



NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good with loose egg sales mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with spotty shortages of mediums reported in the Midwest. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand light although many breakers were showing some additional interest in available breaking stock for late next week. Schedules full-time for next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93
LARGE	86-94	87-92
MEDIUM	67-75	70-72

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
	RANGE
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	50-54
SMALL	37-41

MW Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA .

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for larger sizes, however mediums were in close balance. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens were generally adequate for a fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	70-85	74-77

NE Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with feature activity providing the best activity. Food service movement was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
MEDIUM	74.5-83	79-79

SC Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand continued moderate to fairly good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light for mixed offerings. Light type fowl were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	72.5-80	73-77

SE Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Cartoned and loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were tight for extra large and mediums and adequate on the balance of sizes.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	92-98
LARGE	91-96
MEDIUM	73-80

NEW YORK Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	82-86

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly active to make up for holiday downtime. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 86. No new ads noted in Southern California.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers 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	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	106

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	116-121
EXTRA LARGE	114-119
LARGE	112-115
MEDIUM	93-96
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	289-309
LARGE	239-299
MEDIUM	199-299

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand light. Many breakers were showing some additional interest in available breaking stock for late next week. Schedules full-time for next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment steady. Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	62-66	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	50-58	52

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Demand was light for mixed offerings. Floor stocks were sufficient for reduced breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Dec-2003 were 20 percent lower than the previous week, however 5 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	66-68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-57

EASTERN REGION 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-
WEEK ENDING 27-DEC-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	989,735	25,126	8,518	4,734	2,256	3,521
PW	1,208,513	30,297	10,722	5,990	2,243	4,112
LY	1,016,048	24,757	8,960	4,884	2,973	3,617
% CHG PWK	-18	-17	-21	-21	1	-14
% CHG LY	-3	1	-5	-3	-24	-3
2003	60,579,961	1,491,244	544,995	296,868	118,737	216,597
2002	62,412,774	1,463,389	593,711	319,131	144,092	221,696
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.33	42.30	41.55
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.78	38.90	37.99

NATIONAL LIQUID All liquid prices were too few to report. Breaking schedules were reported as fairly heavy for the upcoming week. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, about adequate for whites, and fully adequate to ample for yolk. Demand was light for all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE		TFEWR		
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS		TFEWR		

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and sugar yolks, lower on salt yolks, but unchanged to higher on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was weak on yolks, steady to weak on whole, but firm on whites. Demand was seasonal with offerings ample on yolks, adequate on whole, and barely adequate on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27 December 2003 were 20% less than the previous week, but 13% more than last year.

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

	LTL TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	72-86	73-75	80-89
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		84-98
WHITES	73-77	75-77	80-85
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-89	80-82	87-100
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-87	76-77	83-95

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged with whites unchanged to a penny higher. Sugared and salted yolk were 1 to 2 cents lower when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites, and barely steady to mostly weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate with demand somewhat limited on frozen yolk products as buyers survey unfilled needs for the first quarter. Demand for whole egg and whites were reported as seasonally moderate. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	72-75	73
WHITES	75-79	75-77
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-83	81-83
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-80	77-78

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 12/27 was 34% less than the previous week. Frozen demand slowed with freezer stocks generally adequate. Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb. containers)

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	79-82
WHITES	80-83
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-90
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole, lower on yolks, but higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was seasonally light. Offerings were short on albumen, about adequate to adequate on whole, and sufficient on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27 December 2003 were 1% higher than the previous week, but 24 % lower than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced were 18% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.95-3.50	MOSTLY	3.05-3.10
YOLKS	1.74-2.30	MOSTLY	1.78-1.85
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.70-6.10	MOSTLY	5.75-5.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.40	MOSTLY	2.00-2.05

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 26, 2003-JAN 01, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 69.75	FUTURE LOADS 48.50	TOTAL LOADS 118.25
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SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	76.00	78.67	74.67	76.50	—	—	17.00	GNR BR 1	—	99.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	71.00	62.00	—	73.00	58.00	60.50	4.00	GL W J	87.00	—	—	—	—	88.12	3.25
GNR W 4	—	—	—	53.00	49.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	81.20	—	—	—	—	88.86	13.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	108.00	—	—	.50	GL W LG	79.67	—	—	—	—	86.70	14.50
GNR BR 1	98.00	102.00	107.00	108.00	—	105.00	7.00	GL W MD	61.00	—	61.00	—	—	68.77	8.75
GL W J	—	—	88.00	89.00	78.00	—	2.00								
GL W XL	—	90.67	86.67	88.30	78.99	—	35.25								
GL W LG	—	—	82.25	87.05	76.72	—	22.75								
GL W MD	69.00	73.27	—	68.36	61.72	62.00	22.25								
GL W SM	—	—	47.55	48.50	46.00	49.80	3.25								
NRBS - 48	—	67.00	—	—	—	65.00	6.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	5.00								

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.

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 LIGHT LIVE HENS Values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were generally adequate for processing schedules that were less than normal due to the holiday. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	10-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Values were expected remain unchanged. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for this week with interest in additional spent fowl improving for next week as the shortened holiday weeks pass. Offerings were adequate. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12.5	10-12.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked lighter holiday schedules. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-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	97.50	96.00	75.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	75.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	71.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	97.50	79.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.28	94.98	75.32

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Trading was limited. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal due to holiday schedules. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	21-25.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)	29-36.5 MAJORITY 34-35
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CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	23-28 MAJORITY 26	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5
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*****NOTICE*****

Due to Canadian Holidays -

the release of the

Weekly U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered

Under Inspection Report

will not be available.

Please look for the information

on our

January 09, 2004

issue.

NOTICE

Inspected Egg Products - U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

Report will not be released due to Holiday observances in Canada.
We do not currently anticipate releasing the data for week ending
Dec. 20 until the week of Jan. 5, 2004.

Please look for the information on our January 09, 2004 Issue.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	12/29/03	3,377	114,342	44,646
AM	12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
CHG		-18	3787	-827
PCT CHG		-1%	3%	-2%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Dec 30, 2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	153	148	109	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	146-150	141-145	102-107	74-79
MOSTLY	148-149	143-144	104-105	76-77
RHODE ISLAND	152-156	147-151	106-110	80-84
MOSTLY	152	147	106	80
VERMONT	155-156	150-151	109-112	-
MOSTLY	156	151	112	-

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 27-Dec-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	33.0	33.2	-1	29
BOSTON	4.3	4.1	5	26
CHICAGO	69.4	64.2	8	17
DETROIT	33.0	31.4	5	-1
KANSAS CITY	5.8	5.9	-2	21
LOS ANGELES	103.5	84.7	22	17
NEW ORLEANS	10.5	10.2	3	-11
NEW YORK	31.8	36.3	-12	-14
ST. LOUIS	16.3	24.3	-33	1
SAN FRANCISCO	24.7	27.8	-11	4
TOTAL	332.3	322.1	3	10
4 WK MVG AVG	319.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 27-Dec-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.7	-2	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	519.9	-14	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	276.3	-11	-1
S. ATLANTIC	185.3	16	2
S. CENTRAL	105.5	-13	13
WEST	183.2	-2	-11
TOTAL	1,493.9	-7	-3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 12/30/2003

Report Period: 12/21/2003 - 12/27/2003

State	Number Cases Shipped to Northern California	Number Cases Shipped to Central California	Number Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	3,550	3,550
Colorado	0	0	4,681	4,681
Iowa	1,560	3,150	19,040	23,750
Minnesota	3,320	0	6,496	9,816
Nevada	0	0	100	100
Oregon	2,618	570	930	4,118
South Dakota	0	0	600	600
Texas	0	0	3,433	3,433
Utah	0	0	11,899	11,899
Wisconsin	0	0	143	143
TOTAL	7,498	3,720	50,872	62,090
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	7,498	3,720	50,872	62,090

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