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Prices in all regions were higher on larger and medium sizes when compared to the previous week, however New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady. Demand ranged from light to good. Supplies were adequate to instances tight for trading requirements. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient to available for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices on extra large and large were up 4 cents, mediums increased 6 cents for delivered warehouse and store door. Producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand moderate to instances good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and closely balanced for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the moderate demand. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
	Range	Mostly
LARGE	95-104	99
MEDIUM	64-68	66
SMALL	40-46	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate following the extended holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for a fair demand. Light type hen offerings were at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-139	125-128
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	83-96	88-90

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service demand was usually moderate. Supplies were reported as balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available. Floor stocks were adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	128.5-137	130-133
LARGE	124.5-133	126-129
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at times adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119.25-131	125-128
LARGE	111.25-129	123-126
MEDIUM	75.25-93	86-90

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 last week prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady following the extended holiday weekend. Demand was light to fair. Present supplies were sufficient for buyer and seller requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	95-99

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-129	122-124
LARGE	119-127	120-122
MEDIUM	86-94	87-89

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and increased 3 cents for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last Monday, with California up 5% and OR-WA-UT down 6%. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings adequate for current needs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Benchmark prices were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and increased 3 cents for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last Monday, with California up 5% and OR-WA-UT down 6%. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

CALIFORNIA 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	171
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	158
MEDIUM	123

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 05, 2008 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 29, 2008 were 191,746 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	139,748	51,998	191,746
% change from the prior week.....	+1	+35	+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

All prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with demand usually moderate. Floor stocks adequate. 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	88-93	88-90
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	70-76	70-72
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 from the past week. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were increased. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-SEPTEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.85

*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 fair for the adequate to at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. 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 01-SEPTEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
			AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		10.00

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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 AUGUST 18, 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 18, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.68	1.68	1.52	1.01

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

SEPTEMBER 02, 2008		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	16.2	5.1	8.0	13.4	50.7
	Change	1.6	-1.4	-0.6	0.9	2.6	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.0	54.8	9.3	21.1	39.4	149.6
	Change	-2.6	10.6	-1.7	-0.1	2.9	6%
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	99.7	56.9	98.8	103.1	397.6
	Change	-3.1	12.2	0.3	3.4	-4.7	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.9	42.7	21.4	18.4	35.1	131.5
	Change	-1.0	3.8	-0.7	-3.1	0.2	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	5.3	2.0	2.2	7.3	20.0
	Change	-1.2	-0.6	0.3	-1.5	2.1	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.5	22.6	11.2	10.5	6.8	52.6
	Change	-0.4	2.5	3.1	0.7	-0.1	12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	4.2	40.0	22.4	17.2	21.5	105.3
	Change	-9.5	-2.5	1.6	-3.0	0.4	-11%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	94.9	281.3	128.3	176.2	226.6	907.3
	Change	-15%	10%	2%	-2%	2%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	907.3	1%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	245.8	11%	32
Total Shell Egg	1153.1	3%	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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
	111.1	256.7	126.0	178.9	223.2
					895.9

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 29, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS					
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	96.50	--	3.00	98.00	99.00	--	--	--	3.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00			
GL W J	--	--	1.00	--	--	96.50	--	--	1.00	101.25	--	--	--	--	113.00	--	--	2.00			
GL W XL	--	107.00	9.50	110.00	104.50	93.68	101.00	9.50	9.50	--	106.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00			
GL W LG	--	--	8.00	106.00	107.50	97.50	--	8.00	8.00	90.00	110.00	--	--	--	97.00	--	--	7.00			
GL W MD	--	--	5.50	69.50	--	75.33	--	5.50	5.50	--	--	--	86.00	--	84.50	--	--	5.25			
GL BR XL	--	--	.75	--	--	98.00	103.00	.75	.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
GL BR LG	--	--	.75	--	--	98.00	103.00	.75	.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 25, 2008-AUG 29, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS					
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	95.83	109.30	12.00	98.25	98.80	94.00	--	--	12.00	--	105.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00			
GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00	--	--	100.00	--	--	1.00	101.25	--	--	--	112.33	115.00	--	--	6.50			
GL W J	--	--	5.00	117.50	119.00	99.50	--	5.00	5.00	97.05	109.60	--	104.00	129.00	105.34	--	--	14.25			
GL W XL	--	107.97	40.50	110.28	110.05	95.73	97.95	40.50	40.50	96.00	110.55	--	--	--	103.05	--	--	25.50			
GL W LG	111.00	112.25	55.75	104.50	107.57	97.20	108.88	55.75	55.75	84.60	82.00	--	86.00	--	87.29	--	--	20.50			
GL W MD	82.00	--	30.25	71.07	70.25	77.20	76.54	30.25	30.25	50.00	51.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00			
GL W SM	48.00	51.00	2.00	--	--	50.00	53.00	2.00	2.00	103.25	--	--	--	--	109.00	--	--	1.00			
GL BR XL	--	--	.75	--	--	98.00	103.00	.75	.75	65.00	--	--	--	--	70.00	--	--	1.00			
GL BR LG	--	--	.75	--	--	98.00	103.00	.75	.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			
NRBS - 48	--	--	5.00	--	--	98.75	88.00	5.00	5.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			

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)		
	08/26/08	08/18/08	08/27/07
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)	
	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, higher on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. 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	143.76
LARGE	138.07
MEDIUM	103.86
SMALL	79.00

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