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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices were higher on larger sizes and mediums when compared to last week. New York prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to readily available for the light to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were at least sufficient to ample 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 higher for all sizes. Producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for feature activity. Food service movement was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to readily available for the mostly moderate to instances fairly good demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	93-102	95-98

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-119	112-114
LARGE	109-117	110-112
MEDIUM	99-107	100-102

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	85-95	89
MEDIUM	75-79	77
SMALL	46-52	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were usually sufficient for less than normal to normal processing schedules. Light type hen demand was moderate for mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113-128	114-117
LARGE	107-121	112-116
MEDIUM	95-108	100-102

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to satisfy the present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings were mostly sufficient to at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112.25-122	116-119
LARGE	106.25-120	114-117
MEDIUM	92.25-105	98-102

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices increased on all sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate. Food service movement generally light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good with offerings adequate to readily available. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116.5-125	118-121
LARGE	112.5-121	114-117
MEDIUM	98.5-107	100-103

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium sized eggs when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at best adequate to adequate for immediate needs.

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	107-111

WESTERN Prices were 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, and 4 cents higher for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was usually steady. The Pacific inventory was down 8% from last Monday, with California down 6% and OR-WA-UT declining 12%. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

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CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 1 cent higher for jumbo, 2 cents higher for extra large, and 4 cents higher for large, medium, and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. The Pacific inventory decreased 8% from last Monday, with California down 6% and OR-WA-UT declining 12%. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price $1.17.

	RANGE
JUMBO	158
EXTRA LARGE	157
LARGE	148
MEDIIUM	137

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 24, 2008 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 17, 2008 were 186,358 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

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	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	117,551	68,807	186,358
% change from the prior week.....	-15	+44	+0

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 ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to readily available. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to 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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	89-90	89
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

Trading levels were unchanged to higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were leaning towards full. Finished sales were moderate and improving. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCTOBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-13.5 CENTS/LB.		10.17

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-OCTOBER-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-17 CENTS/LB.		10.47
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)

OCTOBER 20, 2008		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	18.2	7.6	8.4	14.4	54.8
	Change	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.4	0.5	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.8	37.4	12.7	22.5	39.2	137.6
	Change	6.6	-6.4	-2.4	-0.2	0.0	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	43.9	113.8	67.7	109.5	106.7	441.6
	Change	1.2	25.0	-6.9	11.2	-19.5	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	42.8	16.1	18.5	35.4	125.4
	Change	2.5	4.2	-1.1	3.5	0.2	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	8.2	0.4	4.7	6.6	22.2
	Change	0.0	2.6	-0.2	0.8	-0.5	14%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.1	20.6	10.6	9.0	5.7	47.0
	Change	-3.7	-0.9	2.3	0.9	-2.7	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.8	50.8	16.0	25.4	25.3	126.3
	Change	4.4	-3.6	3.5	2.5	1.2	7%
Total	Curr Wk	100.7	291.8	131.1	198.0	233.3	954.9
Percent	Change	13%	8%	-4%	11%	-8%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	954.9	3%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.1	-2%	31
Total Shell Egg	1211.0	2%	182

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 OCTOBER 06, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.16	2.14	1.94	1.31

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 06, 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 OCT 17, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 19.50 FUTURE LOADS 9.50 TOTAL LOADS 29.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	92.50	--	92.00	94.00	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	99.50	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	104.00	102.50	104.50	97.78	104.00	12.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	99.00	--	8.50
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	82.00	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	57.00	60.00	--	--	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W J	110.20	--	--	--	--	116.00	3.50
GL W XL	101.00	110.00	--	--	--	115.50	6.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	114.75	5.50
GL W MD	--	88.00	--	--	--	--	1.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 13, 2008-OCT 17, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 98.00 FUTURE LOADS 52.25 TOTAL LOADS 150.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	89.75	94.50	91.67	92.43	--	--	12.00
GNR W 3	--	--	77.00	78.50	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	112.50	115.00	99.50	--	9.00
GL W XL	--	106.95	100.00	102.71	96.03	100.50	42.25
GL W LG	--	107.09	--	97.33	95.12	111.00	44.75
GL W MD	--	--	82.75	86.33	87.51	84.00	10.75
GL W SM	--	--	57.50	60.75	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	88.11	88.72	45.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	2.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W J	111.05	--	--	--	110.00	116.00	13.75
GL W XL	99.07	106.04	--	--	105.50	111.69	20.25
GL W LG	97.90	--	--	--	102.00	107.63	26.50
GL W MD	--	88.00	--	--	93.80	94.82	8.00

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	10/13/08	10/06/08	10/15/07
PACIFIC COAST	3	3	6
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS **OCT 20, 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 steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is mixed.

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	134.67
LARGE	130.67
MEDIUM	115.86
SMALL	87.00

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