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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were significantly higher on extra large, large and mediums in all areas when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, strongest into retail outlets. Supplies were barely adequate to tight for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to tight; processing schedules were normal to slightly reduced. Light type hen offerings were available to short for the at least moderate demand.

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

MIDWEST Midwest delivered prices were up 7 cents for extra large and large and 9 cents higher for medium. Producer prices were 3 cents higher for large, up 6 for medium, and unchanged for small. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were tight for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Demand was good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were closely balanced. Processing schedules were full-time to reduced at times. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-117	111-114
LARGE	107-116	109-112
MEDIUM	74-83	76-79

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-123	116-118
LARGE	113-121	114-116
MEDIUM	80-88	81-83

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	92-102	96
MEDIUM	62-66	64
SMALL	50-56	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were 7 cents higher on Extra Large and Large. Medium eggs were 5 to 7 cents higher when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were barely adequate for immediate needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were about sufficient to short for the moderate to fairly good demand. Eastern region light hen offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-129	118-122
LARGE	111-125	116-120
MEDIUM	80-93	85-87

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

SOUTHEAST Prices were 7 cents higher on extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on mediums when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Distributive interest was moderate. Supplies were closely cleared to tight for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type fowl offerings were usually sufficient; processing schedules were normal.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111.25-123	117-120
LARGE	108-121	115-111
MEDIUM	77-88	81-85

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were 7 cents higher for extra large and large, 5 cents higher for medium. The trade sentiment ranged steady to instances firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Loose shell egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were tightly balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Checks and undergrades were higher. Demand was fairly good to at times good with offerings tight to short. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119.5-128	121-124
LARGE	115.5-124	117-120
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents higher on Medium, and 1 cent higher on larger sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were at best sufficient for current trading purposes.

Prices to store door	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	128-132
LARGE	126-130
MEDIUM	96-100

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 7 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large and 9 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was firm. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 11% with OR-WA-UT increasing 11%. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Offerings were tight to short of current needs. Floor stocks adequate to tight.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 7 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 9 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was firm. The Pacific inventory declined 2% from last Monday, with California down 11% and OR-WA-UT up 11%. Demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Offerings were tight to short of current needs. Floor stocks adequate to tight. Small benchmark price 97 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	157
EXTRA LARGE	161
LARGE	154
MEDIIUM	117

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 22, 2010 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 15, 2010 were 157,953 cases which was 13 percent below the prior week and 13 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	128,027	29,926	157,953
% change from the prior week.....	-15	-8	-13

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 were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was fairly good to instances good with offerings tight to short of needs. Floor stocks closely balanced to barely adequate. Schedules full-time or slightly reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	52-80	52-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	35-40	37-40

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 18-JAN-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL

Trading levels were TFEWR. Spent hen offerings were at least sufficient for the moderate demand. Schedules were normal to light. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about 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 sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5 CENTS/LB.		12.26
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.

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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 DEC 28, 2009

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.13	2.11	1.89	1.28

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DEC 28, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.58	1.58	1.42	.94

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

Stocks on hand available for marketing 1/
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)
(30 dozen cases-in thousands)

JANUARY 19, 2010		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.1	14.4	6.0	7.7	13.4	51.6
	Change	0.9	-1.1	-2.1	0.2	-3.3	-9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	29.4	8.0	18.4	31.2	110.1
	Change	-4.6	-7.7	-2.6	-1.4	-0.5	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	43.8	88.3	41.9	81.3	109.8	365.1
	Change	-0.5	0.0	-11.0	-4.5	9.8	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	33.6	12.1	17.3	24.7	99.7
	Change	-4.5	-1.5	-10.5	-1.8	-7.3	-20%
Small	Curr Wk	0.8	4.0	3.6	1.9	4.7	15.0
	Change	-2.0	1.4	2.9	-0.3	-0.6	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	23.7	10.8	10.5	8.2	56.6
	Change	0.7	-2.5	-1.2	-2.6	-0.5	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.0	40.2	12.9	8.2	18.8	87.1
	Change	-1.4	-33.8	0.8	-1.5	-2.6	-31%
Total	Curr Wk	100.2	233.6	95.3	145.3	210.8	785.2
Percent	Change	-10%	-16%	-20%	-8%	-2%	-11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	785.2	-11%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	259.4	-5%	29
Total Shell Egg	1044.6	-10%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/
(30 Dozen cases - in thousands)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	3.1	6.8	1.2	4.9	4.8	3.1
	Change	-0.1	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.2	-0.1
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	5.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Change	0.0	-1.9	-0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	Curr Wk	3.1	12.5	4.8	4.9	4.8	3.1
Percent	Change	-3%	-16%	-25%	-4%	4%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Specialty Shell Egg	30.1	-12%	39

1/ Information supplied by a universe of size indicated by the number of cooperators. Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 15, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 30.50 FUTURE LOADS 30.25 TOTAL LOADS 60.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	10.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	115.00	117.00	2.50
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	103.39	--	14.25
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	109.28	--	21.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	--	52.00	49.50	--	2.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	112.75	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	75.00	--	--	--	79.00	80.00	5.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	8.00
GL W J	125.00	--	--	--	--	129.00	.75
GL W XL	--	--	--	114.75	--	115.24	11.25
GL W LG	--	120.00	--	--	--	120.50	13.00
GL W MD	--	--	80.00	--	--	85.00	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	60.50	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	125.75	1.00
NRBS - 48	76.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 11, 2009 – JAN 15, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 101.50 FUTURE LOADS 89.50 TOTAL LOADS 191.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	88.50	87.50	85.88	89.29	--	86.00	69.50
GNR W 3	--	60.00	56.00	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	101.00	--	--	5.75
GL W J	--	--	103.50	105.00	106.76	110.33	6.25
GL W XL	--	101.71	90.94	98.62	97.23	--	53.00
GL W LG	--	101.50	--	88.57	104.44	92.00	52.50
GL W MD	--	--	60.70	64.00	72.75	--	12.00
GL W SM	--	--	55.67	56.67	51.80	55.00	8.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	112.75	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	105.00	107.00	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	105.00	107.00	3.50
NRBS - 48	75.00	--	75.75	--	50.50	70.64	15.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	50.00	--	5.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	88.63	--	--	--	--	43.00
GNR BR 1	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	125.00	--	--	--	117.50	120.62	3.25
GL W XL	--	108.60	--	114.75	--	110.35	19.75
GL W LG	90.00	112.45	--	--	--	112.03	36.00
GL W MD	--	--	76.50	--	--	75.50	5.00
GL W SM	57.00	--	--	--	--	61.33	2.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	125.75	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	122.00	126.75	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	125.27	129.61	3.75
NRBS - 48	71.00	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 42	--	59.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00

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

(In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/11/10	01/04/10	01/12/09
PACIFIC COAST	43	29	19
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

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

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is unavailable. 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	138.11
LARGE	135.78
MEDIUM	102.69
SMALL	88.00

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