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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional prices were sharply lower on all sizes, however Southeast region was irregular on mediums when compared to last week's prices. New York prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate and some improvements were noted. Supplies were adequate to readily available for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the very light to fair demand. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to plentiful for irregular processing schedules.

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

**MIDWEST** Midwest delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Producer prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady at present levels. Cartoned egg demand was light to usually moderate and was being reported as improved over last week. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for mostly light demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-74	68-71
LARGE	64-73	66-69
MEDIUM	65-74	55-58

Prices to store door

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-80	73-75
LARGE	70-78	71-73
MEDIUM	59-67	60-62

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, Cents per dozen

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	46-56	50
MEDIUM	35-39	37
SMALL	24-30	

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

**NORTHEAST** Prices were drastically lower on all sizes when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate into all channels. Supplies were adequate to readily available for present trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock supplies were sufficient; schedules were mostly normal. Light type hens were at least sufficient for a fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-78
LARGE	68-82	73-75
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

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

**SOUTHEAST** Prices were sharply lower on large and extra large sizes, however irregular on mediums when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was fair to moderate and some noted improvements. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were sufficient to readily available for the light to fair demand. Spent hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate for mostly full time processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.5-114.25	73-76
LARGE	70-114.25	71-74
MEDIUM	58.5-79.25	59-63

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Prices were sharply lower. The trade sentiment was about steady to steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with some anticipated improvement for planned feature activity. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to adequate for the very slow demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	60.5-69	62-65

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels entering the week was light to moderate with optimism and some improvements noted. Supplies were usually sufficient to readily available to satisfy trade needs.

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	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	68-72

**WESTERN** Prices were 24 cents lower for jumbo, 23 cents lower for extra large, 25 cents lower for large, and 12 cents lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady. The Pacific inventory increased 10% from last Monday, with California up 12% and OR-WA-UT rising 6%. Offerings were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks easily adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were 24 cents lower for jumbo, 23 cents lower for extra large, 25 cents lower for large, and 12 cents lower for medium and small. The trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady. The Pacific inventory increased 10% from last Monday, with California rising 12% and OR-WA-UT up 6%. Demand was mostly light to moderate while offerings were adequate to ample, mostly fully adequate. Small benchmark price 79 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	116
EXTRA LARGE	116
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	99

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 01, 2009 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 24, 2009 were 195,296 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	141,199	54,097	195,296
% change from the prior week.....	+12	-4	+7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Prices were unchanged. Demand was reported as very light. Offerings were light to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

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

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
BREAKING STOCK	36-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-28	27-29

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 27-APR-2009

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Spent hen sales were TFEWR. Demand was light for at least sufficient offerings. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow to moderate. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJ</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

**SOUTHEAST**

Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair for the at least sufficient offerings of spent fowl. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate for current trade needs. The undertone was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJ</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-18.25 CENTS/LB.		11.48
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)

<b>APRIL 27, 2009</b>		<b>No Cent</b>	<b>So Cent</b>	<b>So Atl Pacific 5-Area</b>			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.6	18.3	8.2	9.0	19.5	66.6
	Change	0.2	-3.4	0.1	1.0	-0.7	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.1	42.7	12.6	28.0	36.6	146.0
	Change	0.4	-7.8	-3.1	2.4	-0.4	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	46.3	138.9	92.1	119.6	143.5	540.4
	Change	2.3	7.2	0.7	20.5	21.1	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	41.9	22.8	23.3	33.4	132.7
	Change	2.1	-8.5	-10.3	1.3	5.3	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	11.5	3.1	3.6	6.0	26.9
	Change	-0.7	-1.9	0.5	1.0	0.0	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	21.1	17.7	9.7	7.8	59.2
	Change	-0.3	-1.3	1.6	-0.9	-0.3	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	8.6	71.7	15.0	25.4	27.2	147.9
	Change	1.8	11.0	0.7	-0.7	0.2	10%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	109.5	346.1	171.5	218.6	274.0	1119.7
	Change	6%	-1%	-5%	13%	10%	4%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg	1119.7	4%	149
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.6	8%	31
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1370.3</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>180</b>

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 149 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 APR 13, 2009

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	2.11	2.09	1.92	1.28

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APR 13, 2009 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	1.58	1.58	1.42	0.94

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - DAILY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 24, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								26.25	FUTURE LOADS								5.00	TOTAL LOADS								31.25
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	45.50	--	46.00	47.50	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	69.00	1.00								
GL W J	--	--	--	--	56.50	--	1.00	GL W XL	50.00	55.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	61.00	6.00								
GL W XL	54.00	--	57.50	56.90	49.27	--	12.25	GL W LG	--	46.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	55.50	4.00								
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	40.13	--	8.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	44.00	2.00								
GL W MD	--	--	43.50	46.00	35.00	--	3.00																			
GL W SM	--	36.00	--	--	32.00	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	31.00	26.00	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	21.00	23.00	--	--	1.00																			

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 20, 2009-APRIL 24, 2009

CURRENT LOADS								96.75	FUTURE LOADS								26.00	TOTAL LOADS								122.75
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	49.38	55.00	46.60	49.36	--	--	17.00	GNR W 1	--	49.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00									
GNR BR 1	41.75	44.75	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	60.50	60.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	68.86	8.00								
GL W J	--	--	--	--	56.50	--	5.00	GL W XL	52.00	56.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	60.50	16.00								
GL W XL	54.33	61.88	62.10	59.59	49.33	--	45.75	GL W LG	45.00	45.33	--	--	--	--	--	--	54.48	9.00								
GL W LG	--	57.63	--	48.37	41.22	55.00	23.00	GL W MD	42.50	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	45.33	7.50								
GL W MD	--	51.88	36.67	42.44	38.58	--	18.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	38.00	3.00								
GL W SM	--	36.00	--	--	30.80	--	5.00	GL BR XL	60.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	.25								
GL BR XL	--	--	--	78.00	--	--	.75	GL BR LG	59.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	67.00	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	78.00	--	--	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	36.07	36.82	31.00																			
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	31.00	22.00	23.00	3.00																			
NRBS - 39	37.00	38.00	--	42.67	32.29	30.40	9.00																			
NRBS - 36	--	--	21.00	23.00	--	--	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**

ON HAND	(In Thousands)		
	04/20/09	03/13/09	04/21/08
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	11
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.	245 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	160 - 189	160 - 178

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

The market is steady on small and lower on the balance. Supplies are available. Retail demand is improving.

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	99.66
LARGE	96.66
MEDIUM	76.86
SMALL	64.00

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