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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were higher on larger sizes. Mediums in most areas were unchanged, however slightly lower in the Southeast when compared to the previous week's prices. New York prices were unchanged from last Friday. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good, mostly moderate following the holiday. Supplies were about sufficient to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for generally normal processing schedules. Spent hen offerings were at least sufficient to ample 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** Midwest delivered prices were 1 cent higher for the larger sizes. All other reported prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate. Loose egg movement was light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules were usually full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113-122	116-119
LARGE	112-121	114-117
MEDIUM	71-80	73-76

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged on mediums, but 1 cent higher on extra large and large when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to more than adequate for buyer and seller requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for a light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings were at least sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-133	123-127
LARGE	117-131	122-126
MEDIUM	74-87	79-81

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were slightly higher for extra large and large, unchanged on medium. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg movement was mixed, light to fairly good. Food service demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were mostly full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
MEDIUM	78.5-87	80-83

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on large and extra large sizes, lower on mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to instances barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was generally moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to satisfy present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stocks were sufficient for the light demand. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for reduced holiday processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-129	123-126
LARGE	120-127	121-124
MEDIUM	77.5-85	78-82

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 extra large, large and medium sized egg when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was moderate. Present supplies were about sufficient to sufficient for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	131-135
LARGE	129-133
MEDIUM	86-90

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120-128	121-123
LARGE	118-126	119-121
MEDIUM	77-85	78-80

## WESTERN REGIONAL

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. The Pacific inventory dropped 24% from last week, with California down 29% and OR-WA-UT declining 13%. Offerings were adequate with demand usually quiet. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

## CALIFORNIA EGGS

Benchmark prices were unchanged for jumbo, medium, and small, and 1 cent higher for extra large and large. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. The Pacific inventory declined 24% from last week, with California down 29% and OR-WA-UT dropping 13%. Demand was reported as mostly quiet while offerings were adequate for needs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 97 cents.

## 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	151
EXTRA LARGE	162
LARGE	157
MEDIUM	117

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 17, 2009 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 10, 2009 were 245,821 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 9 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	206,056	39,765	245,821
% change from the prior week.....	+10	+11	+10

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 adequate to fully adequate with demand light. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	43-47	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	31-39	36-38
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 13-APR-2009

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was slowing for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

**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 mostly adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-18.25 CENTS/LB.		11.44
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)

APRIL 13, 2009		No Cent		So Cent		So Atl Pacific 5-Area	
	Northeast						
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	19.1	8.1	9.0	18.0	65.9
	Change	-0.5	-1.4	-2.1	-0.3	-2.0	-9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	25.9	10.9	22.5	43.2	124.7
	Change	-2.6	-2.6	-1.1	-0.8	2.1	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	32.0	77.7	64.8	83.8	84.4	342.7
	Change	-11.3	-20.1	-4.7	-18.8	-51.0	-24%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.1	36.5	21.0	19.8	30.4	116.8
	Change	0.4	-7.7	-5.6	-1.8	-15.1	-20%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	14.9	1.3	2.7	4.6	26.3
	Change	0.0	4.0	-0.6	0.4	0.0	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.7	23.0	11.9	12.8	10.2	60.6
	Change	-0.3	-2.3	1.7	0.7	1.4	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	5.4	47.7	12.1	20.3	26.2	111.7
	Change	-0.1	13.7	1.1	0.4	-3.7	11%
Total	Curr Wk	85.9	244.8	130.1	170.9	217.0	848.7
Percent	Change	-14%	-6%	-8%	-11%	-24%	-13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	848.7	-13%	149
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	204.2	8%	31
Total Shell Egg	1052.9	-10%	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 30, 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 30, 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 APRIL 10, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								18.50	FUTURE LOADS								20.50	TOTAL LOADS				39.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	95.50	--	96.00	97.50	--	93.00	14.00		GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00						
GL W XL	--	--	110.00	112.00	75.27	80.00	4.25		GL W J	--	--	--	--	72.00	74.00	4.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	74.28	--	11.75		GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	82.00	1.50					
GL W MD	--	--	67.50	65.50	55.50	--	3.00		GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	85.74	5.75					
									GL W MD	--	61.25	53.00	--	--	--	58.00	2.00					

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 06, 2009-APRIL 10, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								82.75	FUTURE LOADS								53.25	TOTAL LOADS				136.00
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	96.10	98.23	95.50	103.39	69.50	103.00	80.00		GNR W 1	--	106.30	--	--	--	--	25.00						
GL W J	--	--	114.50	117.00	--	--	1.00		GL W J	72.63	108.00	--	--	72.32	78.07	9.50						
GL W XL	--	113.00	109.50	109.33	82.30	80.00	21.25		GL W XL	--	105.78	--	--	--	90.40	8.50						
GL W LG	--	117.80	106.83	112.54	83.29	--	49.25		GL W LG	--	107.98	--	--	--	91.25	25.00						
GL W MD	60.00	60.33	67.50	64.83	56.23	61.00	21.50		GL W MD	--	61.00	56.50	--	61.45	62.71	10.25						
GL W SM	--	--	41.00	44.00	--	--	1.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	42.40	46.50	10.00															

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)		
	04/06/09	03/30/09	04/07/08
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	15
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 mostly steady on all sizes. Supplies are tight. Retail demand is 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	137.44
LARGE	136.99
MEDIUM	95.86
SMALL	77.00

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