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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, generally light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were light; processing schedules were mostly normal. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the light to fairly good 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 with asking prices for next week unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose shell egg demand was usually light. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight offerings. Processing schedules were usually full-time. The trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-88	82-85
LARGE	78-87	80-83
MEDIUM	65-74	67-70

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	87-89
LARGE	84-92	85-87
MEDIUM	71-79	72-74

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

Prices paid to producers

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	60-70	64
MEDIUM	48-52	50
SMALL	26-32	

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. Next week's asking prices were trending slightly higher for medium next week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was light. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Specialty egg trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate with improvement noted in some areas. Offerings were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good while offerings were tight to short of needs. Trade sentiment was steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.5-96	89-92
LARGE	85.5-94	87-90
MEDIUM	70.5-79	72-75

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Light hen offerings were sufficient; processing schedules were normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	84-91	85-88
MEDIUM	66-74	67-71

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail demand improved slightly and was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trading purposes. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were light for the fair to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	89-96
LARGE	85-99	90-94
MEDIUM	64-77	69-73

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. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was light. Distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for trading requirements.

Prices delivered to store door.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	99-103
LARGE	97-101
MEDIUM	76-80

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were unchanged for jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher for medium and small. Trade sentiment was steady for all sizes. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 83 cents.

**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	130
EXTRA LARGE	128
LARGE	123
MEDIUM	103

**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	114-118
EXTRA LARGE	108-114
LARGE	108-111
MEDIUM	87-90

**BREAKING STOCK**

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

**CENTRAL REGION**

All prices ranged unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good while offerings were tight to short of needs. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-73	55-57
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	34-39	37-39
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 unchanged when compared to early week prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were light. Demand remained fair to fairly good. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 26-Sep-2009 was 3 percent less than the previous week and 11 percent less than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	49-55	50-52
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	34-36
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 26-SEP-2009	(lbs. in thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Ined
Production	Broken	Whole	Whites	Yolk		
CW	1,280,924	30,915	12,541	6,040	2,572	4,249
PW	1,310,045	32,300	12,792	6,113	2,561	4,111
LY	1,402,313	34,724	13,353	6,786	3,143	4,575
% PW	-2%	-4%	-2%	-1%	0%	3%
% LY	-9%	-11%	-6%	-11%	-18%	-7%
2009	49,006,278	1,192,207	475,205	239,332	108,275	164,314
2008	50,008,256	1,227,175	471,369	246,982	111,504	167,239
% YTD	-2%	-3%	1%	-3%	-3%	-2%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				41.96	42.22	42.39
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				38.64	39.09	39.12

**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	690,112	53.9%	17,795	57.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	689,622	52.6%	18,621	57.7%
LAST YEAR	691,258	49.3%	18,305	52.7%

\*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

**NATIONAL LIQUID**

Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, barely steady to weak for whites, and firm for yolk. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg, adequate for whites, and balanced to tight for yolk. Demand was light to fair for whole egg and whites and very good for yolk. Asking prices for yolk continued to trend higher throughout the week. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Trade 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	7	48.5-51.5	50.36	2.95
WHITES	9	35.75-38.5	36.72	-2.61
YOLKS	16	57.5-61	59.97	-1.60

**NATIONAL DRIED**

Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on the balance of dried product when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, with dried whole in the better position. Demand was moderate to good, with best interest on less-than-trucklot albumen purchases. Supplies were sufficient for current needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Sep-2009 was unchanged from last week but 18% less than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 3% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.95-2.45	MOSTLY	2.10-2.30
YOLKS	1.35-1.75	MOSTLY	1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.20-3.75	MOSTLY	3.25-3.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.10	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05

**NATIONAL FROZEN**

Trucklot prices on frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with sugared yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. Salted yolk ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to firm for whole egg, mostly fully steady, steady for whites and salted yolk, and firm for sugared yolk. Demand was light to moderate and centered around less than trucklot quantities. Offerings were adequate. Freezer stocks tight to adequate.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	54-62	60-61	60-68	62-65
WHITES	50-57	55	56-61	56-58
SUGARED YOLKS	72-84	76-80	81-90	81-83
SALTED YOLKS	70-75	72-73	75-80	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** – WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 25 - OCT 01, 2009  
**CURRENT LOADS 96.00 FUTURE LOADS 29.75 TOTAL LOADS 125.75**

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	64.50	--	65.83	71.43	66.00	70.00	19.00	GL W J	80.75	--	--	93.13	85.91	89.58	6.75
GNR BR 1	--	64.00	70.50	72.00	--	--	2.75	GL W XL	72.00	75.38	--	--	--	76.20	10.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	78.75	80.75	1.75	GL W LG	78.49	72.00	--	--	--	68.10	28.00
GL W XL	72.25	77.13	77.00	79.00	68.52	67.00	23.75	GL W MD	59.00	64.32	--	--	--	64.66	13.00
GL W LG	--	--	70.17	74.35	63.12	--	42.00	GL W SM	35.50	--	--	--	--	45.50	3.00
GL W MD	56.00	--	52.56	51.75	54.68	63.00	18.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	86.00	91.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	38.00	48.50	35.50	--	5.00	GL BR XL	83.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	74.50	--	--	78.00	--	--	3.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	79.00	84.00	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	78.00	74.00	72.50	4.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	55.75	57.21	14.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	52.25	55.00	1.00								

\*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 moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

**SOUTH CENTRAL**

Leghorn fowl were TFEWR. Offerings easily exceeded current slaughter requirements. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL**

Prices unchanged. Demand was light to fairly good while offerings were adequate for current processing schedules. 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	92.50	92.00	71.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	69.00
MIDWEST	83.50	81.50	68.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.50	88.50	73.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	88.80	87.15	70.65

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET**

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were moderate for current trade needs. Demand was mostly fair with trading limited due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was 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 26-SEP-09 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,451	1,599	3,050
Last Week	1,203	1,608	2,811
Same week yr ago	1,277	1,783	3,060
To-date/2009*	49,144	57,234	106,378
To-date/2008*	52,643	62,254	114,897

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	306	7	313
Last Week	401	0	401
Same week yr ago	400	0	400
To-date/2009*	12,032	26	12,058
To-date/2008*	12,688	50	12,738

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	1,757	1,606	3,363
Last Week	1,604	1,608	3,212
Same week yr ago	1,677	1,783	3,460
To-date/2009*	61,176	57,260	118,436
To-date/2008*	65,331	62,304	127,635

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 Sep 19, 2009		Year-To-Date		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	195	96	8,013	735
Frozen	0	0	95	39
Dried	0	0	547	444
Total	195	96	8,655	1,218

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

Week Ending Sep 19, 2009		Year-To-Date		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	323	183	12,484	13,966
Frozen	10	5	240	414
Dried	0	80	0	553
Total	333	268	12,724	14,933

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending Sep 19, 2009		Year-To-Date		
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,640	1,898	54,773	48,108
Large	4,200	4,530	115,251	58,025
Medium	1,650	2,220	39,727	35,066
Ungraded	15,582	15,132	265,621	289,319
Misc	936	0	7,154	5,974
Total	25,008	23,780	482,526	436,492

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers  
(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)**

	Frozen Eggs		Proc. Turkeys		Proc. other Poultry	
	Lbs		Lbs		Lbs	
AM 09/28/09	3,404		187,182		64,094	
AM 09/01/09	3,329		196,907		70,275	
CHG	75		-9725		-6181	
PCT CHG	2%		-5%		-9%	

**EGG PRODUCTS**

**Shell Eggs Broken Up 1 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 172 million dozen during August 2009, up 1 percent from August a year ago, but 2 percent below the 175 million broken last month.

August 2009 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. August 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2009 through August, shell eggs broken totaled 1,332 million dozen, down 2 percent from the comparable period in 2008. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2009 was 1,737 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2008.

Source: USDA/NASS

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 26-SEP-2009	Cases	% Change From	
REGIONS	(in thousands)	LW	LY
North Atlantic	182.0	7	2
East North Central	620.8	-2	4
West North Central	302.9	-2	1
South Atlantic	166.7	-4	5
South Central	52.4	4	0
West	154.1	5	-21
Total	1478.9	0	0

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 26-SEP-2009

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% CHANGE	
	(Cases, in thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	22.3	23.4	-5	-2
Boston	2.7	2.9	-7	-7
Chicago	49.6	45.5	9	-27
Los Angeles	61.0	57.5	6	-32
New Orleans	4.9	4.6	7	-2
New York	31.6	35.3	-10	15
St. Louis	57.9	59.1	-2	28
San Francisco	17.4	23.6	-26	14
Total	247.4	251.9	-2	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	248.3			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT** SEP 29, 2009

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

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	128	126	86	69
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	121-125	119-123	79-83	62-66
MOSTLY	123-124	121-122	81-82	64-65
RHODE ISLAND	129-133	127-131	86-90	-
MOSTLY	129	127	86	-
VERMONT	128-130	126-127	86-89	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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