UT down 13%. Demand was moderate to fairly good aided with feature activity. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 82 cents.

	RANGE
JUMBO	136
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	122
MEDIIUM	102

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 25, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 18, 2008 were 180,381 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	132,174	48,207	180,381

% change from the prior week.....	-9	+22	-3

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings reported as adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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	58-60	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	43-49	44-46
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 generally unchanged on price from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.59
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. 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 21-JULY-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15 CENTS/LB.		10.03
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)

JULY 21, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	21.8	7.3	10.1	15.4	65.0
	Change	-2.4	-1.8	0.8	-0.3	-0.4	-6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.3	49.2	12.6	22.3	32.5	134.9
	Change	-2.1	-0.8	3.7	-2.4	-1.2	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	37.1	111.7	72.5	99.8	109.7	430.8
	Change	11.0	-3.8	1.7	-9.1	-3.9	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.6	46.1	25.0	23.9	35.0	147.6
	Change	0.9	-1.5	-1.4	2.5	1.9	2%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	7.9	0.8	6.2	5.1	26.2
	Change	0.2	0.9	-1.0	2.2	1.0	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.1	20.0	10.9	10.3	8.6	51.9
	Change	0.0	-0.4	0.5	-0.9	0.7	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.1	53.5	7.6	22.0	22.3	116.5
	Change	-0.2	-2.2	-6.1	-3.9	-5.6	-13%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	102.8	310.2	136.7	194.6	228.6	972.9
	Change	8%	-3%	-1%	-6%	-3%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	972.9	-2%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	290.9	1%	32
Total Shell Egg	1263.8	-2%	1

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

DATA UNAVAILABLE

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 18, 2008

CURRENT LOADS			17.50		FUTURE LOADS			11.75		TOTAL LOADS			29.25		
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	--	--	61.00	63.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	84.00	--	--	--	--	90.00	1.00
GL W J	--	--	79.50	81.00	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	79.00	1.00
GL W XL	--	73.00	75.00	76.00	66.21	68.25	13.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	65.00	67.00	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	84.00	85.00	.25
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	47.75	--	1.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.00	84.00	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 14, 2008-JULY 18, 2008

CURRENT LOADS			58.00		FUTURE LOADS			74.00		TOTAL LOADS			132.00		
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	66.50	--	66.40	71.00	80.00	--	11.00	GNR W 1	--	74.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	79.50	81.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	77.25	--	--	--	84.00	88.75	4.00
GL W XL	--	73.00	75.75	75.71	66.22	67.90	37.25	GL W XL	58.00	77.45	--	--	--	77.38	20.25
GL W LG	--	73.00	71.50	67.92	59.07	66.07	30.50	GL W LG	--	69.67	--	82.25	--	70.55	10.50
GL W MD	--	50.00	54.00	51.00	51.86	--	14.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	53.67	7.25
GL W SM	48.00	48.40	51.00	52.50	42.00	43.40	4.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	84.00	85.00	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.00	84.00	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00
NRBS - 48	46.00	48.00	--	--	--	60.02	87.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	60.50	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

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	07/14/08	07/07/08	07/16/07
PACIFIC COAST	9	23	1
LOS ANGELES	6	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS JULY 21, 2008

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)	
	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	255 - 316	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	173 - 198	173 - 188
Large doz.	245 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small and lower 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	114.39
LARGE	107.51
MEDIUM	80.86
SMALL	72.00

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