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### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices were unchanged. In all other areas, medium sizes were lower, and larger sizes were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was overall moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hen supplies were sufficient for normal processing.

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

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and lower for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg movement was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was very light for the fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment weak.

RANGE	MOSTLY			
104-113	107-110			
103-112	105-108			
75-84	77-80			
RANGE	MOSTLY			
111-119	112-114			
109-117	110-112			
81-89	82-84			
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS				
nts per dozen				
	104-113 103-112 75-84 <b>RANGE</b> 111-119 109-117 81-89 <b>NSIN EGGS</b>			

	RANGE	MOSILI
LARGE	85-95	89
MEDIUM	57-61	59
SMALL	47-53	

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

**NORTHEAST** Prices were lower on mediums, however unchanged on extra large and large when compared to prices a week ago. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trading needs. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were usually sufficient for regular processing schedules. Offerings of light type hens were sufficient for the fair to mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-125	114-118
LARGE	108-122	113-117
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC,	DE, MA, MD, ME, N	H, Eastern NJ, Eastern
NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT		

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices on mediums were lower, but unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to sufficient with mediums slightly more available. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate with a light demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-122	116-119
LARGE	113120	114-117
MEDIUM	79.5-89.25	80-84
Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA	A, MS, NC, SC, eastern	TN, & southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and lower on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were usually balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Offerings were fully adequate for the light to non-existent demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85
South Central Area:	AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NN	И, OK, & TX

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to prices last Friday. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged occasionally light to at times fairly good. Supplies were more than sufficient for current 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	89-93

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was usually steady. The Pacific inventory increased 6% from last Monday, with California up 7% and OR-WA-UT increasing 3%. Offerings were tight to adequate, mostly adequate with demand fair to fairly good, mostly fairly good. Floor stocks adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady, mostly cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings usually adequate. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.07.

•	RANGE
JUMBO	154
EXTRA LARGE	154
LARGE	148
MEDIIUM	121

# **NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 12, 2008 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 05, 2008 were 195,374 cases which was 22 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

Cases purchased present week	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL	
	152,437	42,937	195,374	
% change from the prior week28 +16 -22 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 were lower. Demand was light to non-existent while offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment weak.

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	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	63-65	63
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	48-54	48-50
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 generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were mixed. Finished sales were still active. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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

RANGE	MAJ	WTD
		AVG

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-14.5 CENTS/LB. 10.50 \*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged 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 sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

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

RANGE	MAJ	WTD
		AVG
8.75-18.75 CENTS	/LB.	11.17

AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.75-18.75 CENTS/LB. 11.1
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)

DECEMBE	ER 08, 200	8	No	So	So	,	
	No	rtheast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	20.9	6.3	9.7	16.8	59.9
	Change	1.0	4.1	-1.8	0.6	0.3	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	40.1	20.0	23.7	35.9	149.9
	Change	8.5	4.1	2.2	0.4	5.1	16%
Large	Curr Wk	46.5	100.4	88.7	107.4	112.1	455.1
	Change	3.6	-0.4	0.3	17.4	10.0	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.3	41.7	20.0	25.2	39.1	136.3
	Change	-1.0	-4.7	-3.1	4.4	1.6	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	1.8	4.7	8.0	3.5		
	Change	0.6	-3.2	-0.8	0.6	-2.5	-27%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.4	26.5	13.0	10.4	10.1	61.4
	Change	0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.2	-0.5	-1%
Ungraded		26.0	55.5	10.2	28.4	28.4	148.5
	Change	0.7	-8.0	-2.2	-0.2	-1.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	122.4	289.8	159.0	208.3		1025.3
Percent	Change	13%	-3%	-3%	13%	6%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg Shell Egg Breaking Stock	1025.3 234.4	4% -9%	151 31
Total Shell Egg	1259.7	1%	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 24, 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 24, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS LARGE MEDIUM GRADE A XLARGE **SMALL** 1.01 1.65 1.65 1.49

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 5, 2008															
CURRENT LOADS 32.00					I	FUTURE L	.OADS 31	.00			TOTAL LOADS			63.00	
	S	E		NE	N	<b>IW</b>			S	C	1	W۷	S	W	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.50	91.00	88.50	90.00			25.00	GNR W 1							5.00
GL W J					89.25		1.00	GL W J						104.00	1.00
GL W XL			99.25	100.00	85.40		9.00	GL W XL	90.00	92.50				96.00	5.00
GL W LG			96.00	92.00	87.84		14.25	GL W LG		85.00				101.66	9.25
GL W MD		67.00	59.00	62.00	64.00		2.00	GL W MD	57.00		60.00		63.00	65.13	6.00
GL BR J					114.00		1.00	GL BR J							1.00
GL BR XL					85.00		.25	GL BR XL				100.00			.25
GL BR LG					83.00		1.00	GL BR LG				98.89	92.10		2.25
NRBS - 42				57.00			1.00	GL BR MD				74.00	66.50		.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 1, 2008-DEC 05, 2008															
	ENT LOA		127.50				URÈ LOAD					TOTAL I			).25
	5	SE		NE	M	W			S	С	N	IW	S	SW .	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	87.25	91.50	87.92	89.33		80.00	60.00	GNR W 1		95.43					27.00
GNR BR 1					93.00		3.00	GNR BR 1							1.00
GL W J			106.80	108.00	89.00		5.25	GL W J	96.67			106.00	98.00	104.00	7.25
GL W XL		101.08	97.63	98.36	84.58		42.25	GL W XL	89.50	94.55				96.89	20.75
GL W LG	104.00	95.17	96.75	91.20	83.94	91.00	66.50	GL W LG		93.20			102.00	97.85	36.00
GL W MD	77.00	69.91	63.00	64.60	58.01		31.25	GL W MD	58.55	65.53	61.33	78.40	63.00	66.75	25.25
GL W SM	62.00	65.00	62.00	65.00			2.00	GL BR J							3.00
GL BR J					114.67		3.00	GL BR XL				100.00		96.00	1.00
GL BR XL					84.00	93.00	1.75	GL BR LG				98.67	92.10	94.00	4.00
GL BR LG					81.55	93.00	3.25	GL BR MD				74.00	66.50		.25
NRBS - 48					66.63	67.80	23.00								
NRBS - 42				57.00			2.00								
NRBS - 39			56.00	57.00	57.00		4.00								

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 M	OVEMENT – FR	OZEN EGGS		CERTIFIED ORGANI	C EGGS IN CARTONS DE	C 08, 2008			
	(I	n Thousands)		(price per carton delivered to first receivers)					
ON HAND	12/01/08	11/24/08	12/03/07	Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY			
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	4	Extra Large doz.	255 – 316	275 - 310			
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0	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 medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fairly 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	97.86
SMALL	87.00

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