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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm, usually fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Current supplies were about adequate to adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to sufficient for the fairly good to good demand. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to fully adequate; processing schedules were normal.

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 2 cents higher for medium and 1 cent higher for large and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and 3 cents higher for medium. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was good. Loose shell egg demand was light to moderate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good for the adequate to tight offerings. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-88	82-85
LARGE	78-87	80-83
MEDIUM	66-75	68-71

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	62-72	66
MEDIUM	51-55	53
SMALL	30-36	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient and at times held with increased confidence. Eastern region breaking stock offerings adequate to short for normal to heavy breaking schedules. Light hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	89-96
LARGE	85-99	90-94
MEDIUM	64-77	69-73

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. Next week's asking prices were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service demand was light. Supplies were mixed, tightly balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings tight to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week trending higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in balance to adequate for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to sufficient for normal to over-time processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	84-91	85-88
MEDIUM	66.5-74	67-71

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 remained the same as prices a day earlier. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for immediate trading requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-105	-
LARGE	99-103	-
MEDIUM	78-82	-

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	87-89
LARGE	84-92	85-87
MEDIUM	72-80	73-75

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. The trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 84 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	130
EXTRA LARGE	128
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	104

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	114-118
EXTRA LARGE	108-114
LARGE	108-111
MEDIUM	88-91

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. Offerings ranged tight to fully adequate, mostly tight to adequate. Demand continued fairly good to good. Floor stocks fully adequate to tight. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	51-61	55-57
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	34-39	37-39

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 to slightly higher on breaking stock when compared to early week prices. The undertone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region were 1 percent more than the previous week, however 5 percent less than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-58	50-54
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	34-36

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 10-OCT-2009 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,343,216	33,809	12,553	6,380	2,624	4,497
PW	1,298,456	32,226	12,607	6,194	2,282	4,299
LY	1,362,426	33,784	12,312	6,279	3,051	4,348
% PW	3%	5%	0%	3%	15%	5%
% LY	-1%	0%	2%	2%	-14%	3%
2009	51,647,950	1,258,242	500,365	251,906	113,180	173,110
2008	52,747,463	1,295,764	495,517	259,357	117,760	176,061
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-4%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.61	42.61	41.63
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.27	39.30	38.44

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	715,406	53.3%	19,113	56.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	693,084	53.4%	18,281	56.7%
LAST YEAR	651,935	47.9%	17,112	50.6%

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

NATIONAL LIQUID

Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg, barely steady to instances weak for whites, and fully steady to firm for yolk. Demand was good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good to good for whites. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, fully adequate for whites, and tight to short of needs for yolk. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Trade 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	23	45.5-51.5	48.59	-.13
WHITES	30	33.25-37	35.16	-.65
YOLKS	5	59-62	61.15	.52

NATIONAL DRIED

Prices were higher on whole, unchanged on yolk and irregular on albumen when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on whole and yolk, usually steady on albumen. Demand was fairly good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for trading purposes. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 10-OCT-2009 were 15% more than last week and 14% less than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 4% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.10-2.55	MOSTLY	2.20-2.30
YOLKS	1.45-1.75	MOSTLY	1.45-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.10-3.60	MOSTLY	3.25-3.44
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.80-2.05	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05

NATIONAL FROZEN

Trucklot prices on frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher with sugared and salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Whites ranged 3 to 6 cents lower. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and yolk products and barely steady to weak for whites. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk and light for whites. Offerings continued adequate. Current spot sales of frozen products were usually less than trucklot volumes.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	58-65	60-64	62-71	67-69
WHITES	48-55	52-54	55-61	56-58
SUGARED YOLKS	76-85	78-83	85-89	85-87
SALTED YOLKS	72-76	74-76	79-84	79

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 09, 2009 – OCT 15, 2009

CURRENT LOADS 120.00 **FUTURE LOADS 80.75** **TOTAL LOADS 200.75**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	65.50	--	65.00	69.25	--	62.00	25.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	72.00	--	2.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	73.79	80.10	4.50
GL W XL	71.50	--	76.17	76.58	67.53	70.50	30.75
GL W LG	--	--	62.00	71.38	67.80	65.60	81.50
GL W MD	55.33	60.50	53.00	57.00	58.19	68.50	23.00
GL W SM	44.00	--	40.00	43.00	--	--	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	1.25
GL BR XL	71.00	--	--	83.00	--	--	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	82.00	--	--	7.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	55.00	--	49.20	54.67	11.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	52.50	47.00	--	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	42.00	43.00	44.00	--	11.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	69.33	69.00	--	--	--	--	12.00
GNR BR 1	77.25	--	--	--	--	--	2.25
GL W J	79.13	--	--	--	82.00	84.00	5.00
GL W XL	--	80.33	--	--	74.00	79.52	6.50
GL W LG	77.50	79.85	--	--	--	77.04	43.00
GL W MD	63.50	66.77	--	--	--	66.26	16.75
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	88.25	80.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	75.25	79.00	--	86.09	78.00	--	3.25

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 the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Spent leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were measured. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to somewhat light for current processing schedules. Schedules mostly full-time. 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	92.50	92.00	71.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	69.00
MIDWEST	83.50	81.50	69.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	88.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.80	87.15	71.18

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report. Offerings were fair to mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand was fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were 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 10-Oct-09

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,365	1,617	2,982
Last Week	1,230	1,550	2,780
Same week yr ago	1,353	1,730	3,083
To-date/2009*	51,739	60,401	112,140
To-date/2008*	55,200	65,785	120,985

U.S.fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	294	8	302
Last Week	300	9	309
Same week yr ago	237	0	237
To-date/2009*	12,626	43	12,669
To-date/2008*	13,167	50	13,217

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	1,659	1,625	3,284
Last Week	1,530	1,559	3,089
Same week yr ago	1,590	1,730	3,320
To-date/2009*	64,365	60,444	124,809
To-date/2008*	68,367	65,835	134,202

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 October 3, 2009			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2009**	**2008 /1**	**2009 /2**	**2008**
Liquid	529	48	8,839	831
Frozen	0	0	95	39
Dried	1	0	588	444
Total	530	48	9,522	1,314

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

Week Ending October 3, 2009			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2009**	**2008 /1**	**2009 /2**	**2008**
Liquid	408	360	13,274	14,778
Frozen	8	3	252	471
Dried	0	0	0	590
Total	416	363	13,526	15,839

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending October 3, 2009			Year-To-Date	
	2009	**2008 /1**	**2009 /2**	**2008**
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,500	2,404	59,053	53,367
Large	4,190	4,881	122,791	67,606
Medium	510	616	41,077	37,212
Ungraded	9,024	12,630	286,267	320,629
Misc	1,776	0	8,930	5,974
Total	17,000	20,531	518,118	484,788

/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 10/12/09	3,318	171,768	61,337
AM 10/01/09	3,380	186,075	63,072
CHG	-62	-14307	-1735
PCT CHG	-2%	-8%	-3%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 10-OCT-2009	**Cases**	**% Change From**	
REGIONS	**(in thousands)**	**LW**	**LY**
North Atlantic	177.9	-4	-1
East North Central	616.2	3	3
West North Central	291.4	-2	-9
South Atlantic	175.4	-1	2
South Central	50.3	10	-2
West	152.1	0	-22
Total	1463.3	1	-4
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 10-OCT-2009

Selected Consuming	**CW**	**LW**	**% CHANGE**	
Centers	**(Cases, in thousands)**		**LW**	**LY**
Atlanta	22.4	24.1	-7	-5
Boston	2.7	2.8	-4	-4
Chicago	50.7	49.0	3	-27
Los Angeles	63.6	59.3	7	-36
New Orleans	5.1	4.4	16	4
New York	34.7	31.7	9	16
St. Louis	64.7	57.9	12	43
San Francisco	21.1	21.1	0	48
Total	265.0	250.3	6	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	253.7			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT OCT 13, 2009

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

	Ex Large	**Large**	**Med**	**Small**
MAINE	131	129	87	69
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	125-129	123-127	80-84	62-66
MOSTLY	127-128	125-126	82-83	64-65
RHODE ISLAND	131-135	129-133	86-90	68-72
MOSTLY	131	129	86	68
VERMONT	128-132	126-130	86-89	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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