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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were unchanged on extra large and large, however mediums were higher when compared to last week's values. Prices in New York were the same as Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly viewed as light to moderate, at times good in spot locations. Supplies were barely adequate to adequate for current buyer and seller requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for a light demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate 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 REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were slightly higher for medium and unchanged on the balance. Producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for areas with retail feature activity. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate for the mostly quiet demand. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	82-91	84-87
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	88-96	89-91

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-85	79
MEDIUM	65-69	67
SMALL	41-47	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on mediums, unchanged on larger sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate. Supplies were at best adequate to adequate for present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were barely adequate to sufficient for less than normal to normal processing schedules. Light hen demand in the Eastern region was mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-122	104-108
LARGE	97-111	102-106
MEDIUM	85-98	90-92

Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Mostly prices were unchanged on extra large and large, but one cent higher for mediums when compared to previous week. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was mostly fair to moderate. Supplies were adequate to satisfy trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient; processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Light type hen offerings were mostly sufficient for a fair demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103.5-117.25	105-108
LARGE	102-109.25	103-106
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on extra large and large, up slightly on medium. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to instances good, best into coastal areas previously affected by hurricane Ike. Food service movement ranged light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to barely adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly quiet with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	110.5-119	112-115
LARGE	102.5-111	104-107
MEDIUM	87.5-96	89-92

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

**NEW YORK** Extra large, large and medium prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Current supplies were usually sufficient for trading needs.

Prices delivered store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	111-115
LARGE	109-113
MEDIUM	97-101

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged for extra large and large, and unchanged to 3 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was down 2% from last Monday, with California declining 1% and OR-WA-UT down 4%. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 3 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged on extra large and large, and 3 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT down 4%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good and best into planned ads. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.06.

	RANGE
JUMBO	155
EXTRA LARGE	151
LARGE	138
MEDIUM	126

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 03, 2008 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 26, 2008 were 172,400 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	138,480	33,920	172,400
% change from the prior week.....	-2	-13	-5

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Prices were unchanged. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand reported as mostly quiet. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment 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.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
BREAKING STOCK	84-86	85-86
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 was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were improving. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEPTEMBER-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.25 CENTS/LB.		10.46

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEPTEMBER-08

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-15 CENTS/LB.		10.27

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)

<b>SEPTEMBER 29, 2008</b>		<b>No</b>		<b>So</b>		<b>So</b>	
		<b>Cent</b>	<b>Cent</b>	<b>Cent</b>	<b>Atl Pacific</b>	<b>5-Area</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.9	16.2	8.5	8.2	15.9	54.7
	Change	-1.4	1.2	1.0	-0.3	4.6	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.5	42.3	16.7	22.8	38.6	139.9
	Change	-1.7	5.2	3.1	-0.1	4.6	9%
Large	Curr Wk	43.6	108.7	72.6	95.1	104.5	424.5
	Change	-5.5	26.2	-6.3	-12.1	-5.4	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	33.9	19.4	19.9	34.6	120.2
	Change	-2.9	1.9	1.4	-0.1	-4.2	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	1.1	2.4	1.2	2.4	4.6	11.7
	Change	-1.0	-2.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	-25%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.1	19.4	8.3	8.7	7.2	45.7
	Change	0.1	-2.9	-2.7	-0.7	-0.5	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.5	57.3	16.4	19.8	22.1	128.1
	Change	-2.2	-4.7	-5.8	1.7	-3.8	-10%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	97.1	280.2	143.1	176.9	227.5	924.8
	Change	-13%	10%	-6%	-6%	-2%	-2%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg	924.8	-2%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	266.1	-3%	32
Total Shell Egg	1190.9	-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 15, 2008

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	2.16	2.14	1.94	1.31

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	1.68	1.68	1.52	1.01

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Daily WTD AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 26, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS 21.00 FUTURE LOADS 32.50 TOTAL LOADS 53.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	78.50	--	79.50	81.50	--	--	2.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	86.50	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	103.00	2.00
GL W XL	--	--	92.75	98.60	89.67	--	7.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	95.50	6.00
GL W LG	--	96.00	--	105.00	83.00	--	12.50	GL W LG	86.00	--	--	--	--	96.75	15.25
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	80.25	78.50	5.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.25
GL W SM	55.00	59.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly 5-Day WTD AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 22, 2008-SEP 26, 2008  
**CURRENT LOADS 86.50 FUTURE LOADS 68.75 TOTAL LOADS 155.25**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LDS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	78.17	--	79.50	81.00	--	--	16.75	GNR W 1	--	88.04	--	--	--	--	18.75
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	104.00	--	2.00	GL W J	89.50	--	--	--	--	102.38	8.00
GL W J	--	--	99.25	101.50	85.58	--	8.00	GL W XL	--	102.86	92.00	--	108.00	102.04	17.75
GL W XL	--	--	92.61	96.69	89.07	92.98	43.25	GL W LG	86.00	89.86	91.00	--	105.00	97.49	35.50
GL W LG	--	94.67	97.29	84.67	86.96	84.56	49.50	GL W MD	--	88.00	--	--	--	88.15	11.00
GL W MD	83.00	--	71.94	71.50	77.87	79.12	22.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	94.00	100.00	.25
GL W SM	55.00	59.00	53.00	56.00	--	--	2.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	92.00	--	--	--	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	88.00	92.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	86.00	29.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	71.50	74.00	--	--	2.00								

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** (in thousands)

ON HAND	09/22/08	09/15/08	09/24/07
PACIFIC COAST	3	3	8
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is mostly steady on all sizes. Supplies are in good balance. Retail demand is fair to good.

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	129.24
LARGE	122.14
MEDIUM	104.86
SMALL	79.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(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

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