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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York were 1 cent on higher on extra large and large. Mediums were unchanged when compared to the previous day. Regional prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were higher for large and unchanged for the balance. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best into areas with planned feature activity. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate to at times ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

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

IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE		87-97	91
MEDIUM		75-79	77
SMALL		47-53	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on lighter weights to instances fully steady on larger sizes. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were more than adequate for mixed processing schedules. Light hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

	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, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand remained light to to instances fairly good with features providing additional customer interest. Food service movement was light. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly 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, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times fully steady. Demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for mixed processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	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, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were 1 cent higher on extra large and large. Mediums remained unchanged when compared to prices yesterday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	107-111

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, 2 to 3 cents higher for extra large and large, and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were adequate with demand slow to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to instances fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate to available with demand reported as quiet to mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	158
EXTRA LARGE	157
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	137

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	142-156
EXTRA LARGE	140-145
LARGE	136-139
MEDIUM	124-127

BREAKING STOCK

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.

CENTRAL REGION Breaking stock prices ranged 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand quiet to mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	88-89	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		

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules varied. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 18-Oct-08 were 7 percent less than last week and 8 percent less than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	84-90	84-89
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	69-76	70-75
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 18-OCT-2008	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,327,423	33,353	12,251	6,068	2,800	4,449
PW	1,362,426	33,784	12,312	6,279	3,051	4,348
LY	1,349,860	35,232	11,428	6,100	2,516	4,376
% PW	-3%	-1%	0%	-3%	-8%	2%
% LY	-2%	-5%	7%	-1%	11%	2%
2008	55,221,2251,357,857	518,112	271,075	123,294	184,622	
2007	53,581,5151,333,479	490,882	262,759	104,796	182,252	
% YTD	3%	2%	6%	3%	18%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.28	41.63	42.33
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.93	38.44	39.09

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	645,501	48.6%	18,042	54.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	651,935	47.9%	17,112	50.6%
LAST YEAR	643,494	47.7%	17,121	48.6%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and mostly steady for whites and yolk. Whole egg demand was moderate to mostly fairly good during the week with many observers reporting upcoming demand as slowing. White and yolk demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and yolk and tight to adequate for whites. Breaking stock prices were 1 cent lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	20	75-77.5	76.25	.85
WHITES	10	50-52	51.00	.29
YOLKS	4	130-132.25	131.25	-1.25

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged with sugared and salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of products. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Breaking stock prices were slightly lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	88-94	89-92
WHITES	72-76	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	145-150	148-150
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	140-145	140-144

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged on whole, whites and sugared yolk, irregular on salted yolks when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offerings were generally adequate. Trade sentiment remained steady to fully steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Oct-08 were 7% less than last week and 9% less than the same week a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	84-94	88-91	89-98
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	71-74		77-82
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	137-150	145-150	152-156
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	139-144	142-144	146-151

(/) – Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Frozen whole egg and whites were 1 cent higher with the balance of frozen products unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL	
	RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	88-92	
WHITES	79-82	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	147-150	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	142-145	

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and yolks, lower on albumen when compared to a week ago. Trade sentiment was mixed and unsettled on albumen, but overall steady on whole and yolks. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Oct-2008 were 8% less than a week ago, although 11% higher than last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 18% more than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	3.29-3.70	MOSTLY	3.45-3.50
YOLKS	3.16-3.40	MOSTLY	3.25-3.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.19-5.70	MOSTLY	5.40-5.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.20-3.30		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 17, 2008 - OCT 23, 2008**CURRENT LOADS 103.75****FUTURE LOADS 94.25****TOTAL LOADS 198.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	91.50	95.50	92.70	93.88	--	--	22.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL W J	--	--	113.25	115.00	97.40	--	9.00	GL W J	110.20	--	--	--	--	114.57	7.50
GL W XL	--	106.57	102.62	104.86	96.77	101.00	43.00	GL W XL	101.00	110.38	98.00	112.75	--	113.25	14.75
GL W LG	--	108.75	--	98.17	96.71	100.75	49.25	GL W LG	100.88	111.00	96.00	--	110.00	108.34	30.75
GL W MD	--	--	85.00	86.00	78.62	--	9.25	GL W MD	85.00	88.18	--	96.25	--	92.00	5.75
GL W SM	63.50	66.00	57.00	60.00	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	105.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	88.20	88.78	83.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	80.00	84.00	3.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	61.00	55.00	--	.75								

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.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fill needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	115.50	114.00	101.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	100.00
MIDWEST	108.50	106.50	96.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	119.50	115.50	101.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	115.43	112.95	99.81

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was at least moderate with limited trading due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 18-Oct-08

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,281	1,803	3,084
Last Week	1,353	1,730	3,083
Same week yr ago	1,187	1,602	2,789
To-date/2008	57,586	68,711	126,297
To-date/2007	46,374	61,450	107,824

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	215	0	215
Last Week	237	0	237
Same week yr ago	246	0	246
To-date/2008	13,479	50	13,529
To-date/2007	10,874	36	10,910

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,496	1,803	3,299
Last Week	1,590	1,730	3,320
Same week yr ago	1,433	1,602	3,035
To-date/2008	71,065	68,761	139,826
To-date/2007	57,248	61,486	118,734

SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	52	831	2,919
Frozen	0	0	39	69
Dried	0	40	444	569
Total	0	92	1,314	3,557

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	418	263	15,340	12,765
Frozen	10	0	481	276
Dried	0	38	590	777
Total	428	301	16,411	13,818

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports to Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,490	2,880	57,147	44,869
Large	3,540	3,460	71,146	71,315
Medium	870	2,025	38,982	48,494
Ungraded	17,730	9,138	338,359	104,564
Misc	0	0	5,974	7,849
Total	24,630	17,503	511,608	277,091

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Processed Turkeys	Processed other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 10/20/08	3,264	134,454	90,346
AM 10/01/08	3,124	141,760	99,200
CHG	140	-7306	-8854
PCT CHG	4%	-5%	-9%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT (In Units of 1,000)

FROZEN EGGS:	AUG 2007	AUG 2008	SEP 2007	SEP 2008
			1,000 Pounds	
Whites	3,167	3,146	2,743	2,999
Yolks	1,759	1,269	1,296	1,128
Whole & Mixed	7,434	8,082	7,520	9,024
Unclassified	6,125	8,303	6,137	8,635
Total Frozen Eggs	18,485	20,800	17,696	21,786

Source: USDA/NASS

CHICKENS AND EGGS**September Egg Production Down 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during September 2008, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 990 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2008 averaged 334 million, down 2 percent from last year. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,194 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on October 1, 2008 totaled 333 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 333 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.90 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2008, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 1, 2007.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 18-OCT-2008

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	181.3	1	2
East North Central	640.9	7	6
West North Central	310.3	4	13
South Atlantic	176.5	2	-3
South Central	52.8	3	-3
West	203.4	4	6
Total	1565.2	5	5
Matched plants reporting		81	81
Areas Covered:			
North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)			
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)			
West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)			
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)			
South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)			
West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 18-OCT-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.6	23.7	0	-13
Boston	2.7	2.8	-4	-13
Chicago	67.7	69.9	-3	42
Detroit	7.9	8.0	-1	-23
Los Angeles	90.6	99.4	-9	-11
New Orleans	5.6	4.9	14	17
New York	29.1	30.0	-3	11
St. Louis	51.5	45.2	14	98
San Francisco	14.1	14.3	-1	3
Total	292.8	298.2	-2	18
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT OCT 21, 2008

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	158	156	117	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	151-155	148-152	110-114	79-83
MOSTLY	153-154	150-151	112-113	81-82
RHODE ISLAND	156-160	152-156	114-118	84-88
MOSTLY	156	152	114	84
VERMONT	158-159	156-157	117	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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