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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 2 cents lower on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Prices in the Southeast were irregular. In most other areas, prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Trade sentiment ranged steady to occasionally weak, with mediums in the better position. Retail and distributive demand was light to at times good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current buyer and seller requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for regular processing schedules. Light 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, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST _All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak for the larger sizes and steady for medium and small. Retail demand light to at times fairly good. Distributive movement was moderate to fairly good as the last few weeks of the resort and vacation season begin to wind down. Supplies were fully adequate to available for the larger sizes and usually balanced for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	117-120
LARGE	113-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85
Prices to store door		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-129	122-124
LARGE	119-127	120-122
MEDIUM	86-94	87-89
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Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSILY
LARGE	95-104	99
MEDIUM	64-68	66
SMALL	40-46	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were unchanged when compared to values the previous week. Trade sentiment was at best steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to at times good, mostly moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to cover current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for a usually moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSILY
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	H, Eastern NJ, Eastern
NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were irregular on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Current demand was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to satisfy trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient to available for a fair to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were generally adequate for the normal processing schedules.

	KANGE	MOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	123.50-131	125-128
LARGE	120.25-129	123-126
MEDIUM	84.25-93	86-90
Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA	, MS, NC, SC, eastern	TN, & southern VA

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Prices continued unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate on the larger sizes and balanced to tight on mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was about 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,	& TX

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents lower on extra large and large, however remained unchanged on mediums when compared to values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate 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	129-133
LARGE	127-131
MEDIUM	95-99

<u>WESTERN</u> Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. The Pacific inventory was unchanged from last Monday, with California up 1% and OR-WA-UT down 1%. Offerings were fully adequate to available. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. The Pacific inventory was unchanged from last Monday, with California up 1% and OR-WA-UT down 1%. Retail demand was light to mostly moderate, with offerings fully adequate to available. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

	RANGE
JUMBO	171
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	158
MEDIIUM	123

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NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

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Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 12, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 05, 2008 were 188,121 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

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TOTAL

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Cases purchased present week	138,323	49,798	188,121	188,121		
% change from the prior week	-1	-4	-2			
Comparison figures a and estimates by 14 c				ses		

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about 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	MOSILI
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		

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Pricing was generally unchanged from the past report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-13 CENTS/LB. 9.76 *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 offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. 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 08-SEPTEMBER-08

RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.5-13.5 CENTS/LB. 9.99
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)

SEPTEME	SEPTEMBER 08, 2008 No So So									
OLI ILIVIL	rtheast	Cent	Cent		Atl Pacific 5-Area					
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	15.2	6.3	7.3	11.4	47.9			
	Change	-0.3	-1.0	1.2	-0.7	-2.0	-6%			
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	46.3	12.8	22.0	40.6	147.2			
	Change	0.5	-8.5	3.5	0.9	1.2	-2%			
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	106.5	72.1	97.8	103.7	427.5			
	Change	8.3	6.8	15.2	-1.0	0.6	8%			
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	47.0	22.9	20.0	38.5	139.9			
	Change	-2.4	4.3	1.5	1.6	3.4	6%			
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	4.9	1.9	1.6	7.3	19.1			
	Change	0.2	-0.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	-4%			
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	22.4	10.3	10.9	5.3	50.9			
	Change	0.5	-0.2	-0.9	0.4	-1.5	-3%			
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.3	53.8	17.1	16.3	20.7	120.2			
	Change	8.1	13.8	-5.3	-0.9	-0.8	14%			
Total	Curr Wk	109.8	296.1	143.4	175.9	227.5	952.7			
Percent	Change	16%	5%	12%	0%	0%	5%			

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	952.7 < 252.3	5% 3%	151 32
Total Shell Egg	1205.0	5%	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.

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: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25, 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 25, 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 SEPT 05, 2008															
CURR	RENT LC	DADS	22.25			I	FUTURE L	OADS 17	7.25			TO	TAL LO	ADS .	39.50
		SE	I	NE	MV	٧			S	C	N	IW	5	SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	96.50			99.00			8.00	GNR W 1							4.00
GL W XL			108.25	105.83	81.31	87.00	9.25	GL W J	96.75				105.00	108.88	2.00
GL W LG			103.50	105.00			4.00	GL W XL		92.58		97.75		105.00	5.00
GL W MD					68.78		2.25	GL W LG	83.00					90.00	3.00
GL BR LG							2.00	GL W MD						80.00	1.00
NRBS - 48		82.00			88.00	91.00	11.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 01, 2008-SEPT 05, 2008 **CURRENT LOADS FUTURE LOADS** 66.75 94.75 TOTAL LOADS MW NW SW NE SC **CLASS ORG DST ORG DST ORG DST LOADS CLASS ORG DST DST ORG DST LOADS** ORG GNR W 1 96.50 98.00 100.17 15.00 GNR W 1 111.10 20.00 GNR W 2 2.00 GNR W 2 105.00 2.00 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 94.62 4.25 GL W J 102.75 -- 105.67 110.10 10.25 GL W XL 107.06 109.76 106.21 85.01 87.00 31.25 GL W XL 91.50 99.62 103.88 130.00 100.06 16.75 GL W LG -- 104.43 106.00 100.98 34.75 89.00 GL W LG 121.27 95.10 18.75 GL W MD 69.50 72.92 19.75 GL W MD 79.50 78.00 74.00 81.60 14.25 71.50 73.28 GL BR J .25 GL BR J .25 GL BR LG 2.75 GL BR LG 99.00 103.00 1.75 NRBS - 42 67.00 **NRBS - 48** 82.00 85.56 91.08 35.00 71.00 2.00 NRBS - 45 91.00 8.00 NRBS - 42 69.00 1.00 NRBS - 39 55.00 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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS				CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS AUG 25, 2008 (price per carton delivered to first receivers)			
(In Thousands)							
ON HAND	09/02/08	08/25/08	09/03/07	Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY	
PACIFIC COAST	3	3	12	Extra Large doz.	255 – 316	275 - 310	
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0	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 mostly steady on all sizes. Supplies are available. 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.

	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	143.75
LARGE	138.95
MEDIUM	103.86
SMALL	79.00

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