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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices increased on all sizes when compared to last week. New York prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to good, generally moderate to fairly good. Supplies were light to sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate; processing schedules were full-time to heavy. Light hen offerings were about sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to fairly good demand.

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

MIDWEST Midwest delivered prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and 3 cents higher for medium. Producer prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was fairly good to good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate. Supplies were balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate to barely adequate offerings. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81-90	84-87
LARGE	80-89	82-85
MEDIUM	69-78	71-74

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-96	89-91
LARGE	86-94	87-89
MEDIUM	75-83	76-78

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	62-72	66
MEDIUM	51-55	53
SMALL	30-36	

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 medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Demand was moderate. Supplies were sufficient for needs and held with increased confidence. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were balanced for normal to at times heavy breaking schedules. Light hen offerings were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-105	91-98
LARGE	87-101	92-96
MEDIUM	66-79	71-77

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

SOUTHEAST Prices were 2 cents higher on large and extra large sizes and 1.50 to 2 cents higher on mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were about sufficient to sufficient for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the fairly good demand. Light type fowl offerings were about sufficient to sufficient; processing schedules were normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-95	89-92
LARGE	86-93	87-90
MEDIUM	68-76	69-73

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were 2 cents higher on extra large and large and up 3 cents for medium. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service demand was light. Supplies ranged tightly balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89.5-98	91-94
LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to prices last Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trading requirements.

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

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 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last week, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT up 7%. Demand was moderate to good with offerings adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 3 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last Monday, with California down 1% and OR-WA-UT up 7%. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to instances good. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Small benchmark price 89 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	133
EXTRA LARGE	131
LARGE	126
MEDIUM	109

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 23, 2009 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 16, 2009 were 195,381 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	149,409	45,972	195,381
% change from the prior week.....	-1	+7	+1

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offerings were barely adequate to adequate. Floor stocks fully adequate to closely balanced. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-61	57-59
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

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

FINAL PRICE,

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-OCT-2009

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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

SOUTHEAST

Prices were slightly higher when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-17.00 CENTS/LB.		11.60
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)

		OCTOBER 19, 2009		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl Pacific 5-Area	
		Northeast					
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.6	18.1	7.1	9.1	14.5	56.4
	Change	-3.9	2.8	-1.1	-0.5	-0.5	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.5	39.0	12.3	27.5	37.5	142.8
	Change	-0.5	2.6	-4.1	-4.8	0.6	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	56.6	102.3	73.1	125.8	149.7	507.5
	Change	-2.5	3.4	0.4	-10.2	7.6	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.0	45.0	16.0	21.3	34.9	132.2
	Change	-0.6	8.7	1.5	-8.7	-2.0	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	4.7	1.6	2.9	4.6	18.5
	Change	0.9	-0.3	0.4	-0.6	1.1	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.9	20.1	9.4	11.0	8.7	51.1
	Change	0.1	-0.5	0.8	0.1	1.7	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.9	42.9	16.7	17.3	17.8	108.6
	Change	-0.7	-19.2	-3.1	-3.8	-2.6	-21%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	126.2	272.1	136.2	214.9	267.7	1017.1
	Change	-5%	-1%	-4%	-12%	2%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1017.1	-4%	156
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.3	-8%	30
Total Shell Egg	1273.4	-5%	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 OCT 05, 2009

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.13	2.11	1.89	1.28

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCT 05, 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 OCT 16, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								18.50	FUTURE LOADS								24.75	TOTAL LOADS				43.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	70.00	79.50	11.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.25	.50						
GL W J	--	--	--	--	80.00	--	.50	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	89.30	1.25						
GL W XL	--	--	--	90.50	78.48	--	7.50	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	87.17	4.00						
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	77.00	--	5.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	67.50	1.25						
GL W MD	60.00	--	--	--	57.00	--	2.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	91.25	.75						
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	80.00	--	.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00						
GL BR XL	69.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.50	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00						
GL BR MD	53.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00															
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00															
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 12, 2009 - OCT 16, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								119.25	FUTURE LOADS								83.75	TOTAL LOADS				203.00
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	65.50	65.00	65.00	69.25	70.00	79.50	35.00	GNR W 1	69.33	69.50	--	--	--	--	12.00							
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	72.00	--	2.25	GNR BR 1	77.25	--	--	--	--	--	2.25							
GL W J	--	--	--	--	75.78	81.86	3.25	GL W J	79.13	--	--	--	82.00	84.92	4.50							
GL W XL	75.00	--	76.17	80.72	71.30	73.50	30.25	GL W XL	--	81.50	--	--	74.00	82.09	6.75							
GL W LG	--	--	62.00	71.43	70.00	67.01	78.25	GL W LG	77.50	81.24	--	--	--	78.80	43.00							
GL W MD	58.00	--	53.00	57.00	56.18	76.00	19.75	GL W MD	63.50	68.00	--	--	--	66.30	15.50							
GL W SM	44.00	--	40.00	43.00	--	--	4.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	1.00							
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	80.67	--	1.75	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	91.25	.75							
GL BR XL	69.00	--	--	--	--	--	3.50	GL BR LG	79.50	--	--	86.00	--	--	2.25							
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.25	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00							
GL BR MD	53.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00															
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00															
NRBS - 48	--	--	55.00	--	49.20	55.00	12.00															
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	52.50	47.00	--	5.00															
NRBS - 39	--	--	42.00	43.00	44.00	--	11.00															

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)		
	10/12/09	10/05/09	10/13/08
PACIFIC COAST	71	73	3
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.	225 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small and higher on the balance. 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	108.47
LARGE	106.14
MEDIUM	86.86
SMALL	71.00

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