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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Southeast prices were irregular on all sizes. In other regions prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good, generally light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were light to at least adequate for irregular 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate. Loose egg movement remained light. Supplies were fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-103	97-100
LARGE	93-102	95-98
MEDIUM	54-63	56-59

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	102-104
LARGE	99-107	100-102
MEDIUM	60-68	61-63

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	75-85	79
MEDIUM	36-40	38
SMALL	24-30	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were unchanged when compared the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock floor stocks were sufficient for regular breaking schedules. Light hen offerings were mostly adequate to about adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-114	100-103
LARGE	90-107	98-102
MEDIUM	55-68	60-62

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

SOUTHEAST Prices were irregular on all sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Demand into all channels was at times light to fair. Supplies were balanced to available for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type hen offerings were usually sufficient to about sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.5-108	102-105
LARGE	99-106	100-103
MEDIUM	57.5-65	58-62

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices continued unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady with some caution noted. Retail movement was moderate to fairly good. Food service demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies ranged tightly balanced to adequate as some work to secure additional product to cover feature activity. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
LARGE	103.5-112	105-108
MEDIUM	62.5-71	64-67

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady, however some caution was noted. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trading requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	107-111
LARGE	105-109
MEDIUM	67-71

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

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory increased 7% from last Monday, with California up 6% and OR-WA-UT rising 9%. Offerings were adequate with demand usually light to moderate. Floor stocks tight to mostly adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. The Pacific inventory increased 7% from last Monday, with California up 6% and OR-WA-UT increasing 9%. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate for needs. Small benchmark price 70 cents. Floor stocks adequate.

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	146
EXTRA LARGE	142
LARGE	137
MEDIUM	90

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 07, 2009 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 31, 2009 were 184,985 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	149,589	35,396	184,985
% change from the prior week.....	+5	-17	+0

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 unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight. Floor stocks balanced 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	43-47	44-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-29	27-29
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

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

FINAL PRICE,

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-AUG-2009

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading of spent heavy hens was TFEWR. Demand for those hens was light with offerings from primary users fully adequate for needs. Schedules at slaughter plants were as desired. Finished sales were slow to retailers and other points. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST

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

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
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AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7.25-16.25 CENTS/LB. 11.23
 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
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 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)

AUGUST 03, 2009		No Cent		So Cent		So Atl Pacific 5-Area	
	Northeast						
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.2	19.1	5.2	10.7	12.8	60.0
	Change	1.1	3.8	0.3	1.1	-0.1	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.0	33.0	12.5	27.7	39.1	143.3
	Change	2.4	8.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	20%
Large	Curr Wk	47.2	94.2	63.6	106.9	130.4	442.3
	Change	6.3	19.9	5.6	12.6	16.8	16%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	46.1	26.5	28.9	41.0	154.2
	Change	2.3	2.5	-0.8	3.3	-2.7	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	7.5	0.6	5.0	7.2	25.4
	Change	-0.2	0.4	-2.6	-3.5	-0.4	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	21.9	8.6	11.4	9.2	53.5
	Change	0.2	-1.4	-1.1	-1.6	-0.7	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	6.1	49.9	21.7	21.1	21.6	120.4
	Change	-1.3	2.6	2.3	0.6	0.1	4%
Total	Curr Wk	115.7	271.7	138.7	211.7	261.3	999.1
Percent	Change	10%	15%	6%	9%	7%	10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	999.1	10%	155
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	208.6	-5%	31
Total Shell Egg	1207.7	7%	186

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 155 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 JUL 20, 2009

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.13	2.11	1.89	1.28

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JUL 20, 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 JULY 31, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								19.50	FUTURE LOADS								9.25	TOTAL LOADS				28.75
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	--	--	71.50	73.00	--	--	5.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W 1	--	--	4.00			
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	63.00	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	68.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00			
GL W J	--	--	93.00	94.00	90.50	92.50	2.75	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	100.00	1.00	GL W J	--	--	1.00			
GL W XL	--	--	--	83.00	77.00	--	3.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	3.00	GL W LG	--	--	3.00			
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	63.67	--	6.00	GL W MD	38.00	--	--	47.44	--	--	2.25	GL W MD	--	--	2.25			
GL W MD	--	--	34.00	36.50	39.00	--	2.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	32.50	--	1.00	GL W SM	--	--	1.00			
GL W SM	35.00	--	32.00	34.75	--	--	4.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	.50			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	63.75	--	.50	NRBS - 36	24.00	26.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 36	--	--	1.00			
NRBS - 48	--	--	41.00	43.00	--	--	1.00															
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	39.00	--	1.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 27, 2009-JULY 31, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								87.75	FUTURE LOADS								51.75	TOTAL LOADS				139.50
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W XL	--	88.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W XL	--	92.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W XL	--	--	1.00			
GNR W 1	71.25	87.50	72.25	75.50	--	--	52.00	GNR W 1	--	90.63	--	--	--	--	42.00	GNR W 1	--	--	42.00			
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	63.00	64.50	2.00	GNR BR 1	--	68.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	1.00			
GL W J	--	--	93.25	94.50	92.86	92.50	5.75	GL W J	--	112.00	--	--	--	100.00	2.00	GL W J	--	--	2.00			
GL W XL	79.00	96.22	84.50	85.83	81.03	--	20.50	GL W XL	--	84.64	--	98.75	--	88.25	9.00	GL W XL	--	--	9.00			
GL W LG	--	92.00	80.50	73.80	85.43	86.00	53.25	GL W LG	--	94.49	--	--	--	78.83	40.75	GL W LG	--	--	40.75			
GL W MD	59.00	--	35.75	40.90	39.70	44.00	14.25	GL W MD	42.00	67.00	--	48.92	--	49.35	9.25	GL W MD	--	--	9.25			
GL W SM	35.83	36.00	32.50	35.17	27.00	--	11.75	GL W SM	34.00	--	--	39.00	32.50	--	2.00	GL W SM	--	--	2.00			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	63.75	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	77.00	81.00	.75	GL BR XL	--	--	.75			
GL BR MD	45.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL BR LG	77.00	--	--	92.00	81.00	77.67	2.50	GL BR LG	--	--	2.50			
NRBS - 48	--	--	41.00	43.00	--	46.85	14.00	NRBS - 36	24.00	26.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 36	--	--	1.00			
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	34.63	35.00	4.00															
NRBS - 36	--	--	26.00	29.00	25.00	27.50	3.50															

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)		
	07/27/09	07/20/09	07/28/08
PACIFIC COAST	45	77	174
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 steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate to 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	119.89
LARGE	116.89
MEDIUM	75.86
SMALL	65.00

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