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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and Southeast region prices were unchanged. Prices in the Northeast were higher on larger sizes, unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, generally light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were sufficient to instances fully sufficient; demand was light to good.

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

**MIDWEST** Producer prices were 2 cents higher for medium and were unchanged for large and small. Midwest delivered prices were 2 cents higher for medium and were unchanged for extra large and large. The trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and firm for medium. Both cartoned and loose shell egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good to very good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to barely adequate. The trade sentiment was firm.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 76-85 | 79-82 |
| LARGE | 75-84 | 77-80 |
| MEDIUM | 57-66 | 59-62 |

Prices to store door

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 83-91 | 84-86 |
| LARGE | 81-89 | 82-84 |
| MEDIUM | 63-71 | 64-66 |

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS**

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| LARGE | 57-67 | 61 |
| MEDIUM | 41-45 | 43 |
| SMALL | 26-32 | |

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

**NORTHEAST** Prices were 2 cents higher on large, 1 cent higher on extra large and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Current supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock floor stocks were sufficient for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hen demand was fair to mostly moderate for adequate offerings.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 86-100 | 86-93 |
| LARGE | 82-96 | 87-91 |
| MEDIUM | 57-70 | 62-65 |

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

**SOUTHEAST** New York and Southeast region prices were unchanged. Prices in the Northeast were higher on larger sizes, unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, generally light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for usually normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were sufficient to instances fully sufficient; demand was light to good.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 85.5-93 | 87-90 |
| LARGE | 84-91 | 85-88 |
| MEDIUM | 60.5-68 | 61-65 |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Prices were 2 cents higher on medium, unchanged on extra large and large. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service demand was mostly light. Supplies were tight to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the good to very good demand. Floor stocks were balanced to barely adequate. Trade sentiment was firm.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 86.5-95 | 88-91 |
| LARGE | 84.5-93 | 86-89 |
| MEDIUM | 61.5-70 | 63-66 |

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's price. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels as light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|---|---|
| EXTRA LARGE | 96-100 |
| LARGE | 94-98 |
| MEDIUM | 71-75 |

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 for jumbo, extra large, and large and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone. The Pacific inventory declined 7% from last Monday, with California down 4% and OR-WA-UT declining 11%. Offerings were balanced to adequate with demand moderate to good. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone. The Pacific inventory declined 7% from last Monday, with California down 4% and OR-WA-UT declining 11%. Demand was moderate to good with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Small benchmark price 75 cents.

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 | 131 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 125 |
| LARGE | 119 |
| MEDIIUM | 95 |

## NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 18, 2009 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 11, 2009 were 179,229 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 146,844 | 32,385 | 179,229 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -2 | +1 | -2 |

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

## CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices were higher. Demand was good to very good while offerings were tight to inadequate. Floor stocks balanced to barely adequate. Trade sentiment firm.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| BREAKING STOCK | 52-55 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 33-38 | 36-38 |

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 14-SEP-2009

## SOUTH CENTRAL

Confirmed trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from primary suppliers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were improving and noted as good. Trade sentiment was at least 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 fair to moderate for the mostly moderate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were normal. Finished product supplies were generally sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

| | RANGE | MAJ | WTD AVG |
|---|---|---|---|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 7.25-16.5 CENTS/LB. | | 11.39 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| 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)

| SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 | | Northeast | No Cent | So Cent | So Atl | Pacific | 5-Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 8.1 | 13.5 | 6.2 | 10.1 | 19.4 | 57.3 |
| | Change | -2.0 | -1.6 | 1.2 | -0.7 | 1.1 | -3% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.1 | 32.6 | 14.1 | 30.5 | 33.6 | 133.9 |
| | Change | 2.6 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | -4.7 | 1% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 47.0 | 88.1 | 68.6 | 113.9 | 118.8 | 436.4 |
| | Change | 1.7 | -24.5 | -4.1 | -9.9 | -12.8 | -10% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 13.1 | 42.9 | 15.5 | 25.2 | 38.7 | 135.4 |
| | Change | -3.1 | -1.5 | 0.6 | 0.2 | -2.7 | -5% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.4 | 7.9 | 0.3 | 3.0 | 9.4 | 25.0 |
| | Change | 1.9 | -1.8 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 7% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 1.7 | 20.5 | 9.7 | 12.7 | 6.7 | 51.3 |
| | Change | 0.2 | -0.4 | 2.3 | 1.0 | -0.8 | 5% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 8.6 | 51.0 | 18.7 | 20.1 | 26.0 | 124.4 |
| | Change | 2.5 | -3.4 | 0.6 | 4.4 | 0.8 | 4% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 106.0 | 256.5 | 133.1 | 215.5 | 252.6 | 963.7 |
| Percent | Change | 4% | -11% | 1% | -2% | -7% | -5% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|---|---|---|---|
| Shell Egg | 963.7 | -5% | 156 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 243.4 | 5% | 30 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1207.1 | -3% | 186 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 156 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 AUG 31, 2009

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2.13 | 2.11 | 1.89 | 1.28 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF AUG 31, 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 SEPT 11, 2009

**CURRENT LOADS 11.00 FUTURE LOADS 14.00 TOTAL LOADS 25.00**

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 60.50 | -- | 61.00 | 62.50 | -- | -- | 4.00 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 73.00 | 75.00 | .75 |
| GL W XL | -- | -- | 74.50 | 78.50 | 69.33 | 72.00 | 3.25 |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 58.57 | 63.50 | 13.25 |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 46.50 | 49.00 | 49.00 | 53.00 | 1.75 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 66.00 | -- | 1.00 |

| | SC | | NW | | SW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GL W XL | 68.00 | 74.00 | -- | -- | -- | 75.75 | 2.00 |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 63.00 | 8.00 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 74.00 | 1.00 |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 07, 2009-SEPT 11, 2009

**CURRENT LOADS 75.75 FUTURE LOADS 67.50 TOTAL LOADS 143.25**

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 59.17 | -- | 60.13 | 62.88 | 60.71 | 60.00 | 35.00 |
| GNR W 4 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 37.00 | 39.00 | 2.00 |
| GNR BR 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 63.50 | 62.00 | 2.00 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 80.00 | 81.50 | 69.70 | 72.14 | 6.50 |
| GL W XL | 73.91 | 77.36 | 72.50 | 75.21 | 68.29 | 72.00 | 25.75 |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | 69.50 | 68.00 | 64.99 | 63.75 | 56.75 |
| GL W MD | 50.57 | -- | 46.33 | 48.00 | 49.00 | 51.88 | 23.50 |
| GL W SM | 36.00 | -- | 36.00 | 38.50 | 28.00 | -- | 3.00 |
| GL BR XL | 71.50 | 73.50 | -- | -- | 68.00 | -- | 1.75 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 66.00 | -- | 1.75 |
| GL BR MD | 73.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 52.60 | 20.00 |
| NRBS - 42 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 46.75 | 47.17 | 6.00 |

| | SC | | NW | | SW | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | -- | 72.36 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 16.00 |
| GL W J | 69.50 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 76.00 | 2.00 |
| GL W XL | 67.50 | 77.40 | -- | -- | -- | 77.07 | 9.75 |
| GL W LG | 75.38 | 71.83 | -- | -- | -- | 64.86 | 33.00 |
| GL W MD | -- | 56.03 | -- | 59.38 | -- | 62.50 | 9.75 |
| GL BR J | -- | -- | -- | -- | 85.00 | 90.00 | .25 |
| GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 79.00 | .50 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 77.33 | 77.57 | 1.75 |

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**

(In Thousands)

| ON HAND | 09/07/09 | 08/31/09 | 09/08/08 |
|---|---|---|---|
| PACIFIC COAST | 75 | 75 | 38 |
| LOS ANGELES | 0 | 0 | 0 |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. 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 | 106.91 |
| LARGE | 104.59 |
| MEDIUM | 80.08 |
| SMALL | 67.00 |

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**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY |
|---|---|---|
| Extra Large doz. | 255 – 316 | 275 - 310 |
| 1/2 doz. | 173 – 198 | 173 - 188 |
| Large doz. | 225 – 310 | 265 - 300 |
| 1/2 doz. | 160 – 189 | 160 - 178 |

**MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS** AUGUST 31, 2009

Comparisons on the Basis of Matched Plants

| CLASS | NUMBER OF POUNDS | % CHANGE LAST MONTH | % CHANGE LAST YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|
| **WHOLE** | | | |
| PLAIN | 3,095,973 | 9% | 45% |
| FREE FLOWING | 3,555,373 | -11% | -16% |
| SUBTOTAL: | 6,651,346 | -2% | 4% |
| **WHITE** | | | |
| (ALBUMEN) | 9,026,663 | 3% | 42% |
| SUBTOTAL: | 9,026,663 | 3% | 42% |
| **YOLK** | | | |
| PLAIN | 4,275,450 | -9% | 152% |
| FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE) | 4,752,278 | 15% | 36% |
| SUBTOTAL: | 9,027,728 | 2% | 74% |
| **BLENDS 1/** | | | |
| WHOLE | 2,075,550 | 7% | 46% |
| WHITE | 9,700 | -3% | 0% |
| YOLK | 212,176 | 7% | 62% |
| SUBTOTAL: | 2,297,426 | 7% | 47% |
| TOTAL: | 27,003,163 | 2% | 39% |

**DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:**
**AUG 02, 2009 – AUG 29, 2009 TOTAL 12,136,000 POUNDS.**

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Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup

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