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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged to lower in the Southeast, lower on mediums, however unchanged on larger sizes in the Northeast when compared to the previous week. New York and other region prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged generally light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were close balanced to available to satisfy immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were sufficient to ample for irregular processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** All prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was usually moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 78-87 | 81-84 |
| LARGE | 77-86 | 79-82 |
| MEDIUM | 71-81 | 73-76 |

| Prices delivered to store door: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 85-93 | 86-88 |
| LARGE | 83-91 | 84-86 |
| MEDIUM | 77-85 | 78-80 |

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS**

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| LARGE | 59-69 | 63 |
| MEDIUM | 53-57 | 55 |
| SMALL | 43-49 | |

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on large sizes, however, mediums were 1 cent less than the previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, generally steady to fully steady on larger sizes, at best steady on mediums. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for trading requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks were sufficient for regular processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at least adequate for normal to reduced processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 84-98 | 87-91 |
| LARGE | 81-95 | 86-90 |
| MEDIUM | 74-87 | 79-81 |

Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to moderate. Supplies were more than sufficient for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate to at least adequate for about normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 89.5-97 | 91-94 |
| LARGE | 88-95 | 89-92 |
| MEDIUM | 78.5-86 | 79-83 |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was generally light. Supplies closely balanced to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered warehouse:

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 88.5-97 | 90-93 |
| LARGE | 87.5-96 | 89-92 |
| MEDIUM | 78.5-87 | 80-83 |

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times full steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

Prices delivered store door.

| | RANGE |
|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 95-99 |
| LARGE | 93-97 |
| MEDIUM | 86-90 |

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory was down 4% from last Monday, with California declining 6% and OR-WA-UT down 2%. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate, with offerings adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory declined 4% from last Monday, with California down 6% and OR-WA-UT declining 2%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

| | RANGE |
|---|---|
| JUMBO | 136 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 128 |
| LARGE | 122 |
| MEDIUM | 117 |

## NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 27, 2009 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 20, 2009 were 170,410 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 15 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 130,718 | 39,692 | 170,410 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -18 | -1 | -14 |

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 mostly moderate and reported as slightly improved, while offerings were light to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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 | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| BREAKING STOCK | 43-45 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 29-36 | 32-34 |

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

## LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

FINAL PRICE,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-FEB-2009

### SOUTH CENTRAL

Prices were mixed compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

| | RANGE | MAJ | WTD AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 7.5-14.5 CENTS/LB. | | 10.67 |

### SOUTHEAST

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair for the generally sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

| | RANGE | MAJ | WTD AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 8.25-18.25 CENTS/LB. | | 11.39 |
| 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)

| FEBRUARY 23, 2009 | | Northeast | No Cent | So Cent | So Atl | Pacific | 5-Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 11.9 | 20.2 | 7.1 | 8.2 | 13.9 | 61.3 |
| | Change | 0.8 | 1.4 | -2.0 | -0.9 | -1.4 | -3% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 19.4 | 42.0 | 14.1 | 27.3 | 36.2 | 139.0 |
| | Change | -3.7 | 2.8 | -1.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 39.7 | 114.5 | 80.7 | 98.3 | 111.3 | 444.5 |
| | Change | -4.6 | 19.9 | 8.8 | 2.8 | -7.8 | 4% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.8 | 40.5 | 16.5 | 17.8 | 28.0 | 115.6 |
| | Change | -1.4 | 5.0 | 3.1 | -3.0 | -1.0 | 2% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 2.7 | 7.9 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 20.8 |
| | Change | -0.7 | 3.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 | -0.6 | 5% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 1.8 | 24.0 | 7.7 | 10.8 | 7.2 | 51.5 |
| | Change | -0.8 | 3.3 | -7.5 | -0.9 | 1.1 | -9% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 10.1 | 41.5 | 19.4 | 18.1 | 26.7 | 115.8 |
| | Change | -4.2 | -6.3 | -3.2 | -4.8 | -1.5 | -15% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 98.4 | 290.6 | 146.7 | 183.9 | 228.9 | 948.5 |
| Percent | Change | -13% | 11% | -2% | -4% | -4% | 0% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|---|---|---|---|
| Shell Egg | 948.5 | 0% | 149 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 228.4 | -12% | 31 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1176.9 | -3% | 180 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 149 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 FEB 09, 2009

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2.14 | 2.12 | 1.92 | 1.28 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEB 09, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.42 | .94 |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Daily WTD AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 20, 2009
**CURRENT LOADS 16.25 FUTURE LOADS 42.00 TOTAL LOADS 58.25**

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | | | SC | | NW | | SW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LDS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LDS |
| GNR W 1 | 59.50 | -- | 59.50 | 61.50 | -- | -- | 25.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 22.00 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78.33 | -- | 3.00 | GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 92.00 | 3.00 |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 72.25 | 74.50 | 72.45 | -- | 4.75 | GL W XL | -- | 80.75 | -- | -- | -- | 87.21 | 2.75 |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | 71.00 | 74.00 | 66.33 | -- | 15.75 | GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78.40 | 3.75 |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | 52.00 | -- | 1.50 | GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 64.00 | 1.50 |
| GL W SM | -- | -- | -- | -- | 44.00 | -- | .25 | GL W SM | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 56.00 | .25 |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 8.00 | | | | | | | | |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly 5-Day WTD AVG Prices (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 16, 2009-FEB 20, 2009
**CURRENT LOADS 109.25 FUTURE LOADS 94.50 TOTAL LOADS 203.75**

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | | | SC | | NW | | SW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LDS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LDS |
| GNR W XL | -- | 66.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | 65.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 36.00 |
| GNR W 1 | 60.00 | 65.25 | 60.75 | 61.72 | -- | 55.00 | 56.00 | GNR W 2 | -- | 62.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.00 |
| GNR W 2 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.00 | GL W J | 77.10 | 83.75 | -- | -- | -- | 88.77 | 14.00 |
| GNR W 4 | -- | 60.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 4.00 | GL W XL | 71.00 | 77.54 | -- | -- | -- | 83.03 | 22.50 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 75.49 | 80.00 | 9.75 | GL W LG | 65.00 | 77.71 | -- | -- | -- | 75.10 | 30.75 |
| GL W XL | -- | 78.53 | 72.50 | 74.00 | 69.06 | -- | 56.50 | GL W MD | -- | 65.18 | -- | -- | -- | 64.28 | 9.75 |
| GL W LG | -- | 76.40 | 68.96 | 68.50 | 64.06 | 68.20 | 69.00 | GL W SM | 49.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 56.00 | 1.25 |
| GL W MD | -- | 61.50 | 58.63 | 67.00 | 52.52 | 57.00 | 14.75 | GL BR J | 87.00 | -- | -- | -- | 84.00 | 90.00 | 1.00 |
| GL W SM | 51.33 | 54.00 | 52.75 | 56.00 | 45.78 | -- | 8.25 | GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 68.50 | 72.50 | 1.00 |
| GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 78.00 | -- | .25 | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | 71.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 44.00 | -- | 11.00 | | | | | | | | |

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** (in thousands)

| ON HAND | 02/16/09 | 02/09/09 | 02/18/08 |
|---|---|---|---|
| PACICIFIC COAST | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| LOS ANGELES | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**
The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are readily available. Retail demand is mixed.

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 | 112.06 |
| LARGE | 110.61 |
| MEDIUM | 96.86 |
| SMALL | 82.00 |

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**
(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | 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 |

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