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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices were unchanged. Regional prices were higher on large and extra large, but unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm in the Midwest. Demand into all areas covered the full range, but was mostly moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to at times tight for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight and confidently held; demand was moderate. Light type fowl offerings were at least adequate with normal to light processing schedules.

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 2 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged for medium. Producer prices were 1 cent higher for large and unchanged for the balance. The trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate. Supplies were tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were tight and held confidently with demand moderate to fairly good. Processing schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-67	61-64
LARGE	57-66	59-62
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	66-68
LARGE	63-71	64-66
MEDIUM	57-65	58-60

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	40-50	44
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 1 cent higher on extra large and large, however medium eggs prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were usually sufficient for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-84	68-70
LARGE	59-73	64-68
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 one cent higher on larger sizes, and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Distributive demand was fair, and retail demand was fair to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate; demand was moderate to fairly good. Spent hen offerings were usually sufficient with normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-72	66-69
LARGE	63-70	64-67
MEDIUM	57.5-65	58-62

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for extra large and large, unchanged for mediums. The trade sentiment was fully steady instances firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to very good. Loose shell egg demand remained mostly light. Supplies were barely adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate with offerings tight. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was fully steady.

Prices delivered warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was fair to fairly good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for current needs.

Prices delivered store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	73-77
LARGE	71-75
MEDIUM	67-71

WESTERN Prices were 4 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. The Pacific inventory increased 9% from last Monday, with California up 13% and OR-WA-UT unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances tight with demand mixed from light to fairly good. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were 4 cents higher for extra large and large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. The Pacific inventory increased 9% from last Monday, with California up 13% and OR-WA-UT unchanged. Demand was mixed from light to fairly good. Offerings were adequate to instances tight. Floor stocks were balanced to 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	110
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	93

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 21, 2010 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 14, 2010 were 136,561 cases which was 24 percent below the prior week and 23 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	105,076	31,485	136,561
% change from the prior week.....	-30	+10	-24

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 lower. Demand was light to fairly good, continuing mostly moderate. Offerings remained tight and confidently held while asking prices ranged higher. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully 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	19-27	21-24

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 17-MAY-2010

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading was TFEWR. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. 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 mostly moderate for the sufficient offerings of heavy fowl. Processing schedules were mostly 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.		12.25
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 WEEKS OF MAY 03, 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 MAY 03, 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 17, 2010		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	12.9	7.7	8.3	14.2	51.9
	Change	-1.8	0.6	-0.8	1.3	1.1	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	27.2	11.3	23.5	46.3	127.3
	Change	-2.5	-11.0	-2.4	-1.5	7.0	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	50.2	96.8	72.9	101.7	117.6	439.2
	Change	-7.7	-8.4	-10.2	-3.1	1.7	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.7	53.2	20.5	19.6	41.9	145.9
	Change	-1.3	-2.0	0.6	1.5	6.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	8.0	1.3	2.5	7.2	21.4
	Change	-0.5	-0.1	-0.8	0.0	0.7	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.8	18.0	6.9	10.4	5.1	42.2
	Change	0.2	-3.7	-1.1	0.2	0.4	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	7.6	57.3	10.9	7.0	25.4	108.2
	Change	-0.9	-10.0	3.7	-2.5	3.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	100.5	273.4	131.5	173.0	257.7	936.1
Percent	Change	-13%	-11%	-8%	-2%	9%	-4%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Shell Egg	936.1	-4%	158
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	247.7	-9%	29
Total Shell Egg	1183.8	-5%	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	3.9	6.6	4.3	4.0	8.1	26.9
	Change	0.0	1.3	0.2	-0.2	0.7	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	0.0	12.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	15.2
	Change	0.0	-4.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	-18%
Total	Curr Wk	3.9	18.6	7.5	4.0	8.1	42.1
Percent	Change	0%	-13%	15%	-5%	9%	-3%

TOTAL	No. of Cases	% Change	No. of Coops
Specialty Shell Egg	42.1	-3%	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 MAY 14, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 33.00 FUTURE LOADS 9.00 TOTAL LOADS 42.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	34.50	--	36.50	37.50	--	--	4.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	79.28	--	2.25
GL W XL	--	--	--	73.38	64.00	66.00	4.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	54.79	--	21.00
GL W MD	--	--	42.00	45.00	42.00	--	2.00
GL W SM	--	--	47.50	50.75	--	--	2.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	79.50	--	.25
NRBS - 48	--	--	39.25	44.00	--	--	4.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	2.25
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	75.00	1.00
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	65.84	17.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	52.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	59.50	63.00	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	60.63	64.50	2.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 10, 2010 – MAY 14, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 122.25 FUTURE LOADS 28.00 TOTAL LOADS 150.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	34.13	--	35.00	36.50	--	--	28.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	79.28	--	2.25
GL W XL	--	--	59.00	67.53	60.72	64.31	22.25
GL W LG	--	--	49.07	49.08	55.10	--	62.25
GL W MD	55.00	48.50	43.63	44.20	39.63	44.00	12.75
GL W SM	--	--	48.64	51.86	--	--	8.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	79.50	--	.25
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	39.25	43.25	42.00	47.00	16.00
NRBS - 39	--	25.00	--	--	31.50	51.50	2.00
NRBS - 36	--	24.00	--	--	22.00	--	4.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	47.38	--	--	--	--	20.00
GL W J	71.00	77.00	--	--	--	92.00	3.25
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	71.84	4.75
GL W LG	55.50	62.29	--	--	--	65.39	49.25
GL W MD	42.00	--	--	--	--	49.69	7.25
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	47.00	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	59.50	63.00	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	60.63	64.50	2.00
GL BR MD	44.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00

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	**05/10/10**	**05/03/10**	**05/11/09**
PACIFIC COAST	6	3	20
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.	230 – 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 – 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	89.71
LARGE	83.51
MEDIUM	75.86
SMALL	73.00

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