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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were sharply higher on medium and heavier weight eggs when compared to last week. New York areas prices remained the same as values on Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, best into retail channels where promotions were planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to tight, mostly adequate to close balanced. Breaking stock offerings barely adequate to short for fairly good to good demand. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for normal 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 Producer prices were unchanged. Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good where features were running. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate for the larger sizes and tight for medium and small. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were short of needs for the good demand. Schedules varied. Supplies closely balanced. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110-119	113-116
LARGE	109-118	111-114
MEDIUM	74-83	76-79

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117-125	118-120
LARGE	115-123	116-118
MEDIUM	80-88	81-83

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	91-100	95
MEDIUM	58-62	56
SMALL	37-43	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were sharply higher on medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually viewed as steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were at best sufficient for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short for about normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for a mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-137	120-123
LARGE	113-127	118-122
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on medium and larger sizes when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances steady. Demand was at least moderate. Supplies were no more than adequate for the current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were limited for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were at least sufficient for a mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112.25-125	119-122
LARGE	104.25-123	117-120
MEDIUM	67.25-87	80-84

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were higher. Demand was good with offerings short of current needs. Floor stocks were closely balanced to inadequate. Trade sentiment was firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126.5-135	128-131
LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

NEW YORK Prices remained the same on extra large, large and medium shell eggs when compared to values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were about adequate for trading 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	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	89-93

WESTERN Prices were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 10 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory was down 3% from last Monday, with California declining 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 4%. Offerings were adequate for the larger sizes and tight to adequate for the lighter weights. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and increased 10 cents for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 5% and OR-WA-UT increasing 4%. Offerings were adequate for the larger sizes and tight to adequate for medium. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.00.

	RANGE
JUMBO	169
EXTRA LARGE	166
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	120

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 29, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 22, 2008 were 177,241 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 10 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	138,662	38,579	177,241

% change from the prior week.....	-14	+11	-9
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Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices were higher. Demand was good with offerings short of needs. Supplies were closely balanced to instances inadequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment firm.

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	84-93	84-86
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	67-73	67-69
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 unchanged to lower compared to the last week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were rising in volume. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUGUST-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.67
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-AUGUST-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.95
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)

AUGUST 25, 2008		No		So		So	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.4	17.6	5.7	7.1	10.8	47.6
	Change	0.6	2.5	1.3	-0.5	-1.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	44.3	11.0	21.2	36.5	140.6
	Change	5.1	5.3	3.3	1.1	-2.7	9%
Large	Curr Wk	42.2	87.8	56.6	95.4	107.8	389.8
	Change	-3.6	-8.5	6.1	-0.3	-1.3	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.9	39.2	22.1	21.5	34.9	132.6
	Change	-3.5	3.8	0.2	2.8	-0.6	2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	5.9	1.7	3.7	5.2	20.9
	Change	-0.9	0.0	0.1	-1.8	-0.3	-12%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.9	20.1	8.1	9.8	6.9	46.8
	Change	-0.3	0.7	0.0	0.1	-0.1	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.7	42.5	20.8	20.2	21.1	118.3
	Change	0.0	1.3	0.4	-1.9	0.9	1%
Total	Curr Wk	111.1	257.4	126.0	178.9	223.2	896.6
	Change	-2%	2%	10%	0%	-3%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	896.6	1%	152
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	222.0	-5%	33
Total Shell Egg	1118.6	0%	185

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 152 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 AUGUST 11, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.16	2.14	1.94	1.31

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.68	1.68	1.52	1.01

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								24.75	FUTURE LOADS								14.50	TOTAL LOADS								39.25
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	--	--	94.00	95.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	105.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00									
GL W XL	--	106.00	--	113.50	97.06	--	5.75	GL W XL	96.50	--	--	--	--	104.00	--	2.00										
GL W LG	--	--	--	104.00	94.24	--	14.50	GL W LG	102.00	107.26	--	119.00	--	104.00	--	8.50										
GL W MD	--	--	69.50	71.00	63.00	--	6.00	GL W MD	67.00	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	4.50										
GL W SM	--	--	31.00	28.00	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	84.00	85.00	4.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 18, 2008-AUG 22, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								70.25	FUTURE LOADS								72.75	TOTAL LOADS								143.00
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	88.50	102.45	92.00	92.00	95.00	--	28.00	GNR W 1	--	104.43	--	--	--	--	--	--	17.00									
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	GNR W 2	--	100.67	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00									
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	97.00	2.25	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25										
GL W J	--	--	110.00	112.00	102.00	110.00	4.00	GL W J	113.50	--	--	--	--	117.00	--	2.75										
GL W XL	110.00	107.79	109.52	110.12	99.02	--	28.50	GL W XL	97.00	109.00	--	114.00	--	104.50	--	5.00										
GL W LG	--	109.43	100.89	103.00	95.56	102.00	56.75	GL W LG	102.00	108.92	--	119.00	--	107.67	--	32.50										
GL W MD	--	76.00	73.20	69.00	70.15	66.00	17.75	GL W MD	67.00	75.00	--	--	--	75.00	--	9.25										
GL W SM	44.67	48.00	40.33	41.67	47.00	50.50	7.00	NRBS - 42	--	77.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	100.50	--	.50																			
GL BR LG	--	--	98.50	--	99.50	--	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	84.00	83.11	13.00																			
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	67.00	74.00	1.00																			
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	68.00	--	--	2.00																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	45.00	47.00	--	--	1.00																			

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)		
	08/18/08	08/11/08	08/20/07
PACIFIC COAST	3	3	12
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS AUG 25, 2008

Brown Eggs	(price per carton delivered to first receivers)		MOSTLY
	CENTS/CARTON		
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 unavailable. Supplies are well balanced to close. Retail demand is mixed.

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	137.85
LARGE	130.75
MEDIUM	97.86
SMALL	76.00

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Egg Quality Control

Out of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 8/17/2008 - 8/23/2008

Region	Cases Shipped to:			
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	Total State
Midwest:	7,072	9,248	59,027	75,347
South Central:	4,910	0	4,929	9,839
Southeast:	1,967	0	2,412	4,379
Northeast:	0	0	0	0
Western:	4,140	780	9,030	13,950
Grand Total:	18,089	10,028	75,398	103,515

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