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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were lower for extra large and large sizes, but unchanged on mediums and smalls when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely for larger sizes, steady for mediums and smalls. Retail demand was light to instances fairly good. Food service was light to fair. Supplies were at least adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light hen offerings were available for 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 lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and steady for medium. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offers adequate to usually fully adequate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106-115	109-112
LARGE	105-114	107-110
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113-121	114-116
LARGE	111-119	112-114
MEDIUM	86-94	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	87-96	91
MEDIUM	64-68	66
SMALL	40-46	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were sharply lower on extra large and large, however unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady on lighter weights, unsettled on larger sizes. Demand was light to moderate. Current supplies were adequate to available for trading requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were sufficient to fully sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Eastern region light hen demand was mostly moderate for at least adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-113	117-119
LARGE	109-123	114-118
MEDIUM	83-96	88-90

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were lower on extra large and large, but unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on larger sizes and steady on mediums. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for processing schedules that were also normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.5-128.25	117-120
LARGE	114-123.25	115-118
MEDIUM	85.5-93	86-90

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady for the larger sizes and steady for medium. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to available. The movement of eggs throughout many parts of the South have been delayed due to power failures and transportation issues caused by hurricane Ike. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were adequate to usually fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
LARGE	115.5-124	117-120
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

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

NEW YORK Prices declined 2 cents on extra large and large. Mediums remained the same as values reported last Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to fair. Supplies ranged adequate to available for early week 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	121-125
LARGE	119-123
MEDIUM	95-99

WESTERN Prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, 8 cents lower for large, and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 9% and OR-WA-UT up 12%. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand slow to moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo and extra large, 8 cents lower for large, and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 9% and OR-WA-UT up 12%. Demand was slow to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

	RANGE
JUMBO	165
EXTRA LARGE	162
LARGE	150
MEDIUM	123

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 19, 2008 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 12, 2008 were 195,547 cases which was 4 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	160,546	35,001	195,547

	+16	-30	+4
% change from the prior week.....			

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 with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to usually fully 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	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	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

The range of trading was unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were improving as seasonal influences began to take hold. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEPTEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.63
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEPTEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14 CENTS/LB.		10.17
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)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008		No		So		So	
		Northeast		Cent		Atl Pacific 5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	15.9	7.1	7.0	11.4	50.0
	Change	0.9	0.7	0.8	-0.3	0.0	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.3	43.7	15.4	22.0	39.7	145.1
	Change	-1.2	-2.6	2.6	0.0	-0.9	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	46.4	90.7	65.5	98.5	101.1	402.2
	Change	-1.0	-15.8	-6.6	0.7	-2.6	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.4	33.5	23.3	19.8	35.9	127.9
	Change	3.9	-13.5	0.4	-0.2	-2.6	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	6.2	1.6	2.6	5.6	18.3
	Change	-1.1	1.3	-0.3	1.0	-1.7	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	20.3	10.1	9.2	8.0	49.9
	Change	0.3	-2.1	-0.2	-1.7	2.7	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.8	60.9	17.3	15.8	20.4	125.2
	Change	-1.5	7.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	4%
Total	Curr Wk	110.1	271.2	140.3	174.9	222.1	918.6
	Change	0%	-8%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	918.6	-4%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	271.7	8%	32
Total Shell Egg	1190.3	-1%	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 SEPTEMBER 01, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.16	2.14	1.94	1.31

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 01, 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 12, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 13.50								FUTURE LOADS 24.75				TOTAL LOADS 38.25			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	--	88.50	90.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	80.50	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	97.00	1.00
GL W XL	--	--	100.50	104.20	97.00	--	4.00	GL W XL	--	--	91.00	--	--	--	.50
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	72.33	--	8.25	GL W LG	80.00	82.00	90.00	--	--	87.00	8.50
GL W MD	--	--	72.50	74.00	--	71.00	5.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	11.00	NRBS - 36	--	53.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	69.00	--	--	.50								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	57.00	--	--	.50								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 08, 2008-SEPT 12, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 50.00								FUTURE LOADS 75.00				TOTAL LOADS 125.00			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	91.00	97.00	91.80	93.00	--	--	24.00	GNR W 1	--	103.00	--	--	--	--	23.25
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GNR BR 1	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.25
GL W J	--	--	115.50	117.00	81.86	--	4.50	GL W J	88.00	--	--	--	--	99.88	4.00
GL W XL	113.00	--	103.25	104.76	92.86	89.00	18.50	GL W XL	82.05	101.50	91.00	--	--	91.54	8.75
GL W LG	--	--	115.38	93.86	91.96	--	29.00	GL W LG	83.11	90.86	90.00	--	--	92.75	13.00
GL W MD	82.00	--	72.10	73.33	68.50	71.00	19.75	GL W MD	--	77.00	--	--	--	--	3.50
GL W SM	51.00	54.00	52.00	54.00	--	--	2.00	GL W SM	50.00	50.56	--	--	--	--	2.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	123.00	1.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GL BR LG	--	100.00	--	--	--	117.00	1.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	NRBS - 36	--	53.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	90.00	89.47	39.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	80.00	82.50	--	88.14	5.25								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	69.00	--	--	.50								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	57.00	--	--	.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

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	09/08/08	09/02/08	09/10/07
PACIFIC COAST	38	3	9
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS SEPT 15, 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 lower on large and extra large, steady on the balance. 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.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	139.07
LARGE	132.75
MEDIUM	103.86
SMALL	79.00

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