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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were down on Extra Large, Large and Medium eggs. New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, generally barely steady to instances weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Current supplies were sufficient to fully sufficient for buyer and seller needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to at times ample; processing schedules were normal. Spent hen offerings were sufficient to ample for the 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 Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week 15 cents lower for extra large and large and 6 cents lower for medium. Producer prices were 3 cents lower for large and unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment was barely steady. Cartoned and loose shell egg demand were both light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to ample offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	81-90	84-87	LARGE	59-69	63
LARGE	80-89	82-85	MEDIUM	49-83	51
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72	SMALL	46-52	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were 16 cents lower on Large, 14 cents lower on Extra Large, and 6 cents lower on Medium when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually barely steady to occasionally weak. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for needs. Eastern region Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to fair demand. Light hen offerings were at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	92-96
LARGE	85-99	90-94
MEDIUM	71-84	75-78

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 14 cents lower for extra large, down 16 cents for large, and 7 cents lower for medium. The trade sentiment ranged steady to instances weak. Retail and loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to occasionally moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90.5-99	92-95
LARGE	88.5-97	90-93
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on larger sized eggs and Mediums. Trade sentiment was generally barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were about sufficient to fully sufficient for current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to available for the light demand. Light type hen offerings were at least sufficient; processing schedules were normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-104.55	91-94
LARGE	86-100.5	89-92
MEDIUM	73.5-81	74-78

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. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current buyer and seller needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	96-100
LARGE	94-98
MEDIUM	83-87

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88-96	89-91
LARGE	86-94	87-89
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were 11 cents lower for jumbo, 15 cents lower for extra large, 17 cents lower for large, and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. The Pacific inventory was down 3% from last Monday, with California declining 3% and OR-WA-UT down 2%. Demand ranged slow to fairly good, mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully adequate. Supplies were adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were 11 cents lower for jumbo, 15 cents lower for extra large, 17 cents lower for large, and 6 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was barely steady. The Pacific inventory declined 3% from last Monday, with California down 3% and OR-WA-UT declining 2%. Demand ranged sluggish to fairly good, mostly light to instances moderate. Offerings were fully adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 89 cents.

CALIFORNIA 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	129
EXTRA LARGE	127
LARGE	122
MEDIUM	109

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 16, 2010 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 09, 2010 were 163,896 cases which was 23 percent below the prior week and 21 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	125,743	38,153	163,896
% change from the			
prior week.....	-31	+28	-23

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 were lower. Offerings were easily adequate to instances ample while demand was light to occasionally moderate. Most breakers needs were covered for this week and most of the following week. Processing schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. 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	53-56	53-55
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		

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

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB.

GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from primary users. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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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 fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16		12.16
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 29, 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 Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	19.1	6.1	9.7	15.6
	Change	-0.8	-2.3	0.6	-1.6	-1.5
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.0	51.4	18.2	22.3	31.9
	Change	-1.2	-8.3	8.0	1.0	-0.5
Large	Curr Wk	69.6	137.3	94.7	110.6	103.1
	Change	12.3	11.9	14.7	-1.7	-2.5
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	47.8	22.5	19.6	35.1
	Change	0.8	2.7	3.0	0.6	-5.1
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	3.9	3.1	1.0	2.8
	Change	0.8	0.8	1.6	0.0	-2.0
Misc	Curr Wk	1.6	20.5	8.5	8.1	6.5
	Change	-0.5	0.3	0.5	-2.0	1.3
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.7	67.5	6.6	6.2	26.2
	Change	4.8	5.9	-5.8	-1.9	3.2
Total	Curr Wk	135.4	347.5	159.7	177.5	221.2
Percent	Change	14%	3%	16%	-3%	-3%
TOTAL		No. of Cases	% Change			No. of Coops

Shell Egg	1,041.3	4%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	242.4	13%	29
Total Shell Egg	1,283.7	5%	187

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

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.0	7.8	3.1	4.0	5.1
	Change	0.8	1.6	0.4	-0.8	-0.4
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	11.4	2.0	0.0	0.0
	Change	0.0	2.9	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Total	Curr Wk	4.0	19.2	5.1	4.0	5.1
Percent	Change	25%	31%	0%	-17%	-7%
TOTAL		No. of Cases	% Change			No. of Coops

Specialty Shell Egg	37.4	12%	41
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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 the number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in plant operations.

3/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
	119.2	336.5	137.1	183.1	228.3
					1004.2

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 APR 09, 2010

CURRENT LOADS			21.75			FUTURE LOADS			12.25			TOTAL LOADS			34.00		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	56.50	--	57.00	58.50	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	77.00	--	--	84.00	2.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	61.50	--	--	--	--	73.28	5.75		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	72.50	--	1.00	GL W LG	60.00	--	--	--	--	68.39	4.50		
GL W XL	--	--	67.50	70.00	61.00	--	6.75	GL W MD	58.00	--	--	--	--	65.50	3.00		
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	57.63	60.00	4.00										
GL W MD	--	--	56.50	59.00	54.00	--	2.25										
GL W SM	--	--	53.00	56.00	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 05, 2010 – APR 09, 2010

CURRENT LOADS			110.25			FUTURE LOADS			39.00			TOTAL LOADS			149.25		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	61.83	--	57.00	62.75	--	--	4.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	81.00	--	--	1.00		
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	61.25	65.25	1.00	GL W J	73.25	--	77.00	--	--	84.00	9.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	80.00	2.25	GL W XL	61.50	74.88	--	--	--	74.95	23.50		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	71.71	--	7.00	GL W LG	61.14	72.50	64.00	--	--	69.19	23.75		
GL W XL	--	--	70.82	74.39	64.15	70.50	39.50	GL W MD	58.00	--	--	--	--	65.37	11.75		
GL W LG	--	--	58.75	65.56	58.79	62.39	33.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	83.00	88.00	1.25		
GL W MD	--	--	57.19	59.00	55.24	58.57	20.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.00	88.00	1.50		
GL W SM	--	--	55.67	58.83	--	--	6.00										
GL BR J	--	--	119.00	--	--	--	.25										
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50										
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	.75										
NRBS - 48	--	--	55.00	56.20	49.90	58.98	52.00										

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)		
	04/05/10	03/29/10	03/30/09
PACIFIC COAST	61	28	0
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.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are heavy. Retail demand is light.

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	112.18
LARGE	109.86
MEDIUM	91.86
SMALL	84.00

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