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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices were unchanged from Friday. Regional prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was in full range slow to very good, generally light to fairly good. Supplies were at least adequate to ample for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stocks offerings were light to sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand.

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. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good, usually moderate. Loose egg movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the usually light offerings. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	81-90	83-86

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-119	112-114
LARGE	109-117	110-112
MEDIUM	87-95	88-90

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	85-95	89
MEDIUM	63-67	65
SMALL	47-53	

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

**NORTHEAST** Prices were lower on extra large, large and medium sized eggs when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels ranged slow to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for buyer and seller requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were adequate to fully adequate for a light demand. Light type hens were at best sufficient for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-125	114-118
LARGE	108-122	113-117
MEDIUM	82-95	87-89

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to instances good. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times available for the present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for mixed processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	14.25-122	116-119
LARGE	113.00-120	114-117
MEDIUM	84.50-99.25	85-89

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was usually barely steady with some caution noted. Retail demand was good to instances very good. Food service movement ranged light to moderate. Supplies were mostly balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually light for the slow demand. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEDIUM	85.5-94	87-90

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on both lighter and heavier weight eggs when compared to prices last Friday. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were at least sufficient to available for present 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	122-126
LARGE	120-124
MEDIUM	94-98

**WESTERN** Prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, mediums, and small, with large prices 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, mostly cautiously steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 10% and OR-WA-UT increasing 14%. Offerings were adequate with demand fair to fairly good, mostly fair. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 6 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, medium, and small, with large 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, mostly cautiously steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 10% and OR-WA-UT up 14%. Offerings were tight to adequate, mostly adequate with demand fair to fairly good, mostly fair. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.07.

	RANGE
JUMBO	154
EXTRA LARGE	154
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	127

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 05, 2008 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 28, 2008 were 249,311 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	212,275	37,036	249,311
% change from the prior week.....	+12	-11	+8

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. Demand was light with offerings also reported as usually light. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely 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	64-70	68-70
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-58	52-54

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 unchanged to slightly higher when compared to previous week. Demand was moderate to good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent fowl. Finished sales were active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-NOV-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.5		10.37

\* 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 at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-DEC-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-18.25 CENTS/LB.		11.11
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)

		North	No	So	So		
		east	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.2	16.8	8.1	9.1	16.5	55.7
	Change	0.4	-0.8	1.0	1.9	0.5	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.7	36.0	17.8	23.3	30.8	129.6
	Change	-2.4	-0.8	2.4	3.3	-3.0	0%
Large	Curr Wk	42.9	100.8	88.4	90.0	102.1	424.2
	Change	0.4	9.8	17.7	-1.9	-12.9	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	46.4	23.1	20.8	37.5	139.1
	Change	-3.5	2.6	1.0	-1.8	1.7	0%
Small	Curr Wk	1.2	7.9	1.6	2.9	5.9	19.5
	Change	-1.1	-1.5	0.3	0.7	0.5	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.2	27.3	12.9	10.2	10.6	62.2
	Change	-0.5	2.5	1.3	-0.5	2.7	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.3	63.5	12.4	28.6	29.4	159.2
	Change	5.8	23.4	-0.9	6.6	6.3	35%
Total	Curr Wk	108.8	298.7	164.3	184.9	232.8	989.5
Percent	Change	-1%	13%	16%	5%	-2%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	989.5	7%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.4	17%	31
Total Shell Egg	1,246.9	9%	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 NOVEMBER 17, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.19	2.17	1.97	1.33
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 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 NOV 28, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								25.25	FUTURE LOADS								4.00	TOTAL LOADS								29.25
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	87.50	--	88.50	90.00	--	--	2.00	GL W J	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	106.00	1.00										
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	98.33	1.50										
GL W XL	--	--	98.00	100.00	84.83	--	2.50	GL W LG	--	93.25	--	--	--	--	94.29	7.25										
GL W LG	--	92.00	83.00	91.50	81.32	--	10.25	GL W MD	--	70.00	64.00	75.00	--	--	69.97	6.50										
GL W MD	--	72.00	67.00	--	59.93	--	8.75	GL W SM	56.00	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	1.00										
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	58.00	--	--	1.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 21, 2008-NOV 28, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								109.75	FUTURE LOADS								59.00	TOTAL LOADS								168.75
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	88.83	94.40	89.25	91.00	105.25	--	38.00	GNR W 1	--	100.89	--	--	--	--	--	--	26.00									
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	63.00	1.00	GL W J	97.50	--	--	--	96.00	100.71	12.25										
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	3.00	GL W XL	92.00	101.80	--	--	107.00	99.83	18.75											
GL W J	--	--	110.50	112.00	84.43	--	9.25	GL W LG	91.00	98.94	--	--	--	95.96	27.50											
GL W XL	--	110.67	101.17	101.71	85.98	93.00	27.50	GL W MD	69.00	70.75	64.00	75.67	--	72.02	17.00											
GL W LG	77.00	104.03	89.50	96.53	85.06	98.21	48.50	GL W SM	56.00	--	--	--	--	63.00	2.00											
GL W MD	87.40	72.00	67.63	68.50	62.95	67.00	27.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	97.75	2.00											
GL W SM	--	--	71.75	70.83	58.00	60.00	4.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	97.50	90.00	96.00	3.00											
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	83.00	--	2.00	GL BR MD	--	--	--	75.50	68.00	--	.25											
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75																			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.50	--	1.50																			
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	70.00	72.00	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	68.50	67.71	34.00																			
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	58.00	--	--	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)		
	11/24/08	11/17/08	11/26/07
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	5
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS DEC 01, 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 steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate to available. 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	133.69
LARGE	132.24
MEDIUM	102.86
SMALL	87.00

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