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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to good, usually light to fair. Supplies were adequate to readily available for immediate trading needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate for a fair to moderate 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** All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady. Retail demand moderate to fairly good. Distributive movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with larger sizes in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand fairly good to good for the adequate to fully adequate offers. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules fulltime. 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 unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to readily available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were mixed, but available, for a fair to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday.

	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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to cautiously steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good, mostly fairly good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were generally balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly lower, with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was fairly good to instances good. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to at times fully sufficient for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were usually sufficient for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

	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 remained unchanged on extra large, large, and mediums when compared to values from yesterday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were mostly sufficient for immediate trade needs.

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

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

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Offerings were adequate to usually fully adequate. Demand ranged light to good, mostly fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good, with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

**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	171
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	158
MEDIUM	123

### 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	155-169
EXTRA LARGE	151-156
LARGE	146-149
MEDIUM	110-113

**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 slightly lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was fairly good to instances good with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	89-93	89-91
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	71-77	71-73
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION** Mostly prices were unchanged on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to available for generally normal processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region were 2% lower than last week, but 4% higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	82-90	85-88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	71-76	
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 30-AUG-200	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,322,609	31,725	12,819	6,575	2,937	4,367	
PW	1,345,641	33,411	12,113	6,211	2,822	4,264	
LY	1,265,953	32,421	10,628	5,573	2,315	4,134	
% PW	-2%	-5%	6%	6%	4%	2%	
% LY	4%	-2%	21%	18%	27%	6%	
2008	45,551,548	1,118,790	428,941	225,291	101,593	152,917	
2007	44,250,746	1,094,454	409,020	219,910	88,502	151,606	
% YTD	3%	2%	5%	2%	15%	1%	
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>	
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				41.95	41.61	41.67	
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.65	38.45	38.41	

**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	666,947	50.4%	17,873	56.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	672,010	49.9%	18,048	54.0%
LAST YEAR	604,818	47.8%	16,506	50.9%

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and firm for yolk. Demand continued good for all liquid products with many processors reporting increased orders, both spot and contractual, for next week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg, usually adequate for whites, and tight to just adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last 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	35	73-75	73.94	2.52
WHITES	7	46.5-49	47.71	
YOLKS	6	127-132	130.08	

**FROZEN**

**CENTRAL REGION** Frozen whole prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugared and salted yolk ranged irregular. Trade sentiment was firm for frozen whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for frozen yolk products. Demand was fairly good to good for all frozen products while offerings were adequate to instances tight. 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	85-89	87-89
WHITES	72-76	72
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-149	145-147
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	139-143	139-141

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were higher on whole and salted yolks and unchanged to higher on whites and sugared yolks when compared to last week values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole and yolk products, steady to fully steady on whites. Offerings were adequate to occasionally tight. Demand remained fairly good to good. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Aug-08 were 8% less than a week ago and 7% less than the same week last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	85-90	85-88	86-95
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	71-77	72-73	75-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	143-148	146-148	151-155
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	139-143	140-142	145-150

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** Frozen whole egg and white prices were unchanged with sugared and salted yolk prices 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was firm for frozen whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for frozen yolk products. Demand was moderate to fairly good for whole egg and mostly moderate on the balance. Offerings were adequate.

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

	LTL
	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	85-89
WHITES	78-81
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	146-149
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	141-144

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**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were lower on whole, unchanged to higher on yolks, and unchanged on albumen when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly reported as fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were noted as generally adequate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Aug-2008 were 4% more than the previous week and 27% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 15% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	3.47-3.75	MOSTLY	3.47-3.65
YOLKS	3.25-3.40	MOSTLY	3.25-3.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.43-5.80	MOSTLY	5.50-5.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.15-3.30		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 29, 2008-SEPT 04, 2008

**CURRENT LOADS 93.25**      **FUTURE LOADS 63.25**      **TOTAL LOADS 156.50**

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	96.50	--	98.00	100.17	--	--	8.00	GNR W 1	--	111.40	--	--	--	--	15.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 2	--	105.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	89.00	--	--	100.00	89.00	--	3.25	GNR BR 1	102.00	101.00	--	--	--	--	2.25
GL W J	--	--	118.00	120.00	95.06	--	5.25	GL W J	104.25	--	--	--	106.00	110.93	10.25
GL W XL	--	108.07	110.21	105.90	89.85	101.00	29.75	GL W XL	91.50	105.04	--	110.00	130.00	98.54	13.75
GL W LG	--	120.00	105.13	107.83	99.98	--	39.50	GL W LG	92.50	116.53	--	--	--	96.03	19.75
GL W MD	--	--	69.50	71.50	77.16	72.92	26.75	GL W MD	81.67	82.00	74.00	86.00	--	82.32	20.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	98.00	103.00	.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	99.00	103.00	1.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	98.00	103.00	1.50	NRBS - 42	67.00	71.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	85.88	91.11	26.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	94.33	8.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	69.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	55.00	--	57.00	--	--	1.50								

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.

**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 from a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was light 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 ranged unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	5-7

**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	126.50	124.00	89.00
SOUTHEAST	126.50	124.50	88.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	83.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	131.50	127.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	126.01	123.30	87.56

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Demand was light to fair at best with limited trading due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Labor Day holiday. 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 30-Aug-08

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,239	1,708	2,947
Last Week	1,401	1,875	3,276
Same week yr ago	1,034	1,563	2,597
To-date/2008	48,842	56,411	105,253
To-date/2007	39,056	50,877	89,933

	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	203	0	203
Last Week	373	4	377
Same week yr ago	186	0	186
To-date/2008	11,476	50	11,526
To-date/2007	8,865	23	8,888

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,442	1,708	3,150
Last Week	1,774	1,879	3,653
Same week yr ago	1,220	1,563	2,783
To-date/2008	60,318	56,461	116,779
To-date/2007	47,921	50,900	98,821

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

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

**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	48	94	493	2,711
Frozen	0	0	39	25
Dried	0	0	406	447
Total	48	94	938	3,183

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	325	432	12,958	11,239
Frozen	5	0	398	263
Dried	0	0	393	659
Total	330	432	13,749	12,161

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

**U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 23, 2008		Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,950	1,290	41,530	30,559
Large	1,260	1,340	46,875	53,156
Medium	1,500	1,170	29,576	35,933
Ungraded	9,900	3,990	235,634	57,272
Misc	1,620	780	3,182	7,105
Total	16,230	8,570	356,797	184,025

/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 09/01/08	3,057	142,893	88,896
AM 08/01/08	3,186	131,834	74,868
CHG	-129	11059	14028
PCT CHG	-4%	8%	19%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2008 are:

Frozen Eggs	19 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	670 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	887 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)  
W/E 30-AUG-2008**

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	180.1	0	-1
East North Central	644.7	1	8
West North Central	320.2	2	15
South Atlantic	163.2	-6	-4
South Central	52.5	1	-1
West	193.0	-11	8
Total	1553.7	-1	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 30-AUG-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	26.2	24.5	7	-11
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-10
Chicago	66.9	68.1	-2	27
Detroit	8.5	8.4	1	-17
Los Angeles	92.8	99.7	-7	16
New Orleans	4.1	5.7	-28	-27
New York	31.1	29.9	4	10
St. Louis	48.6	44.2	10	82
San Francisco	15.0	14.0	7	7
Total	296.0	297.3	0	25
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.5			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT SEP 02, 2008**  
Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	170	167	113	85
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	162-166	159-163	106-110	78-81
MOSTLY	164-165	161-162	108-109	80-81
RHODE ISLAND	169-173	166-170	112-116	84-88
MOSTLY	169	166	112	84
VERMONT	170	167-169	113-115	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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