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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were higher on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to very good, generally moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to tight for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly sufficient to tight for the very light to instances fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate for reduced holiday 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** Midwest delivered prices were higher. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg movement was moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks close to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	112-121	115-118	LARGE	93-103	97
LARGE	111-120	113-116	MEDIUM	60-64	62
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83	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 higher on all sizes when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Current supplies were in good balance to tight for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully sufficient; processing schedules were mixed. Light type hen demand was mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-133	122-126
LARGE	116-130	121-125
MEDIUM	80-93	85-87

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices increased on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings tight. Floor stocks were close to adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
MEDIUM	83.5-92	85-88

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to at times good. Supplies were balanced to instances tight for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the very light demand. Light type hen offerings were mostly sufficient for reduced holiday processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117.25-130	124-127
LARGE	116.25-128	122-125
MEDIUM	81.25-90	83-87

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 unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate following the weekend. Supplies were in good balance to tight for current trade needs.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-127	120-122
LARGE	117-125	118-120
MEDIUM	84-92	85-87

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. The Pacific inventory dropped 5% from last Monday, with California down 7% and OR-WA-UT declining 1%. Demand was good to very good while offerings were tight to adequate. Floor stocks tight to adequate, instances short.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. The Pacific inventory was down 5% from last Monday, with California down 7% and OR-WA-UT declining 1%. Demand was reported as good to very good while offerings were in close balance with current needs. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.04.

**CALIFORNIA** Shell egg marketer's 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	162
EXTRA LARGE	162
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	124

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 02, 2009 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 26, 2008 were 220,032 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	183,054	36,978	220,032
% change from the prior week.....	-1	+6	-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**

Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight with demand moderate to instances fairly good. Breakers were attempting to secure breaking stock for next week's schedules. Floor stocks close to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly 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	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

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Trading was mostly unchanged when compared to previous week. Demand was generally moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules for this week were slightly reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-DEC-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14.75		10.69

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were lighter than normal due to the holiday. Finished product supplies were clearing satisfactorily. 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 29-DEC-08

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-19	CENTS/LB.	11.55
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)

		No	So	So			
	Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.1	21.1	5.0	8.1	11.8	50.1
	Change	-1.2	-1.1	-0.8	-1.1	-2.8	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.7	34.2	9.2	21.3	31.3	112.7
	Change	-0.6	7.5	-1.3	-0.6	0.5	5%
Large	Curr Wk	29.2	95.8	51.2	88.1	67.6	331.9
	Change	-1.4	10.9	-1.3	-9.2	-11.1	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.2	35.5	22.8	22.7	32.8	127.0
	Change	1.3	0.0	6.6	1.6	1.9	10%
Small	Curr Wk	1.4	4.4	2.4	4.2	5.9	18.3
	Change	-0.7	-0.9	0.3	2.0	0.1	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	9.9	28.6	13.0	12.3	10.2	74.0
	Change	7.6	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.6	22%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.8	51.0	17.5	19.3	23.8	123.4
	Change	4.8	27.2	8.7	1.2	1.0	53%
Total	Curr Wk	86.3	270.6	121.1	176.0	183.4	837.4
	Change	13%	20%	14%	-3%	-5%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	837.4	7%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	260.7	28%	31
Total Shell Egg	1,098.1	11%	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: WHOLESAL PRICE- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.19	2.17	1.97	1.33

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.65	1.65	1.49	1.01

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 24, 2008**

CURRENT LOADS								17.50	FUTURE LOADS								27.25	TOTAL LOADS				44.75
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	--	--	93.00	95.00	--	--	21.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00					
GL W J	--	--	--	--	98.75	--	.50	GL W J	100.00	--	--	--	--	111.17	--	--	1.50					
GL W XL	--	111.50	--	111.00	98.66	107.50	6.00	GL W XL	106.00	--	--	--	--	112.60	--	--	2.50					
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	91.63	--	8.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	103.75	--	--	4.00					
GL W MD	--	66.00	--	--	67.35	--	3.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	80.60	--	--	3.50					
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	50.00	--	.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	--	.75					
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	50.50	1.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	29.00	1.00															

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 19, 2008-DEC 26, 2008**

CURRENT LOADS								83.75	FUTURE LOADS								93.75	TOTAL LOADS				177.50
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W XL	--	97.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	GNR W 1	--	97.81	--	--	--	--	--	--	44.00					
GNR W 1	92.67	97.47	96.50	95.14	--	87.75	109.00	GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00					
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GL W J	102.17	--	--	--	105.00	110.76	--	--	9.50					
GL W J	--	--	121.00	122.00	96.70	--	8.00	GL W XL	104.25	110.00	--	--	--	111.38	--	--	10.00					
GL W XL	--	112.86	106.75	110.45	99.02	107.50	23.00	GL W LG	107.00	115.20	--	--	--	104.98	--	--	23.50					
GL W LG	--	108.35	106.50	107.00	90.87	116.00	49.00	GL W MD	75.00	76.50	--	--	--	77.88	--	--	13.50					
GL W MD	78.00	78.77	73.33	74.00	64.79	--	13.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	--	.75					
GL W SM	--	61.00	--	--	51.50	--	1.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	103.00	109.00	--	--	.25					
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	63.00	--	1.00	GL BR LG	91.50	--	--	--	91.75	97.21	--	--	1.75					
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	49.00	50.50	1.00	GL BR MD	70.00	--	--	--	--	75.00	--	--	1.75					
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	35.00	1.00															
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	33.00	1.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	--	29.00	2.00															

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)		
	12/22/08	12/15/08	12/24/07
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	4
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS DEC 08, 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 unavailable. Supplies are tight. Retail demand is very 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	139.89
LARGE	139.12
MEDIUM	100.86
SMALL	87.00

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