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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were down on larger sized eggs and mediums from last week. New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were mixed, ranging sufficient to ample for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample; processing schedules were normal. Light type fowl offerings were sufficient to plentiful for the mostly moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were 13 cents lower for extra large and large and 11 cents lower for medium. Producer prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Both cartoned and loose shell egg demand remained light to moderate, better into features. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light for the ample offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-65	59-62
LARGE	55-64	57-60
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-71	64-66
LARGE	61-69	62-64
MEDIUM	57-65	58-60

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	37-47	41
MEDIUM	34-38	35
SMALL	33-39	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were 13 to 14 cents lower on extra large, 14 cents lower on large and 11 cents less on medium eggs when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were fully adequate to available for the light demand. Light hen offerings were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-83	67-69
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	55-68	59-62

Northeast Area: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were down mostly 11 cents on extra large, large and medium eggs from the previous week. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was limited to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample to satisfy current trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to available; processing schedules were normal. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate for the moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-79	67-70
LARGE	64-74.5	65-68
MEDIUM	57.5-68.5	58-62

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 12 cents lower on extra large, large, and medium. The trade sentiment was mostly barely steady. Retail egg demand was light to moderate. Food service demand was light. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were ample for the light demand. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

Prices delivered warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Current supplies were more than sufficient for trading purposes.

Prices delivered store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	67-71

WESTERN Prices were 4 cents lower for jumbo, 13 cents lower for extra large and large, and 11 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last Monday, with California up 5% and OR-WA-UT down 3%. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light to moderate, mostly light. Floor stocks were balanced to ample, mostly fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 4 cents lower for jumbo, 13 cents lower for extra large and large, and 11 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was unsettled. The Pacific inventory increased 2% from last Monday, with California up 5% and OR-WA-UT down 3%. Demand was slow while offerings were fully adequate to ample. Many operations reported planned ads for this week. Floor stocks were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Small benchmark price 73 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	121
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	96
MEDIUM	93

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 07, 2010 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 30, 2010 were 146,640 cases which was 18 percent above the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	116,389	30,251	146,640
% change from the prior week.....	+15	+30	+18

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 ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light with offerings ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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	37-39	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-26	21-24
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,
GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-MAY-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL Pricing was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were sluggish. 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 moderate to at least moderate for the sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were moderate for current trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16 CENTS/LB.		12.22
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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 WEEKS OF APR 19, 2009

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.20	2.18	1.96	1.36

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR THE WEEKS OF APR 19, 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 REPORT

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

MAY 03, 2010		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.8	13.9	6.4	6.9	14.4	51.4
	Change	1.9	-2.2	-1.5	-1.8	-0.2	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.1	43.5	12.2	25.5	51.5	153.8
	Change	1.8	1.3	-0.8	2.4	1.6	4%
Large	Curr Wk	64.8	128.8	87.9	116.9	141.9	540.3
	Change	1.9	0.6	8.3	-4.4	2.0	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	55.2	18.6	15.5	37.8	139.7
	Change	0.9	8.0	2.4	1.3	0.6	10%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	8.0	1.9	1.9	3.2	17.4
	Change	-0.2	1.2	-1.5	1.0	-0.1	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	22.0	6.9	6.9	5.2	43.6
	Change	1.1	4.1	-0.9	-0.2	-0.1	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.6	79.8	12.0	9.7	25.0	138.1
	Change	2.2	-4.5	1.4	0.2	1.9	1%
Total	Curr Wk	124.9	351.2	145.9	183.3	279.0	1084.3
Percent	Change	8%	2%	5%	-1%	2%	3%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	1084.3	3%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	260.6	6%	29
Total Shell Egg	1344.9	3%	187

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Large	Curr Wk	4.1	4.6	5.1	4.3	7.5	25.6
	Change	-0.5	-2.1	1.7	-1.3	1.7	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	18.9	3.7	0.0	0.0	22.6
	Change	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.0	0.0	11%
Total	Curr Wk	4.1	23.5	8.8	4.3	7.5	48.2
Percent	Change	-11%	-3%	44%	-23%	29%	4%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	48.2	4%	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.

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 APR 30, 2010

CURRENT LOADS									FUTURE LOADS									TOTAL LOADS		
23.25									7.00									30.25		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	31.50	--	--	34.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	63.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	2.75			
GL W J	--	--	60.00	61.00	57.00	--	2.75	GL W LG	44.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	52.17	12.00			
GL W XL	--	--	--	48.00	41.50	--	2.00	GL W MD	36.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	43.00	3.25			
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	41.00	--	10.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	.25			
GL W MD	--	--	37.25	46.00	34.33	--	4.25													
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	.25													
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 26, 2010 – APR 30, 2010

CURRENT LOADS									FUTURE LOADS									TOTAL LOADS		
78.00									17.50									95.50		
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	35.63	--	35.00	37.60	--	--	5.00	GL W J	63.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	3.75			
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	79.00	.25	GL W XL	51.00	57.50	65.00	69.00	--	--	--	61.95	8.75			
GL W J	--	--	63.67	65.00	59.00	66.50	6.75	GL W LG	44.54	48.50	--	--	--	--	--	52.77	24.00			
GL W XL	--	57.83	52.25	52.14	49.86	--	19.25	GL W MD	38.80	--	--	--	--	--	--	45.37	10.25			
GL W LG	--	--	--	42.22	42.28	46.67	35.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	.25			
GL W MD	--	--	38.75	46.25	35.52	37.00	10.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	56.00	.75			
GL W SM	--	42.50	56.00	59.00	35.00	38.00	3.00													
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	.25													
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	45.00	--	.75													
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	43.90	38.21	42.25	23.00													

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)		
	04/26/10	04/19/10	04/27/09
PACIFIC COAST	31	34	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 moderate. Retail demand is very 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	92.16
LARGE	87.51
MEDIUM	75.86
SMALL	73.00

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