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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were sharply lower on larger sizes, unchanged on lighter weights when compared to the previous week. Prices in New York were unchanged on all sizes when compared to values last Friday. Trade sentiment was generally viewed as steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to instances available for trading requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules. Light hen offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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. Warehouse and store door delivered prices on extra large and large were 12 cents lower, mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on the larger sizes and steady for medium. Cartoned egg demand moderate to instances fairly good. Loose egg demand was moderate. Supplies on larger sizes adequate to occasionally available and smaller sizes adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	80-89	82-85

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	86-94	87-89

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-85	79
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 sharply lower on extra large and large eggs, however unchanged on mediums when compared to last Monday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all sizes. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair entering the week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade needs. Eastern Region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a mostly moderate demand. Light hens in the Eastern region were adequate for regular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-122	104-108
LARGE	97-111	102-106
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 Prices were lower on large and extra large sizes, but unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was at times light to fair. Supplies were adequate for current buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a generally moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were mostly adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103.50-124.25	105-108
LARGE	102.00-119.25	103-106
MEDIUM	85.50-93	86-90

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were sharply lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail egg sales were usually moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were balanced to adequate for current trade requirements. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower, with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110.5-119	112-115
LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

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

NEW YORK Prices remained the same on all sizes when compared to values reported last Friday. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Current supplies were sufficient to cover buyer and seller 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	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	95-99

WESTERN Prices were 7 cents lower for jumbo, 11 cents lower for extra large, 12 cents lower for large and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 5% from last Monday, with California down 3% and OR-WA-UT up 20%. Demand ranged light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Offerings were tight to adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 7 cents lower for jumbo, 11 cents lower for extra large, 12 cents lower for large, and unchanged on medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 5% from last Monday, with California down 3% and OR-WA-UT up 20%. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with increased confidence. Demand was in a full range of light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.03.

	RANGE
JUMBO	158
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	138
MEDIUM	123

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 26, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 19, 2008 were 181,120 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	141,994	39,126	181,120
% change from the prior week.....	-12	+12	-7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady. 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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	84-86	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	68-74	68-70

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 slightly higher. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were improving and were at least moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25		9.70

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Sales were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was seasonally active. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-SEP-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-14.5	CENTS/LB.	10.19
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

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/ (30 Dozen cases-in thousands)

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.3	15.0	7.5	8.5	11.3	49.6
	Change	-1.3	-0.9	0.4	1.5	-0.1	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.2	37.1	13.6	22.9	34.0	128.8
	Change	-3.1	-6.6	-1.8	0.9	-5.7	-11%
Large	Curr Wk	49.1	82.5	78.9	107.2	109.9	427.6
	Change	2.7	-8.2	13.4	8.7	8.8	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.3	32.0	18.0	20.0	38.8	124.1
	Change	-0.1	-1.5	-5.3	0.2	2.9	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	4.5	1.4	2.3	5.4	15.7
	Change	-0.2	-1.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	22.3	11.0	9.4	7.7	52.4
	Change	-0.3	2.0	0.9	0.2	-0.3	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	62.0	22.2	18.1	25.9	142.9
	Change	3.9	1.1	4.9	2.3	5.5	14%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	111.7	255.4	152.6	188.4	233.0	941.1
	Change	1%	-6%	9%	8%	5%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	941.1	2%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	273.7	1%	32
Total Total Shell Egg	1,214.8	2%	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 08, 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 08, 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 19, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								20.25	FUTURE LOADS								11.25	TOTAL LOADS				31.50
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	77.50	--	--	80.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	93.25	--	--	--	--	101.00	4.00							
GL W XL	--	--	88.50	91.00	86.71	--	12.00	GL W XL	--	102.67	--	--	--	99.50	6.00							
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	80.80	--	8.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	94.50	8.00							
GL W MD	--	--	72.50	75.00	71.00	--	2.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	85.00	1.50							
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 15, 2008-SEPT 19, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								86.00	FUTURE LOADS								59.00	TOTAL LOADS				145.00
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	81.10	--	83.17	83.88	--	--	24.25	GNR W 1	--	92.85	--	--	--	--	22.75							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	78.71	--	7.00	GL W J	91.24	--	--	--	--	96.14	12.25							
GL W XL	--	--	92.79	95.52	86.80	89.67	38.50	GL W XL	83.00	102.67	--	--	--	97.83	12.50							
GL W LG	--	--	106.50	85.00	78.40	93.61	49.50	GL W LG	80.00	85.56	--	116.25	--	90.84	36.50							
GL W MD	81.75	--	70.38	73.20	72.45	79.25	14.50	GL W MD	--	80.25	--	--	--	78.33	5.25							
GL W SM	55.00	58.00	53.00	56.50	--	--	4.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00							
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	121.00	1.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	87.00	93.00	1.00							
GL BR XL	--	--	111.50	102.00	--	--	1.75	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	74.00	70.00	--	1.00							
GL BR LG	--	99.00	111.50	107.00	--	--	2.75															
GL BR SM	--	--	50.00	53.50	--	--	.50															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	32.00															
NRBS - 45	--	--	81.00	83.00	--	--	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)		
	09/15/08	09/08/08	09/17/07
PACIFIC COAST	3	38	9
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS SEPT 22, 2008
(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	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	130.59
LARGE	123.71
MEDIUM	103.86
SMALL	79.00

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