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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices decreased 4 cents on mediums, unchanged on larger and extra large sizes when compared to Friday. Regional prices were lower on mediums. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on heavier weights, barely steady to weak on mediums. Demand into all channels was light to very good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to ample for trade needs. Breaking stocks floor stocks were sufficient for irregular processing schedules. Light type fowl offerings were adequate 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 lower for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and weak for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were good to very good. Loose egg movement was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for the lighter weights. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was mostly light for the adequate to instances ample offerings. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-116	110-113
LARGE	106-115	108-111
MEDIUM	89-98	91-94

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-122	115-117
LARGE	112-120	113-115
MEDIUM	95-103	96-98

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	88-98	92
MEDIUM	71-75	73
SMALL	47-53	

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

NORTHEAST Prices were lower on mediums, but remained the same on extra large and large as prices last week. Trade sentiment was barely steady on mediums and mostly steady on larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to available. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were adequate for mixed holiday schedules. Light type hens in the East were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-131	117-120
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	91-104	96-98

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on mediums, however unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady on larger sizes and barely steady on mediums. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for the immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were sufficient for mixed holiday processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were mostly adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117.5-125	119-122
LARGE	116.0-123	117-120
MEDIUM	93.5-101	94-98

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

SOUTH CENTRAL Prices were unchanged on the larger sizes, but lower on mediums. Trade sentiment steady on extra large and large, barely steady on mediums. Retail demand was moderate to good, mostly fairly good. Food service movement was light to at times moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate on the larger sizes and adequate to available on mediums. Some logistic problems were noted due to upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly slow demand. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119.5-128	121-124
LARGE	116.5-125	118-121
MEDIUM	94.5-103	96-99

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

NEW YORK Medium prices declined 4 cents, however prices were unchanged on larger sizes when compared to last Friday. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels ranged fair to good. Supplies were usually adequate to available for trading requirements.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA grade A, and grade A white eggs in cartons, delivered store, cents per dozen

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	124-128
LARGE	122-126
MEDIUM	100-104

WESTERN Prices were 1 to 3 cents lower for jumbo, unchanged for extra large and large, and 4 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for the larger sizes and weak for mediums. The Pacific inventory was down 12% from last Monday, with California down 9% and OR-WA-UT down 19%. Demand was fairly good to very good, mostly good to very good with offerings adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 1 cent lower for jumbo, unchanged for extra large and large, and 4 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate. Demand was fairly good to very good, mostly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price \$1.17.

	RANGE
JUMBO	160
EXTRA LARGE	160
LARGE	151
MEDIUM	133

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 28, 2008 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 21, 2008 were 231,591 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 18 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	189,972	41,619	231,591
% change from the prior week.....	+30	-5	+22

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 unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light to non-existent. Floor stocks adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	72-74	74
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	58-64	58-60
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Trading was unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was good for spent hens but was slowing in some areas. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOVEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-14 CENTS/LB.		10.24

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were reduced due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOVEMBER-08

	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-18 CENTS/LB.		10.85
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

NOVEMBER 24, 2008		No	So	So			
		Northeast	Cent	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.8	17.6	7.1	7.2	16.0	52.7
	Change	-2.7	-3.3	0.9	-2.7	-1.2	-15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	36.8	15.4	20.0	33.8	130.1
	Change	-7.3	-0.1	-4.7	-4.6	-6.8	-15%
Large	Curr Wk	42.5	91.0	70.7	91.9	115.0	411.1
	Change	-15.0	-6.3	-37.7	-37.2	-19.2	-22%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	43.8	22.1	22.6	35.8	139.1
	Change	0.3	4.3	-16.5	3.4	1.2	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	9.4	1.3	2.2	5.4	20.6
	Change	-0.9	-2.5	-0.1	-2.0	1.9	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	1.7	24.8	11.6	10.7	7.9	56.7
	Change	-0.4	-3.4	-2.9	-1.9	-1.5	-15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.5	40.1	13.3	22.0	23.1	118.0
	Change	7.9	-16.3	-11.4	-2.6	-8.2	-21%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	109.7	263.5	141.5	176.6	237.0	928.3
	Change	-14%	-9%	-34%	-21%	-12%	-18%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	928.3	-18%	151
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.9	-15%	31
Total Shell Egg	1149.2	-17%	182

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 151 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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

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 WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.19	2.17	1.97	1.33
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.68	1.68	1.52	1.01

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 21, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								22.00	FUTURE LOADS								5.00	TOTAL LOADS				27.00									
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	89.50	--	--	92.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	101.50	--	--	96.00	103.86	1.75	GL W XL	--	--	100.00	102.50	90.33	--	4.50	GL W XL	92.00	92.00	--	--	--	108.00	4.00	
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.25	GL W LG	91.00	94.00	--	--	--	103.00	6.25	GL W MD	--	76.00	69.50	70.00	--	2.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	96.00	1.00	
GL W MD	--	76.00	69.50	70.00	--	--	2.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	66.50	59.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	66.00	68.00	4.00
GL W SM	--	--	--	66.50	59.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	66.00	68.00	4.00																	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 17, 2008-NOV 21, 2008

CURRENT LOADS								111.50	FUTURE LOADS								53.50	TOTAL LOADS				165.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	89.88	95.00	91.00	92.14	105.25	--	49.00	GNR W 1	--	102.14	--	--	--	--	34.00	GL W J	98.45	--	--	--	--	99.60	105.38	12.00					
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	94.80	103.83	--	--	--	104.53	16.25	GL W LG	91.00	105.04	--	--	106.75	104.02	21.75						
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	88.00	--	3.00	GL W MD	77.75	77.47	--	84.50	--	81.54	9.50	GL W SM	56.33	57.00	--	--	--	--	66.00	2.00					
GL W J	--	--	--	--	91.05	--	4.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00				
GL W XL	107.00	107.83	100.86	103.40	90.72	--	30.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	86.00	--	2.25	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00					
GL W LG	--	108.40	95.00	97.54	89.96	104.50	45.00	NRBS - 48	--	74.00	--	71.30	73.08	32.00	NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	1.00	NRBS - 39	--	--	--	72.50	--	1.25
GL W MD	90.00	72.45	66.97	68.33	68.83	71.50	17.50																						
GL W SM	--	--	58.00	61.83	55.92	--	4.25																						
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																						
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	86.00	--	2.25																						
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00																						
NRBS - 48	--	74.00	--	--	71.30	73.08	32.00																						
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	64.00	68.00	1.00																						
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	72.50	--	1.25																						

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)		
	11/17/08	11/11/08	11/19/07
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	5
LOS ANGELES	0	0	0

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS NOV 24, 2008

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.	245 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are in good balance. 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	137.57
LARGE	134.57
MEDIUM	110.03
SMALL	87.00

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