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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York and regional prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times tight. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient; processing schedules were full-time to heavy. Light hen offerings were adequate to instances tight for the at least moderate to fairly good 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 Producer prices were 2 cents higher for large and medium and 3 cents higher for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week 11 cents higher for all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate to instances good for the tight offerings. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-102	96-99
LARGE	92-101	94-97
MEDIUM	79-88	81-84

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
	Range	Mostly
LARGE	85-95	89
MEDIUM	72-76	74
SMALL	44-50	

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 on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Demand was moderate. Current supplies were sufficient for trading needs. Eastern region breaking stock demand was fair to fairly good for barely adequate offerings. Light type hens were adequate to about adequate for regular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-115	103-107
LARGE	96-110	101-105
MEDIUM	76-89	81-87

NORTHEAST 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 11 cents higher for all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good with offerings tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103.5-112	105-108
LARGE	103.5-112	105-108
MEDIUM	83.5-92	85-88

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Demand into all channels was at least moderate. Supplies were usually sufficient for present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate; processing schedules were normal to over-time. Light type hen offerings were sufficient to about sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-105	99-102
LARGE	88-103	97-100
MEDIUM	71.5-86	79-83

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 fully steady to steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to cover current trade needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	121-125	-
LARGE	119-123	-
MEDIUM	99-103	-

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100-108	101-103
LARGE	98-106	99-101
MEDIUM	85-93	86-88

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week increased 11 cents for jumbo, extra large, and large, and were 9 cents higher for medium and small. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was in a range of light to good, mostly fairly good. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks tight to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 11 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 9 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with demand ranging light to good, mostly fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 99 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	143
EXTRA LARGE	143
LARGE	139
MEDIUM	119

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	127-131
EXTRA LARGE	123-129
LARGE	124-127
MEDIUM	103-106

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

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was moderate as the week closes with demand for next week moderate to mostly good. Offerings for next week's needs were currently inadequate for full-time schedules. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	57-61	57-59
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	36-41	39-41
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 higher on checks and undergrades, unchanged on breaking stock when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady with buyers and sellers closely monitoring further market developments. Demand was fair to fairly good for barely adequate offerings. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region were 3 percent higher than the previous week and 4 percent more than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-58	52-56
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 24-OCT-2009	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,280,920	30,663	12,272	6,297	2,354	4,365
PW	1,322,623	32,692	12,598	6,677	2,741	4,389
LY	1,325,514	34,139	11,529	6,277	2,660	4,586
% PW	-3%	-6%	-3%	-6%	-14%	-1%
% LY	-3%	-10%	6%	0%	-12%	-5%
2009	54,251,493	1,321,597	525,235	264,880	118,275	181,864
2008	55,400,400	1,363,256	519,297	271,701	123,220	185,096
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-4%	-2%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				41.84	42.61	42.65
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.43	39.29	39.19

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	675,756	52.8%	17,259	56.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	696,499	52.7%	18,430	56.4%
LAST YEAR	653,337	49.3%	18,427	54.0%

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

NATIONAL LIQUID

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for yolk. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good for whole egg and whites. Yolk demand was fairly good to good and centered around contractual agreements. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate for whole egg and whites and tight to adequate for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past 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	34	50.5-57	52.44	3.79
WHITES	23	33.5-46	36.39	-2.99
YOLKS	4	64-66	64.50	

NATIONAL DRIED

Prices were unchanged to higher on albumen, higher on the balance of dried products when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady on whole, yolk and blends, steady on albumen. Demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient for current trading purposes. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24-OCT-2009 was 14% less than last week and 12% 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	2.20-2.65	MOSTLY	2.30-2.35
YOLKS	1.45-1.80	MOSTLY	1.55-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.20-3.75	MOSTLY	3.25-3.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.15	MOSTLY	2.00-2.06

NATIONAL FROZEN

Trucklot prices on frozen whole egg and whites ranged 1 to 3 cents higher, with sugared yolk 3 to 7 cents higher. Salted yolk ranged 2 to 4 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and sugared yolk and steady on the balance of products. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and sugared yolk, moderate for whites, and quiet for frozen salted yolk. Offerings were tight to adequate for whole egg and sugared yolk and adequate for salted yolk and whites.

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	60-68	61-66	70-74	70-72
WHITES	51-59	53-54	56-61	56-59
SUGARED YOLKS	79-89	79-83	88-92	88-90
SALTED YOLKS	74-82	74-76	82-87	82

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 23, 2009 – OCT 29, 2009

CURRENT LOADS 85.50 FUTURE LOADS 77.00 TOTAL LOADS 162.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	82.50	83.67	82.08	85.11	--	97.00	37.00	GNR W 1	--	99.11	--	--	--	--	21.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	79.50	--	--	2.00	GL W J	94.00	107.00	--	--	100.06	105.14	6.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	96.00	2.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	101.00	--	104.94	3.25
GL W J	--	--	107.00	108.50	93.64	96.00	8.50	GL W LG	103.75	104.21	98.84	--	106.50	105.77	59.00
GL W XL	--	--	94.88	99.70	92.64	98.00	24.75	GL W MD	--	--	86.00	--	--	91.21	12.00
GL W LG	--	103.00	92.20	95.61	98.64	97.00	82.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	124.00	112.83	.75
GL W MD	76.43	--	77.94	76.00	80.37	87.00	17.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	116.33	120.33	2.75
GL W SM	--	--	62.00	63.50	54.00	57.00	2.00								
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	93.00	--	.50								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	97.20	--	--	1.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	97.65	--	--	2.50								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	54.00	--	11.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	30.00	--	.50								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	37.00	--	.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.

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

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand for light fowl was slow. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good while offerings were barely adequate to tight for current processing schedules. Schedules part to full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

REMOVAL COST	RANGE	MAJORITY
	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	105.00	103.00	84.00
SOUTHEAST	100.50	98.50	81.00
MIDWEST	97.50	95.50	82.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	106.50	106.50	86.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	102.56	101.15	83.66

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 INCLUDED	NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST

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 24-Oct-09

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,128	1,531	2,659
Last Week	1,120	1,564	2,684
Same week yr ago	1,317	1,626	2,943
To-date/2009*	53,987	63,496	117,483
To-date/2008*	57,798	69,214	127,012

	U.S.fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	185	0	185
Last Week	188	0	188
Same week yr ago	171	12	183
To-date/2009*	12,999	43	13,042
To-date/2008*	13,553	62	13,615

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	1,313	1,531	2,844
Last Week	1,308	1,564	2,872
Same week yr ago	1,488	1,638	3,126
To-date/2009*	66,986	63,539	130,525
To-date/2008*	71,351	69,276	140,627

*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)**

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	425	100	9,737	931
Frozen	0	0	95	39
Dried	0	0	636	444
Total	425	100	10,468	1,414

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	315	398	13,906	15,594
Frozen	5	0	257	481
Dried	0	0	0	590
Total	320	398	14,163	16,665

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	798	3,447	62,581	59,304
Large	6,312	5,214	136,259	76,360
Medium	450	699	42,397	38,781
Ungraded	15,078	19,007	321,475	357,366
Misc	0	0	9,770	5,974
Total	22,638	28,367	572,482	537,785

/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

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT OCT 27, 2009

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	145	142	98	77
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	140-144	137-141	93-97	71-75
MOSTLY	142-143	139-140	95-96	73-74
RHODE ISLAND	148-152	147-149	100-104	78-83
MOSTLY	148	147	100	78
VERMONT	145	142-143	98	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 24-OCT-2009	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	181.0	0	1
East North Central	624.1	-2	-5
West North Central	285.8	-3	-11
South Atlantic	177.6	3	1
South Central	57.0	13	13
West	158.8	2	-21
Total	1484.3	0	-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 24-OCT-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% CHANGE	
	(Cases, in thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	23.4	24.1	-3	-2
Boston	3.0	2.7	11	11
Chicago	50.8	50.3	1	-23
Los Angeles	55.4	56.3	-2	-47
New Orleans	4.8	4.8	0	-91
New York	32.0	33.2	-4	10
St. Louis	61.8	62.5	-1	10
San Francisco	21.1	16.1	31	50
Total	252.3	250.0	1	-27
4 Week Moving Avg.	254.4			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers
(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other Poultry
	Lbs	Lbs	Lbs
AM 10/26/09	3,015	142,840	58,348
AM 10/01/09	3,380	186,075	63,072
CHG	-365	-43235	-4724
PCT CHG	-11%	-23%	-7%

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Down 5 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 170 million dozen during September 2009, down 5 percent from September a year ago, and 1 percent below the 172 million broken last month.

September 2009 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2008 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2009 through September, shell eggs broken totaled 1,502 million dozen, down 3 percent from the comparable period in 2008. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2009 was 1,958 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2008.

Source: USDA/NASS

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