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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices increased on extra large, large and medium eggs. New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, usually fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to instances barely sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to short; processing schedules were varied. Light type fowl offerings were sufficient for the light to 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 13 cents higher for extra large and large and 6 cents higher for medium. Producer prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to good. Loose shell egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good for the tight offerings. Processing schedules varied from plant to plant. The trade sentiment was steady.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	122-131	125-128
LARGE	121-130	123-126
MEDIUM	100-109	102-105

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129-137	130-132
LARGE	127-135	128-130
MEDIUM	106-114	107-109

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	103-113	107
MEDIUM	82-86	84
SMALL	51-57	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were 12 cents higher on Large, 11 cents higher on Extra Large and 6 cents more on Medium when compared to prices last week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light. Distributive demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern region were light to moderate for regular processing schedules.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129-143	135-136
LARGE	127-141	132-136
MEDIUM	102-115	107-109

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

SOUTHEAST Prices were higher on larger sizes and mediums. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was mixed, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to instances barely sufficient to satisfy current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to tight for the fairly good to good demand. Light hen offerings were less than adequate to adequate; processing schedules were generally normal.

Delivered warehouse	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120-135	129-132
LARGE	117.5-133	127-130
MEDIUM	101.5-111	104-108

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were up 12 cents for extra large, 13 cents for large, and 6 cents for medium. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were mixed, balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings very tight to short. Floor stocks tight to inadequate. Processing schedules varied. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	130.5-139	132-135
LARGE	130.5-139	132-135
MEDIUM	106.5-115	108-111

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to satisfy current trading requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	141-145
LARGE	139-143
MEDIUM	114-118

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 13 cents higher for jumbo, 12 cents higher for extra large, 13 cents higher for large and 5 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California up 15% and OR-WA-UT increasing 6%. Offerings were adequate. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate as many buyers have Easter needs covered and were hand to mouth on additional purchases. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 13 cents higher for jumbo, 12 cents higher for extra large, 13 cents higher for large, and 5 cents higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. The Pacific inventory increased 11% from last Monday, with California up 15% and OR-WA-UT increasing 6%. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate as many buyers had secured much of their Easter needs and were currently buying additional product in a hand to mouth fashion. Offerings were adequate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.22.

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	168
EXTRA LARGE	168
LARGE	166
MEDIUM	142

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 19, 2010 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 12, 2010 were 146,631 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	123,679	22,952	146,631
% change from the prior week.....	-0	-2	-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

All prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were very tight to short of needs. Demand was fairly good to good. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to inadequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	65-70	67-70
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		

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

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-MAR-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand for spent hens was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	WTD	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for the fully sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Finished product supplies were at least moderate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	WTD	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	12.07	8-15.5		
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESAL E PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 01, 2010.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DEC 21, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.67	1.67	1.51	1.03

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY

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

		No	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	19.2	6.6	11.8	19.7	68.1
	Change	1.3	1.5	-0.6	0.3	2.3	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.3	34.2	13.4	25.2	43.0	143.1
	Change	2.6	0.2	0.0	1.1	6.0	7%
Large	Curr Wk	74.8	142.5	109.1	132.8	181.2	640.4
	Change	10.0	15.4	17.4	20.3	21.9	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	43.2	14.7	17.6	40.2	129.7
	Change	0.6	3.5	-0.4	-2.2	3.8	4%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	6.4	3.9	2.9	5.2	21.3
	Change	0.9	-0.4	2.8	0.9	0.7	30%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	25.1	4.2	9.6	6.0	46.5
	Change	-0.7	0.4	-2.2	1.5	-0.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	51.8	19.4	7.8	24.2	117.9
	Change	6.4	5.6	1.6	1.9	-2.9	12%
Total	Curr Wk	146.1	322.4	171.3	207.7	319.5	1167.0
Percent	Change	17%	9%	12%	13%	11%	12%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1,167.0	12%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	206.5	-6%	29
Total Shell Egg	1,373.5	9%	186

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory 2/
Shell Egg stocks on hand to be marketed as specialty 1/

		No	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Large	Curr Wk	4.1	8.4	3.5	4.3	5.4	25.7
	Change	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.6	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	11.2	3.9	0.0	0.0	15.1
	Change	0.0	2.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	24%
Total	Curr Wk	4.1	19.6	7.4	4.3	5.4	40.8
Percent	Change	14%	17%	14%	10%	13%	15%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	40.8	15%	41

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.

3/ Changes in the cooperator universe did not have an impact on last weeks inventory.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in the number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in 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 MAR 12, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								21.75	FUTURE LOADS								5.00	TOTAL LOADS								26.75
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	106.50	--	107.50	109.00	--	--	5.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00											
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	96.50	--	--	--	--	110.00	3.25											
GL W J	98.00	--	--	--	96.79	--	2.75	GL W XL	108.00	--	--	117.00	--	113.00	1.25											
GL W XL	--	--	116.50	118.50	107.58	--	4.00	GL W LG	106.00	118.00	--	--	123.00	115.66	9.25											
GL W LG	--	--	111.50	115.00	102.86	--	7.25	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	95.67	2.25											
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	84.89	--	2.25																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	46.25	47.25	--	--	.75																			

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 08, 2010 – MAR 12, 2010

CURRENT LOADS								79.00	FUTURE LOADS								81.25	TOTAL LOADS								160.25
SE			NE			MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS										
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST												
GNR W 1	104.50	102.00	105.08	108.25	--	--	48.00	GNR W 1	--	110.60	--	--	--	--	30.00											
GNR BR 1	--	124.50	124.00	--	--	--	3.00	GL W J	99.72	--	--	--	--	110.00	5.75											
GL W J	98.00	--	123.50	125.00	105.13	106.75	9.00	GL W XL	108.00	115.00	--	117.00	--	114.60	5.75											
GL W XL	--	120.00	113.00	115.64	107.50	--	21.25	GL W LG	112.75	120.57	110.50	--	121.50	119.06	58.25											
GL W LG	--	119.00	114.50	121.50	111.08	--	81.75	GL W MD	--	100.00	--	--	--	95.34	10.25											
GL W MD	--	100.00	88.83	91.80	87.41	--	16.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	.25											
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	51.50	--	2.00	GL BR XL	112.75	--	--	--	130.00	134.00	.50											
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	96.75	--	.25	GL BR LG	112.75	126.50	--	--	130.00	134.00	3.75											
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	122.75	.25																			
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	122.75	2.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	68.67	8.00																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	46.25	47.25	--	50.00	8.75																			

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT – FROZEN EGGS

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	03/08/10	03/01/10	03/09/09
PACIFIC COAST	56	20	24
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, 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	141.64
LARGE	141.64
MEDIUM	121.86
SMALL	89.00

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