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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices were 2 cents higher on large and extra large, unchanged on mediums. Regional prices were sharply higher on heavier weights, unchanged on lighter weights when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on larger sizes, generally steady on mediums. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight on heavier weights, sufficient to fully sufficient on lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were tight to barely sufficient for the light to at times moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were mostly adequate for full time processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST Midwest delivered prices were sharply higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Producer prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for the balance. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to very good and showed some improvement over the weekend. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were barely adequate to tight and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrade unchanged. Offerings tight to barely adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-105	99-102
LARGE	95-104	97-100
MEDIUM	71-80	73-76

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-111	104-106
LARGE	101-109	102-104
MEDIUM	77-85	78-80

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	79-89	83
MEDIUM	53-57	55
SMALL	37-43	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were sharply higher on extra large and large when compared to last week's prices, however mediums remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to mostly firm on larger sizes, generally steady on the balance. Retail and distributive demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight on larger sizes, adequate to fully sufficient on mediums. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were usually adequate for normal processing schedules. Light type hens in the Eastern region were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-115	104-108
LARGE	98-112	103-107
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81

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

SOUTHEAST Prices were sharply higher on large and extra large sizes, unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to usually firm on larger sizes, steady on mediums. Demand was good to at times very good with increased holiday demand. Supplies were no more than sufficient to short, sufficient on mediums to satisfy current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stocks were barely adequate to short for the light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings were mostly sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99.5-117.75	106-109
LARGE	95.5-110	104-107
MEDIUM	78.5-86	79-83

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices increased sharply on extra large and large, but were unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm for the heavier weight eggs and steady for mediums. Cartoned movement was good to very good due to Easter demand and planned feature activity. Food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were mixed, short of needs to adequate with the lighter weights in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to at times moderate with offerings limited to barely adequate. Schedules were usually full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.5-115	108-111
LARGE	105.5-114	107-110
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

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

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents higher on extra large and large, however mediums remained the same as prices last Friday. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on larger sizes, steady on lighter weights. Demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were close to at times tight on heavier weights, but fully sufficient on mediums.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade A, and grade A white eggs in cartons, delivered store, cents per dozen

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	116-120
LARGE	114-118
MEDIUM	86-90

WESTERN Prices were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady for the larger sizes and steady for medium. The Pacific inventory declined 4% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 9 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady for the larger sizes and generally steady on the lighter weights. The Pacific inventory declined 4% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT down 10%. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good to good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

	RANGE
JUMBO	147
EXTRA LARGE	147
LARGE	141
MEDIUM	117

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 03, 2009 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 27, 2009 were 180,039 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	140,663	39,376	180,039
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+5	-4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with demand light to instances moderate. Schedules generally 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	49-51	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

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

FINAL PRICE,

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-MAR-2009

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST

Prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair to instances moderate 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
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-18.5 CENTS/LB. 11.57
 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)

MARCH 30, 2009		No		So		So	
		Northeast		Cent		Atl Pacific 5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.5	21.4	7.9	9.5	18.6	70.9
	Change	1.8	0.6	-2.4	0.3	-2.2	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	33.2	33.0	10.4	26.2	42.6	145.4
	Change	4.2	-1.5	-0.9	0.4	-6.7	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	62.7	117.9	79.3	108.8	160.1	528.8
	Change	4.2	-16.2	-11.9	-8.1	-6.3	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.2	45.7	20.8	21.6	40.5	140.8
	Change	-1.1	1.1	0.7	5.1	-4.2	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.9	1.7	2.4	5.8	24.1
	Change	-1.1	0.3	-0.3	-1.2	2.7	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	20.7	8.7	12.5	5.8	50.6
	Change	0.4	-4.8	1.4	1.8	-0.9	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.5	40.8	14.6	23.2	33.3	121.4
	Change	-6.0	-5.2	4.3	-1.5	3.6	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	138.3	289.4	143.4	204.2	306.7	1082.0
Percent	Change	2%	-8%	-6%	-2%	-4%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.0	-4%	149
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	219.1	-6%	31
Total Shell Egg	1301.1	-5%	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 MAR 16, 2009

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.11	2.09	1.92	1.28

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAR 16, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.58	1.58	1.42	0.94

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 27, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								17.00	FUTURE LOADS								30.50	TOTAL LOADS								47.50
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	79.50	--	80.50	82.00	--	83.00	18.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	7.00									
GL W J	--	--	--	--	78.50	--	4.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.50	--	4.00									
GL W XL	--	--	95.50	99.00	95.00	--	2.50	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25									
GL W LG	--	--	96.00	97.00	--	--	11.00	GL W LG	--	--	95.00	--	--	101.00	--	--	6.00									
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	59.17	60.00	3.00	GL W MD	62.50	65.50	62.00	--	--	69.50	--	--	4.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	28.00	30.50	1.00																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 23, 2009-MAR 27, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								68.50	FUTURE LOADS								91.75	TOTAL LOADS								160.25
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS									
GNR W 1	75.17	81.27	75.50	77.09	81.00	82.00	90.00	GNR W 1	--	85.86	--	--	--	--	--	--	33.00									
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	81.00	4.00	GL W J	89.50	--	--	--	--	--	93.82	9.75										
GL W J	--	--	95.50	97.00	79.92	--	8.75	GL W XL	82.00	92.00	--	--	--	--	94.67	7.75										
GL W XL	--	94.14	89.67	93.38	87.48	--	19.75	GL W LG	81.50	91.94	95.00	--	--	96.56	34.25											
GL W LG	97.25	95.06	94.08	90.65	86.87	--	65.50	GL W MD	62.50	78.17	62.00	--	--	70.67	8.00											
GL W MD	76.00	--	66.25	68.33	60.00	61.25	15.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	95.50	.50											
GL W SM	43.50	46.50	46.50	48.00	--	--	2.00																			
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	82.25	--	.50																			
GL BR LG	--	--	66.00	69.00	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	4.75																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	32.00	34.50	28.00	30.50	2.75																			

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT - FROZEN EGGS

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	03/23/09	03/16/09	03/24/08
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	20
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

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 higher on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are tight. Retail demand is good to 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	122.22
LARGE	121.54
MEDIUM	96.86
SMALL	77.00

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