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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices were 2 cents higher on all sizes. Regional prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was in a full range of light to very good, generally moderate to fairly good. Current supplies were sufficient to tight for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to short; processing schedules were normal to reduced. Light hen offerings were about sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to moderate 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 6 cents higher for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week up 14 cents for extra large and large and up 11 cents for medium. The trade sentiment remains firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was fairly good to very good. Loose shell egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was fairly good to good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks were tight. Processing schedules were full-time to slightly reduced. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-104	98-101
LARGE	94-103	96-99
MEDIUM	83-92	85-88

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.

	Range	Mostly
LARGE	90-100	94
MEDIUM	76-80	78
SMALL	51-57	

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 sharply higher on Extra Large, Large and Mediums. The market tone was firm. Retail demand was fair. Distributive demand was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to barely sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings tight for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Light hen offerings were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-117	106-110
LARGE	99-113	104-108
MEDIUM	86-99	91-93

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 sharply higher on all sizes. The trade sentiment was firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Loose shell egg demand was mostly light. Supplies were tight to barely adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings limited to non-existent. Floor stocks were tight to short. Processing schedules were full-time to reduced for next week. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107.5-116	109-112
LARGE	103.5-112	105-108
MEDIUM	90.5-99	92-95

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand into all channels was mixed, usually moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were tight for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings were mostly sufficient; processing schedules were normal to part-time.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-109	103-106
LARGE	99-107	101-104
MEDIUM	86.5-94	87-91

SOUTHEST 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 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were at best adequate for trading purposes.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	131-135	-
LARGE	129-133	-
MEDIUM	110-114	-

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-110	103-105
LARGE	100-108	101-103
MEDIUM	89-97	90-92

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 9 cents higher for jumbo, 11 cents higher for extra large, 14 cents higher for large, and 11 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was firm. Offerings were adequate for the larger sizes and tight to adequate for medium. Demand was moderate to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 9 cents higher for jumbo, 11 cents higher for extra large, 14 cents higher large, and 11 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was moderate to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Offerings were adequate for the larger sizes and tight to adequate for medium. Floor stocks were adequate. Small benchmark price $1.06.

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	146
EXTRA LARGE	145
LARGE	139
MEDIUM	126

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	138-142
EXTRA LARGE	134-140
LARGE	133-136
MEDIUM	117-120

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 were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to non-existent while demand continued fairly good to good. Floor stocks tight to short of next week's needs. Schedules full-time to reduced for next week. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	63-66	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	47-52	49-52

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 when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings were tight as many traders diverted eggs into grading channels. Demand was fairly good to good. Breaking schedules were normal to less than normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 27-Feb-2010 were 2 percent less than the previous week and 6 percent less than last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-69	62-66
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	43-50	46-48

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 27-FEB-2010 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,213,221	28,681	12,274	6,245	2,537	4,027
PW	1,258,497	30,694	12,656	6,020	2,567	4,475
LY	1,234,369	30,903	11,325	5,740	2,474	4,132
% PW	-4%	-7%	-3%	4%	-1%	-10%
% LY	-2%	-7%	8%	9%	3%	-3%
2010	9,898,533	236,886	100,003	49,301	21,311	33,823
2009	9,967,697	243,327	94,774	48,308	22,121	34,288
% YTD	-1%	-3%	6%	2%	-4%	-1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.22	42.79	42.21
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.91	39.23	38.86

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	677,662	55.9%	16,970	59.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	701,587	55.7%	17,804	58.0%
LAST YEAR	632,787	51.3%	17,433	56.4%

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

NATIONAL LIQUID Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for yolk. Spot offerings of whole egg were tight to short of current interest, with white and yolk offerings tight to barely adequate. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Processing schedules full-time to instances reduced for next week. Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 65 to 66 cents FOB.

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	12	47-60	53.00	7.04
WHITES	12	35-44	37.58	.38
YOLKS	5	64-70	66.60	2.60

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were higher on whole, unchanged on albumen, and irregular on yolk when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on albumen and whole, usually steady on yolk. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were barely sufficient to tight for current needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Feb-2010 were 1% less than last week and 3% more than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 4% less than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	2.30-2.80	MOSTLY	2.30-2.50
YOLKS	1.40-1.80	MOSTLY	1.48-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.30-3.85	MOSTLY	3.45-3.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.10		

NATIONAL FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged 2 to 3 cents higher with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged with salted yolk unchanged to 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm for whole egg and whites while sugared and salted yolk were reported as steady. Demand was light to moderate with most trades in small lot volumes. Offerings were tight to just adequate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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	65-71	65-69	73-77	73-75
WHITES	51-56	53-56	57-62	57-60
SUGARED YOLKS	78-83	78-83	85-90	85-87
SALTED YOLKS	74-82	77-79	80-86	81

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 26, 2009 – MAR 04, 2009

CURRENT LOADS 92.50 **FUTURE LOADS 51.00** **TOTAL LOADS 143.50**

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	88.50	91.00	88.92	90.80	--	--	35.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	128.00	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	91.00	--	--	--	94.06	103.00	8.00
GL W XL	--	100.00	104.00	107.20	98.33	--	27.50
GL W LG	--	106.50	100.25	102.06	98.90	--	42.00
GL W MD	--	78.00	81.93	84.29	82.54	87.29	26.25
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	62.00	51.33	57.00	2.50
GL BR J	--	--	139.50	--	92.25	145.75	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	114.75	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	116.50	--	114.75	122.75	6.00
NRBS - 50	72.50	75.00	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	66.00	9.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	35.00	37.00	--	--	.50

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	93.89	--	--	--	--	9.00
GL W J	95.00	--	--	--	--	106.16	7.75
GL W XL	--	107.53	--	114.50	--	114.14	8.50
GL W LG	95.83	104.43	--	112.00	--	107.14	27.00
GL W MD	82.00	87.60	--	--	--	93.17	15.00
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	60.25	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	105.00	.25
GL BR XL	120.00	--	--	--	--	127.00	1.00
GL BR LG	120.00	127.71	--	--	--	127.20	6.75

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.

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 a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	**MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations of spent hens were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow to fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	**MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings ranging from light to adequate. Schedules part to 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	108.00	106.00	92.00
SOUTHEAST	104.50	102.50	89.00
MIDWEST	99.50	97.50	86.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	110.50	106.50	93.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	105.86	103.26	90.39

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were mostly moderate for current trade needs. Demand was generally no better than fair with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady at best.

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 27-FEB-10

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	**Light Hens**	**Heavy Hens**	**Total Hens**
Head	1,356	1,258	2,614
Last Week	1,307	1,265	2,572
Same week yr ago	1,079	1,449	2,528
To-date/2010*	11,757	10,532	22,289
To-date/2009*	10,043	12,198	22,241

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	**Light Hens**	**Heavy Hens**	**Total Hens**
Head	217	21	238
Last Week	252	0	252
Same week yr ago	376	0	376
To-date/2010*	2,740	21	2,761
To-date/2009*	2,021	11	2,032

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID,Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

Thousands	**Light Hens**	**Heavy Hens**	**Total Hens**
Head	1,573	1,279	2,852
Last Week	1,559	1,265	2,824
Same week yr ago	1,455	1,449	2,904
To-date/2010*	14,497	10,553	25,050
To-date/2009*	12,064	12,209	24,273

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 February 20, 2010			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2010**	**2009 /1**	**2010 /2**	**2009**
Liquid	49	143	1,063	623
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	39	40	116	124
Total	88	183	1,179	747

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

Week Ending February 20, 2010			Year-To-Date	
Type	**2010**	**2009 /1**	**2010 /2**	**2009**
Liquid	503	363	3,082	2,358
Frozen	1	19	38	94
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	504	382	3,120	2,452

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending February 20, 2010			Year-To-Date	
	2010	**2009 /1**	**2010 /2**	**2009**
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	570	1,370	2,070	4,493
Large	1,140	2,838	1,940	9,778
Medium	570	1,530	2,070	2,820
Ungraded	2,160	4,410	24,372	17,730
Misc	0	0	0	201
Total	4,440	10,148	30,452	35,022

/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 03/01/10	3,082	117,910	63,848
AM 02/01/10	3,103	103,658	60,250
CHG	-21	14252	3598
PCT CHG	-1%	14%	6%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2009 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2010 are:

Frozen Eggs	24	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	387	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	663	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 27-Feb-2010	**Cases**	**% Change From**	
REGIONS	**(in thousands)**	**LW**	**LY**
North Atlantic	186.5	1	0
East North Central	666.8	1	4
West North Central	311.2	1	2
South Atlantic	156.6	-2	-13
South Central	50.8	-1	-3
West	159.5	-2	-5
Total	1531.4	0	0
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 27-Feb-2010

Selected Consuming	**CW**	**LW**	**% Change**	
Centers	**(Cases, in thousands)**		**LW**	**LY**
Atlanta	16.6	19.0	-13	-27
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	15
Chicago	57.1	61.6	-7	-17
Los Angeles	67.3	60.5	11	-8
New Orleans	4.8	5.4	-11	-13
New York	29.5	31.4	-6	-15
St. Louis	81.5	74.0	10	5
San Francisco	20.4	19.8	3	-5
Total	280.3	274.8	2	-8
4 Week Moving Avg.	277.9			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Mar 02, 2010

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

	Ex Large	**Large**	**Med**	**Small**
MAINE	158	155	114	90
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	149-153	146-150	105-109	83-87
MOSTLY	151-152	148-149	107-108	85-86
RHODE ISLAND	157-161	154-158	112-116	89-98
MOSTLY	157	154	112	89
VERMONT	158-159	155	113	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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