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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady in the West, fully steady to firm in the Midwest, and steady to fully steady elsewhere. Retail demand entering the weekend was moderate to very good, best were features were a factor. Food service was light to moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate to tight. Breaking stock prices were lower; trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Light type hen offerings were adequate with an overall 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 REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to very good. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate for the light offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-113	107-110
LARGE	103-112	105-108
MEDIUM	75-84	77-80

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-119	112-114
LARGE	109-117	110-112
MEDIUM	81-89	82-84

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	85-95	89
MEDIUM	57-61	59
SMALL	47-53	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was good to very good, best where feature activity was noted. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate, at times tight. Central states breaking stock prices, along with checks and undergrades, were lower. Demand was generally light to occasionally moderate. Offerings were light. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-123	116-119
LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
MEDIUM	80.5-89	82-85

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Food service was fair to moderate. Supplies of larger sizes were in good balance, mediums were adequate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate with a light demand. Light type hen supplies were sufficient; schedules were normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114.5-122	116-119
LARGE	113-120	114-117
MEDIUM	79.5-89.25	80-84

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Demand into all channels was fairly good to mostly good. Supplies were at best adequate for current trading requirements. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were sufficient for a light demand. Light type hen offerings in the Eastern area were adequate for normal processing schedules.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	111-125	114-118
LARGE	108-122	113-117
MEDIUM	77-90	82-84

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on heavier and lighter weight eggs when compared to Thursday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good entering the weekend. Supplies were about adequate for buyer and seller needs.

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	122-126
LARGE	120-124
MEDIUM	89-93

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fairly good to good. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were also at unchanged levels on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fairly good to good in most areas with offerings balanced to adequate, instances tight. Floor stocks very closely balanced to adequate.

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	154
EXTRA LARGE	154
LARGE	148
MEDIUM	121

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, Delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
JUMBO	138-152
EXTRA LARGE	137-142
LARGE	136-139
MEDIUM	108-111

BREAKING STOCK

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.

CENTRAL REGION All prices were lower. Offerings were light with demand mostly light to instances moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-59	57-59
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	43-49	43-45
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were lower on breaking stock and checks and undergrades when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually barely steady to weak. Offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Processing schedules were generally normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 06-Dec-2008 were 10 percent higher than last week, although 2 percent less than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-57	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	42-48	43-44
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 06-DEC-2008	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,265,483	31,958	11,678	5,953	2,945	4,213
PW	1,143,574	28,505	10,684	5,532	2,376	3,845
LY	1,276,968	33,222	10,488	5,588	2,067	4,504
% PW	11%	12%	9%	8%	24%	10%
% LY	-1%	-4%	11%	7%	42%	-6%
2008	64,205,946	1,583,133	600,358	313,752	142,695	214,634
2007	62,318,489	1,561,829	563,427	302,132	121,798	212,129
% YTD	3%	1%	7%	4%	17%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.52	42.47	42.13
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.19	39.11	38.61

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	624,998	49.4%	17,830	55.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	632,139	55.3%	17,217	60.4%
LAST YEAR	634,721	49.7%	17,752	53.4%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized liquid salt and raw yolk and pasteurized whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg and yolk and continued cautiously steady for whites. Offerings were adequate for all products with demand light for whole egg and yolk and fair to fairly good for whites. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	11	41-49	47.18	-10.02
WHITES	19	42.5-51	44.68	-.32
YOLKS		TFEWR		

FROZEN

CENTRAL REGION Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices were lower, with whites unchanged to lower, and trading activity on salted yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment was usually steady for whites and weak on the balance of products. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good with offerings adequate. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	63-74	63-68
WHITES	62-67	62-65
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	110-129	117-118
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	TFEWR	

EASTERN REGION Prices were unchanged to lower on whites, lower on remaining frozen products when compared to a week ago. Trade sentiment was at best steady on whites, however whole and yolks remained weak. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 06-Dec-08 was 8% higher than last week and 2% more than the same week a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	
WHOLE	60-69		69-73	
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR			
WHITES	60-65	62-65	67-69	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	110-120	118	122-126	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	108-112		116-122	

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Prices were lower to sharply lower for all frozen products. Trade sentiment was weak for whole egg, sugared and salted yolk, and about steady for whites. Offerings were adequate with demand moderate to fairly good.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	61-65	
WHITES	69-72	
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	116-119	
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	111-114	

NATIONAL DRIED Prices continued lower on all dried products when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was weak and highly unsettled. Demand was very light for fully adequate to ample offerings. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Dec-2008 were 24% more than a week ago and 42% higher than last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 17% higher than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.80-3.05	MOSTLY	2.80-2.85
YOLKS	2.60-2.75	MOSTLY	2.60-2.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.69-4.95	MOSTLY	4.78-4.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.80-2.90		

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 05, 2008-DEC 11, 2008
CURRENT LOADS 127.75 FUTURE LOADS 96.00 TOTAL LOADS 223.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	87.83	91.57	88.63	89.11	--	81.00	88.00	GNR W 1	--	91.20	--	--	--	--	33.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	103.00	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	165.00	--	--	180.50	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	110.00	111.00	93.59	--	6.50	GL W J	99.13	--	--	--	108.00	108.65	8.50
GL W XL	--	101.49	100.00	100.93	88.47	--	45.75	GL W XL	93.00	100.79	--	--	--	99.96	20.75
GL W LG	--	96.91	96.75	91.88	88.94	91.00	70.25	GL W LG	--	92.05	--	--	--	102.64	31.75
GL W MD	97.00	66.87	63.50	65.17	58.10	--	23.50	GL W MD	61.50	65.67	60.00	--	63.00	66.81	21.00
GL W SM	--	--	60.50	63.00	56.50	--	2.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	114.00	--	2.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	85.00	--	.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	101.00	94.50	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	83.00	--	2.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	98.50	91.50	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	52.75	55.11	15.00	GL BR MD	--	--	--	74.00	66.50	--	.50

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed 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

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
 WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
 (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
 CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	4-8

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of light fowl was of insufficient volume to establish pricing. Demand was moderate for adequate or better slaughter stocks. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL

Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate for most needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	116.00	115.00	83.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	82.00
MIDWEST	108.50	106.50	78.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	116.50	83.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	114.95	113.49	81.81

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was at least moderate with limited trading due to most available supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was at least steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 06-Dec-08 (PRELIMINARY)

	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,367	1,573	2,940
Last Week	832	1,104	1,936
Same week yr ago	1,306	1,586	2,892
To-date/2008	66,483	79,605	146,088
To-date/2007	53,968	71,800	125,768

	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	258	0	258
Last Week	290	0	290
Same week yr ago	339	7	346
To-date/2008	15,083	68	15,151
To-date/2007	12,876	47	12,923

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,625	1,573	3,198
Last Week	1,122	1,104	2,226
Same week yr ago	1,645	1,593	3,238
To-date/2008	81,566	79,673	161,239
To-date/2007	66,844	71,847	138,691

Source: USDA,AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 29, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	255	0	1,388	3,277
Frozen	0	0	84	71
Dried	0	0	484	753
Total	255	0	1,956	4,101

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Nov 29, 2008		Year-To-Date		
Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	213	194	17,695	14,731
Frozen	7	46	552	340
Dried	40	0	707	857
Total	260	240	18,954	15,928

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 29, 2008		Year-To-Date		
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,193	2,110	76,077	58,075
Large	3,220	4,040	94,209	97,222
Medium	2,370	1,410	48,478	60,419
Ungraded	8,760	4,560	428,076	211,288
Misc	900	0	8,888	7,849
Total	17,443	12,120	655,728	434,853

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)
W/E 06-DEC-2008

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	183.2	-2	-2
East North Central	695.1	10	12
West North Central	327.8	11	18
South Atlantic	202.0	5	4
South Central	59.1	1	-3
West	206.1	-1	5
Total	1673.3	6	9

Matched plants reporting

81 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 06-DEC-2008

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in Thousands)	LW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	24.4	28.5	-14	-14
Boston	2.8	2.8	0	-7
Chicago	77.1	77.6	-1	-4
Detroit	8.7	8.5	2	-30
Los Angeles	91.4	101.7	-10	18
New Orleans	5.8	5.5	5	-15
New York	30.5	29.8	2	29
St. Louis	83.4	67.2	24	120
San Francisco	14.8	15.3	-3	3
Total	338.9	336.9	1	28
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.8			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)		(In Thousands)	
	Frozen	Processed	Processed	Processed
	Eggs Lbs	Turkeys Lbs	other Poultry Lbs	Lbs
AM 12/08/08	3,202	71,630	89,791	
AM 12/01/08	3,007	73,775	90,520	
CHG	195	-2145	-729	
PCT CHG	6%	-3%	-1%	

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT DEC 09, 2008

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	157	156	107	86
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	150-154	149-153	101-105	79-83
MOSTLY	152-153	151-152	103-104	81-82
RHODE ISLAND	156-160	155-159	106-110	85-89
MOSTLY	156	155	106	85
VERMONT	157-159	156-157	107	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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