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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, usually light to moderate and reported as slightly improved. Supplies were sufficient to fully sufficient for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged light to readily available, mostly adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were 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 Prices to producers were lower for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week sharply lower for all sizes. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to usually moderate and was being reported as slightly improved over last week. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for mostly light to instances moderate demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90-99	93-96
LARGE	89-98	91-94
MEDIUM	65-74	67-70

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

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.

	Range	Mostly
LARGE	46-56	50
MEDIUM	35-39	37
SMALL	24-30	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to fair, instances moderate. Supplies were at least sufficient for present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock supplies were at least sufficient; schedules were mostly normal. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for a fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-110	102-103
LARGE	94-108	99-103
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

N0RTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate and noted as improved. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate for the light to adequate offerings. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
LARGE	98.5-107	100-103
MEDIUM	72.5-81	74-77

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for generally normal processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-121.5	100-103
LARGE	86-121.5	98-101
MEDIUM	66-79.25	72-76

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 all sizes when compared to yesterday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair. Supplies were at least adequate to readily available for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	68-72

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-105	98-100
LARGE	95-103	96-98
MEDIUM	71-79	72-74

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 24 cents lower for jumbo, 23 cents lower for extra large, 25 cents lower for large, and 12 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 24 cents lower for jumbo, 23 cents lower for extra large, 25 cents lower for large, and 12 cents lower for medium and small. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample, although reported as somewhat less available than earlier in the week. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Small benchmark price 91 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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	140
EXTRA LARGE	139
LARGE	134
MEDIUM	111

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	124-128
EXTRA LARGE	119-125
LARGE	119-122
MEDIUM	95-98

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 to instances moderate. Offerings continued light to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	36-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-28	27-29

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 on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Supplies were adequate to readily available for a light to fair demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Easter region were 4% higher than last week, but 13% lower than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	32-39	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-31	26-30

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 18-APR-2009 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,251,175	30,292	12,164	6,499	2,589	4,225
PW	1,191,946	30,138	10,808	5,545	2,461	4,287
LY	1,367,993	33,303	13,167	6,761	3,421	4,667
% PW	5%	1%	13%	17%	5%	-1%
% LY	-9%	-9%	-8%	-4%	-24%	-9%
2009*	18,555,180	460,225	172,851	87,714	38,318	63,451
2008*	18,932,044	471,630	172,910	92,346	39,468	65,498
% YTD	-2%	-2%	0%	-5%	-3%	-3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.50	42.60	42.32
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.13	39.00	38.91

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	674,749	53.9%	17,938	59.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	661,422	55.5%	18,173	60.3%
LAST YEAR	672,712	49.2%	17,690	53.1%

*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

NATIONAL DRIED

Prices were unchanged to lower on yolks and lower on whole and albumen when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light as traders assessed current market conditions. Supplies were at least adequate for current trading requirements. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Apr-2009 were 5% more than last week although 24% less than the same week the previous year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 3% lower than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.95-2.20	MOSTLY	2.05-2.10
YOLKS	1.60-1.70	MOSTLY	1.65-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.93-3.20	MOSTLY	2.95-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.25	MOSTLY	2.00-2.10

NATIONAL LIQUID

Trade sentiment was generally steady for all liquid products. Demand was light for whole egg and yolk and fair to fairly good for whites. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices were lower 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		TFEWR		
WHITES	22	21-28	24.52	-.79
YOLKS	6	49-53	50.33	-2.23

NATIONAL FROZEN

Trucklot prices ranged lower for whole egg and sugared yolk and were unchanged to lower on the balance of products. Trade sentiment continued barely steady to weak for all frozen products. Demand was hand to mouth as buyers await further market corrections. Offerings were adequate for current needs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	48-56	48-52	56-64	56-60
WHITES	40-52	41-44	48-55	48-51
SUGARED YOLKS	71-81	73-81	81-98	81-87
SALTED YOLKS	71-78	72-74	75-80	75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 17, 2009 – APR 23, 2009

CURRENT LOADS 114.50 **FUTURE LOADS 41.50** **TOTAL LOADS 156.00**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	52.88	55.00	49.10	52.00	--	--	18.00
GNR BR 1	41.75	44.75	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	59.71	--	7.00
GL W XL	55.00	61.88	63.25	63.38	51.05	--	44.50
GL W LG	--	57.63	--	54.77	48.57	--	24.25
GL W MD	--	51.88	33.25	43.00	42.09	--	22.25
GL W SM	--	36.00	--	38.00	31.35	37.00	5.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	78.00	--	--	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	78.00	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	35.35	36.79	39.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	20.00	23.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	37.00	38.00	--	42.67	32.29	30.40	9.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	52.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W J	62.20	70.00	--	--	--	71.79	10.50
GL W XL	61.50	58.75	--	69.75	--	62.56	16.75
GL W LG	42.71	44.00	--	--	--	56.93	12.25
GL W MD	42.50	48.00	--	--	--	50.75	7.75
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	38.00	3.00
GL BR XL	60.00	--	--	--	--	68.00	.25
GL BR LG	59.00	--	--	--	--	67.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	34.71	37.43	--	--	--	--	7.00

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.

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 adequate to fully adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate to ample offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules are full time to more. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	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	102.50	101.00	74.00
SOUTHEAST	101.50	99.50	74.00
MIDWEST	94.50	92.50	68.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	101.50	101.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.02	98.72	73.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was mostly fair with trading limited due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was 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

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

Week ending 18-Mar-09

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,188	1,511	2,699
Last Week	1,112	1,444	2,556
Same week yr ago	1,567	1,571	3,138
To-date/2009*	18,312	22,568	40,880
To-date/2008*	21,437	22,735	44,172

U.S.fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	270	0	270
Last Week	139	0	139
Same week yr ago	311	0	311
To-date/2009*	4,059	11	4,070
To-date/2008*	4,779	12	4,791

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

Total U.S. fowlslaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,458	1,511	2,969
Last Week	1,251	1,444	2,695
Same week yr ago	1,878	1,571	3,449
To-date/2009*	22,371	22,579	44,950
To-date/2008*	26,216	22,747	48,963

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

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

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2009 Year-To-Date*

Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	44	0	1,391	96
Frozen	0	0	0	8
Dried	0	40	182	178
Total	44	40	1,573	282

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2009 Year-To-Date*

Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	121	315	4,603	5,347
Frozen	0	9	124	226
Dried	0	40	0	40
Total	121	364	4,727	5,613

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2009 Year-To-Date*

	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	600	600	10,073	4,010
Large	4,113	900	37,601	15,520
Medium	2,460	2,280	10,800	11,880
Ungraded	1,584	13,500	59,090	67,150
Misc	682	1,560	2,119	1,560
Total	9,439	18,840	119,683	100,120

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS –

Selected Centers (Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. Other Poultry Lbs
AM 04/20/09	3,297	133,901	69,604
AM 04/01/09	3,277	130,812	73,006
CHG	20	3089	-3402
PCT CHG	1%	2%	-5%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

FROZEN EGGS:	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009
Whites	2,952	2,796	2,886	2,649
Yolks	962	862	953	1,042
Whole & Mixed	7,097	9,259	6,397	8,486
Unclassified	5,721	9,148	6,066	8,415
Total Frozen Eggs	16,732	22,065	16,302	20,592

Source: USDA/NASS

CHICKENS AND EGGS

March Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.72 billion during March 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2009 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,269 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2008.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2009 totaled 341 million, down slightly 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 April 1, 2009, averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from April 1, 2008.

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 18-APR-2009

REGIONS	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From LW	LY
North Atlantic	180.0	-4	4
East North Central	595.8	-13	-4
West North Central	290.9	-10	-10
South Atlantic	169.9	-10	-2
South Central	49.8	-4	-2
West	148.1	-16	-21
Total	1434.5	-11	-6
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 18-APR-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	21.1	27.5	-23	-9
Boston	2.5	3.6	-31	-14
Chicago	66.6	68.6	-3	6
Los Angeles	54.6	74.4	-27	-53
New Orleans	5.3	5.7	-7	-7
New York	28.0	33.3	-16	-11
St. Louis	68.2	93.5	-27	72
San Francisco	13.3	28.7	-54	0
Total	259.6	325.1	-20	-12
4 Week Moving Avg.	303.4			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APR 21, 2009

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	141	138	105	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	129-133	126-130	92-96	83-87
MOSTLY	131-132	128-129	94-95	85-86
RHODE ISLAND	133-137	130-134	95-99	79-83
MOSTLY	133	130	95	79
VERMONT	134-141	131-139	96-105	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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