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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was in a full range of steady to weak, generally barely steady. Demand was light to good, best in western areas. Current supplies in most locations were adequate to ample; adequate to tight on the West coast for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were mostly sufficient for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to available for mixed processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were unchanged. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with the larger sizes trending slightly lower for next week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned and loose egg sales remained light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112-121	115-118
LARGE	111-120	113-116
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

Prices delivered to store door.

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

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	90-100	94
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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Next week's prices were trending lower for the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was generally barely steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate, best movement where feature activity was a factor. Food service movement was light. Supplies were at times balanced to mostly fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	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, OK, & TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at times steady to mostly barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available to satisfy present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122.25-130	124-127
LARGE	121-128	122-125
MEDIUM	82.5-90	83-87

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate, although fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were sufficient for the light demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate for regular processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	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, eastern PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK Extra large, large and medium prices remained the same as prices reported a day earlier. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies continue adequate to fully adequate for trading requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	127-131
LARGE	125-129
MEDIUM	92-96

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good with offerings adequate to instances tight.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents lower for jumbo, extra large, and large, with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand good. Floor stocks balanced 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

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	146-160
EXTRA LARGE	145-150
LARGE	144-147
MEDIUM	111-114

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 unchanged. Demand was light with offerings usually adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	52-54	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

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's prices. Offerings were usually sufficient for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate for generally normal processing schedules. Trade sentiment was steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region were 5 percent higher than last week, although 13 percent less than the same week a year 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 03-JAN-2009 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,113,735	26,733	10,556	5,498	2,901	3,518
PW	993,129	24,684	9,052	4,527	2,407	3,310
LY	1,146,339	28,740	10,344	5,650	2,734	4,112
% PW	12%	8%	17%	21%	21%	6%
% LY	-3%	-7%	2%	-3%	6%	-14%
2008	68,781,741	1,695,765	641,575	335,204	153,586	229,496
2007	65,964,182	1,655,041	594,678	319,299	128,656	224,667
% YTD	4%	2%	8%	5%	19%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.58	41.86	42.61
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.42	38.53	39.02

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	644,654	57.9%	17,313	64.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	618,377	62.3%	16,639	67.4%
LAST YEAR	621,044	54.2%	16,725	58.2%

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were lower when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. Demand was light as most trading was centered on immediate needs. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for buyer requirements. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 03-Jan-2009 were 21% more than last week and 6% higher than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 19% higher than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.50-2.70	MOSTLY	2.55-2.60
YOLKS	2.25-2.50	MOSTLY	2.30-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.50-4.70	MOSTLY	4.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.60-2.75	MOSTLY	2.60-2.65

FROZEN EGGS - ***NOTICE***

On February 13, 2009, The Frozen Egg Reports (Central, Eastern & Southern CA) will be combined into the new National Frozen Egg report and will no longer run separately. Until then, the new National Frozen Egg report will run concurrently.

******Shown below******

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg prices were unchanged with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and weak for frozen yolk products. Offerings were usually adequate with demand light to moderate. 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	MOSTLY
WHOLE	55-66	55-57
WHITES	62-67	62-64
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-112	101-108
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-103	

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and lower on salted yolks and sugared yolks when compared to a week ago. Trade sentiment was steady on whites and whole, at best steady on yolk products. Demand was light to moderate for usually sufficient offerings. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 03-Jan-09 were 6% higher than last week and 16% lower than the same week a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	55-61	55-59	62-67
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	58-64	60-64	64-72
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-110	105-108	112-120
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	99-104		106-117

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged for whole egg with the balance of frozen products lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and barely steady to weak for yolk products. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	57-61
WHITES	68-71
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	102-105
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	97-100

*****Prototype Report – NATIONAL FROZEN*****

Prices were unchanged to higher on whole egg, irregular on whites and lower on sugared and salted yolk. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak for frozen yolk products. Offerings were usually adequate while demand was generally light to moderate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) SUGARED AND SALTED YOLKS ARE A MINUMUM 43% SOLIDS.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	55-66	55-57	57-67	57-62
WHITES	58-67	60-62	64-71	68-71
SUGARED YOLKS	99-112	102-105	102-120	102-107
SALTED YOLKS	96-103	TFEWR	97-117	97-101

NATIONAL LIQUID - Liquid whole egg and yolk prices were too few to report. Trade sentiment was weak for all products. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past 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.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES	11	29-45	35.41	
YOLKS		TFEWR		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 2, 2009-JAN 8, 2009

CURRENT LOADS 132.00 FUTURE LOADS 99.00 TOTAL LOADS 231.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	94.00	97.63	93.90	95.38	106.75	--	57.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00
GL W J	--	--	116.00	118.00	98.53	101.00	8.00
GL W XL	108.00	105.41	105.00	106.83	88.17	--	54.50
GL W LG	--	111.27	99.50	107.20	87.44	109.08	85.75
GL W MD	79.00	73.47	66.92	70.40	65.60	--	24.00
GL W SM	63.50	66.50	62.00	65.75	--	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	1.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	54.00	26.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	33.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	122.76	--	--	--	--	29.00
GNR W 2	--	95.00	--	--	--	--	6.00
GL W J	105.70	--	--	--	--	113.23	7.75
GL W XL	95.50	104.95	--	--	--	102.12	36.25
GL W LG	103.50	100.63	--	--	--	99.52	50.25
GL W MD	70.80	82.68	71.50	--	--	76.35	18.75
GL BR LG	91.50	--	--	--	--	96.50	1.75
GL BR MD	70.00	--	--	--	--	75.63	2.00
NRBS - 48	46.00	47.00	--	--	--	--	1.00

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed 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

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 REGION 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 Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand for leghorn fowl was moderate with current offerings at least adequate for needs. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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	124.00	123.00	86.00
SOUTHEAST	125.50	123.50	85.00
MIDWEST	116.50	114.50	81.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	125.50	124.50	86.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	122.94	121.48	84.80

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to mostly moderate with trading limited with most available supplies were 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

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 20-Dec-08 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,380	1,411	2,791
Last Week	1,350	1,460	2,810
Same week yr ago	1,475	1,570	3,045
To-date/2008	69,213	82,476	151,689
To-date/2007	56,984	74,813	131,797

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	369	0	369
Last Week	331	0	331
Same week yr ago	375	0	375
To-date/2008	15,783	68	15,851
To-date/2007	13,564	59	13,623

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	1,749	1,411	3,160
Last Week	1,681	1,460	3,141
Same week yr ago	1,850	1,570	3,420
To-date/2008	84,996	82,544	167,540
To-date/2007	70,548	74,872	145,420

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)

Week Ending Dec 20, 2008			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2008**	**2007 /1**	**2008 /2**	**2007**
Liquid	346	48	1,877	3,325
Frozen	0	0	84	71
Dried	80	88	652	841
Total	426	136	2,613	4,237

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

Week Ending Dec 20, 2008			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2008**	**2007 /1**	**2008 /2**	**2007**
Liquid	380	319	18,715	15,801
Frozen	0	17	566	408
Dried	84	0	791	857
Total	464	336	20,072	17,066

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Dec 20, 2008			Year-To-Date	
	2008	**2007 /1**	**2008 /2**	**2007**
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,935	750	87,092	65,455
Large	9,520	11,411	125,354	120,243
Medium	828	1,731	51,415	64,041
Ungraded	2,856	1,560	452,628	215,908
Misc	0	0	10,760	7,849
Total	17,139	15,452	727,249	473,496

/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 Lbs	**Processed Turkeys Lbs**	**Processed other Poultry Lbs**
AM 01/05/09	3,247	82,097	87,627
AM 12/01/08	3,007	73,775	90,520
CHG	240	8322	-2893
PCT CHG	8%	11%	-3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2008 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2009 are:

Frozen Eggs	23	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Turkeys	402	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
Processed Other Poultry	788	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 03-JAN-2009

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.5	-7	4
East North Central	616.8	-9	2
West North Central	298.6	-6	-3
South Atlantic	189.8	0	2
South Central	56.2	21	-8
West	157.9	-13	-17
Total	1501.8	-7	-2
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 03-JAN-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	24.6	26.9	-9	-12
Boston	3.1	2.9	7	7
Chicago	82.9	82.8	0	145
Los Angeles	60.1	95.7	-37	-39
New Orleans	5.5	5.0	10	-13
New York	30.9	33.6	-8	22
St. Louis	60.1	65.7	-9	4
San Francisco	21.8	15.3	42	51
Total	289.0	338.1	-15	8
4 Week Moving Avg.	326.3			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT JAN 06, 2009

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	164	163	107	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	156-160	155-159	100-104	79-83
MOSTLY	158-159	157-158	102-103	81-82
RHODE ISLAND	160-164	159-163	106-110	85-89
MOSTLY	160	159	106	85
VERMONT	164-165	163	107-110	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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