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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices increased 1 cent on larger sizes when compared to the previous day. Regional prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to very good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current trade requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for reduced holiday processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were sufficient for 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to very good for last minute holiday orders. Loose egg movement was usually moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet for the light to adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-118	112-115
LARGE	108-117	110-113
MEDIUM	77-86	79-82

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	92-102	96
MEDIUM	60-64	62
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. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Current supplies were closely balanced to tight for buyer and seller needs. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were adequate to fully sufficient for less than normal holiday schedules. Spent hen demand was fair to mostly moderate for usually adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-130	119-123
LARGE	113-127	118-122
MEDIUM	79-92	84-86

N0RTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with next week's asking prices trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand continued good to very good. Food service movement ranged light to moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time to reduced. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119.5-128	121-124
LARGE	118.5-127	120-123
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for reduced holiday processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were sufficient for the fair to usually moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.25-127	121-124
LARGE	114.25-125	119-122
MEDIUM	81-89	82-86

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 increased 1 cent on larger sizes, but remained unchanged on mediums when compared to Tuesday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were close balanced to tight for current trading requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	130-134
LARGE	128-132
MEDIUM	92-96

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-124	117-119
LARGE	114-122	115-117
MEDIUM	83-91	84-86

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were tight to short of current needs with demand very good. Floor stocks tight to barely adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were tight to instances short with demand very good. Floor stocks very tight to adequate. Small benchmark price $1.04.

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	159
EXTRA LARGE	159
LARGE	153
MEDIUM	123

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	143-157
EXTRA LARGE	142-147
LARGE	141-144
MEDIUM	110-113

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 Prices were unchanged. Demand remained quiet while offerings were usually light to adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to reduced for this week and next. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-54	52-54
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	41-47	41-43

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

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EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to late last week's prices. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to about steady. Demand was very light for usually sufficient offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for reduced holiday processing schedules. The Eastern region shell egg breaking stock inventory increased 2%, however the national shell egg breaking stock inventory was 8% less than a week ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-54	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	39-45	41-44

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 20-DEC-2008 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,205,081	30,599	10,559	5,383	2,696	3,891
PW	1,263,850	30,616	11,050	6,044	2,887	4,143
LY	1,237,519	31,310	10,900	6,100	2,304	4,335
% PW	-5%	0%	-4%	-11%	-7%	-6%
% LY	-3%	-2%	-3%	-12%	17%	-10%
2008	66,674,877	1,644,348	621,967	325,179	148,277	222,668
2007	64,821,924	1,626,692	584,545	313,774	126,306	220,952
% YTD	3%	1%	6%	4%	17%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.85	41.03	42.54
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.62	37.75	39.04

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	619,589	51.4%	17,936	58.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	628,218	49.7%	17,074	55.8%
LAST YEAR	619,233	50.0%	16,883	53.9%

NATIONAL LIQUID Liquid whole egg and yolk prices were too few to report. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with demand light. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last 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		TFEWR		
WHITES	15	41.5-44	42.80	
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen salted yolk prices were too few to report with frozen whole egg ranging irregular. Whites were unchanged with sugared yolk 3 to 6 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and whole egg and weak for frozen yolk products. Demand was light while offerings were adequate for needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	TRUCKLOTS MOSTLY
WHOLE	59-64	59-60
WHITES	62-67	62-64
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	105-118	105-110
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	TFEWR	

EASTERN REGION Prices were lower on sugared and salted yolks, irregular on whole and whites when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was steady on whites, at best steady on whole, and weak on yolks. Demand was light for sufficient offerings. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20-Dec-08 was 3% less than last week and 15% lower than the same week a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	TRUCKLOTS MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	56-61	58-60	62-67
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	59-64	62-64	64-69
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	105-110		112-120
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	102-105		106-117

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged for whole egg and whites and 4 cents lower for sugared and salted yolk. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for whole egg and whites and weak for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand moderate to fairly good, instances good.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	57-61
WHITES	69-72
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	107-110
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	102-105

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NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on albumen, lower on whites and blends when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was mixed. Pre-holiday demand was light to very light. Offerings were more than adequate for trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Dec-2008 were 7% less than last week, but 17% more than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 17% higher than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.62-2.75	MOSTLY	2.65-2.75
YOLKS	2.47-2.65	MOSTLY	2.55-2.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.60-4.80	MOSTLY	4.60-4.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.65-2.75	MOSTLY	2.65

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 17, 2008 – DEC 23, 2008

CURRENT LOADS 88.75 **FUTURE LOADS 81.25** **TOTAL LOADS 170.00**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W XL	--	96.50	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 1	90.75	96.17	94.83	93.38	72.00	86.60	103.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	115.00	116.00	96.64	--	9.25
GL W XL	--	108.58	104.64	108.70	98.83	105.38	26.25
GL W LG	--	103.50	106.17	106.06	91.16	105.50	46.25
GL W MD	77.33	84.44	71.67	67.00	62.21	--	11.25
GL W SM	--	61.00	--	--	56.00	--	.50
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	63.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	53.17	3.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	35.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	33.00	1.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	29.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	96.00	--	--	--	--	39.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W J	106.50	--	--	--	105.00	109.88	10.75
GL W XL	101.38	109.88	--	--	--	110.31	5.25
GL W LG	107.00	104.19	--	--	--	104.86	22.00
GL W MD	--	76.50	--	--	--	73.00	8.75
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	103.00	109.00	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	102.50	94.50	--	.25
GL BR LG	--	--	--	98.50	91.13	97.75	2.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	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.

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 generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	**MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Salvage negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was fair for a constant supply of leghorn fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slowing. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate for most needs. Schedules part-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. **This report includes only three trading days.**

REGIONS	**EX LARGE**	**LARGE**	**MEDIUM**
NORTHEAST	121.00	120.00	85.00
SOUTHEAST	122.50	120.50	84.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	80.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	122.50	121.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	119.95	118.48	83.80

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were too few to report. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was moderate with limited trading as most available supplies were being used internally. Processing schedules were lighter than normal due to the holiday. 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)**
TFWER	TFWER

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**
TFWER	TFWER

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

Week ending 20-Dec-08

This report will be released when the information becomes available.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 13, 2008 Year-To-Date

Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	95	0	1,531	3,277
Frozen	0	0	84	71
Dried	40	0	572	753
Total	135	0	2,187	4,101

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

Week Ending Dec 13, 2008 Year-To-Date

Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	371	318	18,335	15,482
Frozen	14	51	566	391
Dried	0	0	707	857
Total	385	369	19,608	16,730

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 13, 2008 Year-To-Date

	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,977	3,345	83,157	64,705
Large	12,965	5,990	115,834	108,832
Medium	501	0	50,587	62,310
Ungraded	6,186	2,280	449,772	214,348
Misc	0	0	10,760	7,849
Total	21,629	11,615	710,110	458,044

/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) Frozen Eggs Lbs	Processed Turkeys Lbs	(In Thousands) Processed other Poultry Lbs
AM 12/22/08	3,128	75,524	87,897
AM 12/01/08	3,007	73,775	90,520
CHG	121	1749	-2623
PCT CHG	4%	2%	-3%

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

FROZEN EGGS:	OCT 2007	OCT 2008	NOV 2007	NOV 2008
		1,000 Pounds		
Whites	3,052	3,272	2,711	2,874
Yolks	1,310	962	1,282	1,049
Whole & Mixed	6,707	8,898	5,790	8,653
Unclassified	6,487	9,226	5,401	8,828
Total Frozen Eggs	**17,556**	**22,358**	**15,184**	**21,404**

Source: USDA/NASS

CHICKENS & EGGS

November Egg Production Down Slightly

U.S. egg production totaled 7.51 billion during November 2008, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 71 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2008 averaged 339 million, down 2 percent from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,217 eggs, up 1 percent from November 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2008 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.03 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2008, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from December 1, 2007.
Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 20-DEC-2008

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	195.9	2	1
East North Central	695.9	-1	9
West North Central	334.5	1	16
South Atlantic	189.1	1	-1
South Central	60.1	11	2
West	209.4	2	4
Total	1684.9	1	7
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 20-DEC-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	31.0	25.2	23	-23
Boston	3.0	2.9	3	-9
Chicago	66.6	65.6	2	-27
Detroit	9.6	8.1	19	-25
Los Angeles	100.5	97.6	3	12
New Orleans	5.0	5.6	-11	-31
New York	40.2	33.3	21	14
St. Louis	80.6	72.4	11	73
San Francisco	15.5	15.2	2	1
Total	352.0	325.9	8	11
4 Week Moving Avg.	338.4			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT DEC 23, 2008

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvrd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	162	161	107	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	155-159	154-158	100-104	79-83
MOSTLY	157-158	156-157	102-103	81-82
RHODE ISLAND	161-165	160-164	106-110	84-88
MOSTLY	161	160	106	84
VERMONT	162-163	161	107	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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