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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices increased 2 cents on heavier weights, unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous day. Regional prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on larger sizes, steady on mediums. Demand ranged light to at times very good, mostly good. Supplies were adequate to tight and confidently held on heavier weights, sufficient to available on lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were 4 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for the lighter weight eggs. Cartoned egg demand was light to fairly good and was reported as less active when compared to earlier this week. Loose egg movement was light. Supplies were barely adequate to close for the larger sizes and adequate to available for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to barely adequate for the mostly light demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment

steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid	to
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	86-95	88-91	LARGE	77-87	81
MEDIUM	71-80	73-76	MEDIUM	53-57	55
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MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady firm on extra large and large; mediums remained steady. Retail and distributive demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were barely adequate to instances tight on larger sizes, adequate to fully sufficient on mediums. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short for a light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

to moderate demand.	KANGE	WOSILI
EXTRA LARGE	92-106	95-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA,	MD, ME, NH, Eastern	NJ, Eastern NY,
PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Next week's prices were trending higher on the larger sizes, unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the heavier weight eggs and steady for mediums. Cartoned movement was mostly good. Food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were mixed, short of needs to adequate with extra large and large in the tightest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were limited to barely adequate for the mostly light demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. **RANGE**

	MOSILY	
EXTRA LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS	S, LA, MO, NM, OK, and	d TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however next week's delivery prices trending higher on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm on heavier weights, steady on mediums. Retail demand was good to instances very good with increased seasonal demand and planned features. Supplies were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence on larger sizes, adequate to available on mediums for trade needs. Eastern region breaking stocks were barely sufficient to short for normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were usually adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91.25-102	96-99
LARGE	90.25-100	94-97
MEDIUM	78.5-86	79-83
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL. FL. GA. MS. NC.	SC. Fastern 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 2 cents higher on extra large and large, however mediums continued unchanged when compared to yesterday's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on larger sizes, steady on medium. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate on lighter weights, close to at times tight on heavier weights.

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EXTRA LARGE	114-118
LARGE	112-116
MEDIUM	86-90

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-102	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-95
MEDIUM	77-85	78-80

<u>WESTERN REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were adequate. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and generally steady on the lighter weights. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

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.

	KANGE
JUMBO	138
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	132
MEDIUM	117

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR,

RANGE
122-136
118-124
117-120
101-104

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION

Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light while offerings continued light to barely adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	49-56	51
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-42	38-40

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 higher on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Offerings were barely sufficient to short for a light to fair demand. Processing schedules were usually normal. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Mar-2009 in the Eastern region were 2 percent less than last week, however 3 percent more than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSILY
BREAKING STOCK	46-54	48-51
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	36-44	38-42

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 21-Mar-2009		bs. in thous	sands)	(Excludes Ingredients)		nts)
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Producti	ion Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,243,197	31,481	11,411	5,644	2,337	4,254
PW	1,219,470	30,907	10,995	5,562	2,062	4,055
LY	1,232,354	30,407	11,383	6,097	2,409	4,364
% PW	2%	2%	4%	1%	13%	5%
% LY	1%	4%	0%	-7%	-3%	-3%
2009*	13,655,368	337,553	127,768	65,040	28,987	46,760
2008*	13,576,095	339,385	122,743	65,590	27,651	47,182
% YTD	1%	-1%	4%	-1%	5%	-1%
				CW	PW	LY
Average	Yield Per Case	e - (Inedible	Included)	42.46	42.25	42.40
Average	Yield Per Case	e - (Inedible	Excluded)	39.04	38.92	38.86

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	644,774	51.9%	18,009	57.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	643,344	52.8%	17,974	58.2%
LAST YEAR	633,773	51.4%	17,216	56.6%

NATIONAL DRIED

Prices were higher on yolks, unchanged to slighty higher on whole and albumen when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for current trading requirements. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Mar-2009 were 13% more than a week ago, but 3% less than the same week the previous year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 5% higher than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.98-2.30	MOSTLY	2.10-2.20
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.00-3.30	MOSTLY	3.10-3.23
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.84-2.25	MOSTLY	2.05-2.15

NATIONAL LIQUID

Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and light to adequate for yolk. Demand was quiet to moderate for all products with whites seeing the best demand. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous 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	13	42-48	42.92	-1.98
WHITES	23	29-32	29.36	-1.34
YOLKS	3	59-62	60.33	24

NATIONAL FROZEN

Trucklot prices ranged higher for whole egg and salted yolk, with whites unchanged to 2 cents lower and sugared yolk unchanged to 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was generally steady at current price levels for whole egg and sugared and salted yolk with whites steady to barely steady. Demand was moderate to good, mostly seasonally moderate, while offerings were adequate for needs.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are a minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKL	OTS	LTL (MIN.	25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	53-59	53-56	58-65	60-62
WHITES	44-52	45-47	50-56	50-53
SUGARED YOLKS	77-87	80-83	86-96	86-88
SALTED YOLKS	73-79	75-78	82-85	82

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 20, 2009 – MAR 26, 2009

	C	URREN	T LOADS	S 80.75		FU	JTURE LO	OADS 86.50			TOTAL	LOADS	3 167.25	5	
		SE	1	NE	M	IW			5	SC	N	W	SV	V	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	71.50	77.25	72.90	74.91	80.00	80.00	78.00	GNR W 1		83.17					29.00
GNR W 2							4.00	GL W J	89.50				100.00	97.69	8.75
GL W J			95.50	97.00	83.63		6.75	GL W XL	82.00	92.00				93.90	14.50
GL W XL		87.18	87.50	91.51	85.12		27.50	GL W LG	81.50	90.99		88.00		93.32	44.00
GL W LG	97.25	87.63	93.70	88.12	85.29		77.75	GL W MD	62.50	78.50				72.50	7.50
GL W MD	76.00	75.00	64.75	68.00	60.82	62.20	17.25	GL BR J						95.50	.50
GL W SM	43.50	46.50	46.50	48.00			3.00								
GL BR J					82.25		.50								
GL BR LG			66.00	69.00			1.00								
NRBS - 50							1.00								
NRBS - 48							2.75								
NRBS - 39					44.00		1.00								
NRBS - 36			33.71	36.63	31.50		3.75								

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 a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

REMOVAL COST 2-11 3-7

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL</u> Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Schedules are normal. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 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.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.00	96.00	80.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	81.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	74.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	100.50	99.50	81.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.79	95.32	79.32

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Demand was mostly fair to instances moderate with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT

(WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST

HEAVY CANNER HENS

INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

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2.999

Week ending 21-Mar-09

To-date/2009*

	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
		Thousands	
Head	1,152	1,497	2,649
Last Week	1,244	1,457	2,701
Same week yr ago	1,389	1,392	2,781
To-date/2009*	13,622	16,582	30,204
To-date/2008*	15,113	16,620	31,733
	U.S.	fowl slaughtered in Ca	nada
	Light	Heavy	Total
	Hens	Hens	Hens
		Thousands	
Head	279	0	279
Last Week	301	0	301
Same week yr ago	333	0	333

To-date/2008* 3,378 12 3,390 Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada					
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens			
		Thousands				
Head	1,431	1,497	2,928			
Last Week	1,545	1,457	3,002			
Same week yr ago	1,722	1,392	3,114			
To-date/2009*	16,610	16,593	33,203			
To-date/2008*	18,491	16,632	35,123			

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

2,988

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

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

Week Endi	ng Mar 14, 200	9	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008		
Liquid	96	0	815	49		
Frozen	0	0	0	2		
Dried	0	0	182	98		
Total	96	0	997	149		

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

Week Endi	ng Mar 14, 20	09	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008		
Liquid	367	259	3,463	3,800		
Frozen	10	0	108	191		
Dried	0	0	0	0		
Total	377	259	3,571	3,991		

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending	y Mar 14, 200)9	Year-To-	Date*	
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0	
Extra Large	930	480	6,143	2,810	
Large	2,950	4,800	17,558	9,850	
Medium	1,500	870	5,910	5,640	
Ungraded	5,238	9,600	34,518	43,390	
Misc	936	0	1,437	0	
Total	11,554	15,750	65,566	61,690	
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^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

CHICKENS AND EGGS

February Egg Production Down 3 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 6.89 billion during February 2009, down 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs. and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 917 million were broilertype and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2009 averaged 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,023 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2009 totaled 341 million, down 1 percent from last year. The 341 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.3 million layers producing broiler- type hatching eggs, and 3.07 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2009, averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2008

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG	MOVEMENT (Rece	eipts From Produ	ucers)
W/E 21-MAR-2009	Cases	% Change	From
REGIONS	(In Thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	189.9	2	2
East North Central	662.2	2	0
West North Central	301.4	-1	-9
South Atlantic	186.6	5	2
South Central	52.4	-6	-8
West	159.4	-7	-25
Total	1551.9	0	-5
Matched plants reporti	ing	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 21-MAR-2009				
Selected Consuming	CW	LW	% CHA	NGE
Centers	(Cases, in TI	housands)	LW	LY
Atlanta	21.9	24.6	-11	-36
Boston	2.7	2.7	0	-25
Chicago	65.5	67.7	-3	-37
Los Angeles	58.0	65.7	-12	-44
New Orleans	5.2	5.6	-7	-19
New York	34.5	34.1	1	0
St. Louis	80.1	83.6	-4	59
San Francisco	18.9	21.8	-13	23
Total	286.8	305.8	-6	-19
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.4			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Select	ted Centers (Ir	nc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)
	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. Other Poultr
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 03/23/09	3,268	129,248	76,468
AM 03/01/09	3,120	116,137	77,989
CHG	148	13111	-1521
PCT CHG	5%	11%	-2%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT MAR 24, 2009

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvrd store door. Med Small Ex Large Large MAINE 128 125 105 89 **MOSTLY NEW HAMPSHIRE** 121-125 118-122 98-102 79-83 MOSTLY 123-124 120-121 100-101 81-82 RHODE ISLAND 124-128 85-89 127-131 104-108 MOSTLY 127 124 104 85

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^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

California Department of Food and Agriculture Egg Quality Control Out of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 3/15/2009 - 3/21/2009		Cases Shi	pped to:		
Region	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	Total State	
Midwest:	14,270	15,952	92,743	122,965	
South Central:	6,000	684	21,025	27,709	
Southeast:	0	0	0	0	
Northeast:	0	0	1,750	1,750	
Western:	4,013	1,530	6,525	12,068	
Grand Total:	24,283	18,166	122,043	164,492	
Military:	0	0	0	0	
Non-Military:	24,283	18,166	122,043	164,492	