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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies ranged sufficient to at times available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to instances fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to heavy. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were regular for the upcoming week.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand were moderate to at times good where retail features were a factor. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	
			Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61	LARGE 38-45	40
LARGE	55-63	57-60	MEDIUM 33-37	35
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55	SMALL 19-21	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Schedules were noted as usually normal. Spent hens were generally more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-66
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to at times fully adequate for the moderate to at times fairly good demand. Most breakers were satisfied with current inventories with those needing extra product paying the high side of the quoted range. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	54.5-63	56-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or being planned. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as regular.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-79.25	63-66
LARGE	60-75.25	61-64
MEDIUM	53.5-67	54-58

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	63-67

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to instances good where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	63-65
LARGE	60-68	61-64
MEDIUM	55-64	58-60

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 70. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99 with coupon; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 199.

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	112
EXTRA LARGE	103
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	90

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	86-101
EXTRA LARGE	84-91
LARGE	82-85
MEDIUM	77-80

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	259-309
LARGE	239-249
MEDIUM	199-219

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to at times fully adequate for the moderate to at times fairly good demand. Most breakers were satisfied with current inventories and those needing extra product were paying the high side of the quoted range. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-48	46-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	32-38	32-34
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 trading. Trade sentiment was about steady at current price levels. Demand was fair and unaggressive, however increased activity was noted in several locations. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for usually normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 8, 2004 were 3 percent higher than the previous week and 10 percent more than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-47	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-37	31-35
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 - W/E 08-May-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
PW	1,268,826	30,493	12,381	6,675	3,218	4,295
LY	1,233,065	30,375	11,304	6,319	2,302	4,397
% CHG PW	3	-2	3	12	-5	3
% CHG LY	6	-2	13	19	33	1
2004	21,420,097	508,634	205,421	114,369	47,375	74,509
2003	20,154,232	490,831	183,406	101,453	40,166	74,740
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	13	18	0

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.83	42.44	42.49
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.44	39.05	38.93

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 82.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 46 to 56 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and yolk and barely steady for whites. Liquid whole egg and yolk demand was moderate to fairly good with demand for whites light to at times fair. Offerings were adequate usually adequate with yolk in the tightest position. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged 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.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	20	42-45	44.00	-2.36
WHITES	9	61.75-72	67.86	-4.03
YOLKS	14	48-51	48.50	-1.00

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whites and sugar yolks, but lower on whole and salt yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was about steady on whites, unsettled on whole, but slightly steadier on yolks. Demand was light to moderate with offerings usually sufficient for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08 May 2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 5% more than last year.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	58-74	60-63	66-77
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		74-90
WHITES	83-91	88-90	93-98
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-67	60-64	68-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-63	59-61	65-70

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen prices were slightly lower with the exception of frozen sugared yolk which was unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and whites and and mostly steady for yolk. Demand was moderate to fairly good for whole egg and yolk and usually light to at times moderate for whites. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	60-63	61
WHITES	88-91	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64	63-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-61	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/8 was 6% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	65-68
WHITES	93-96
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were irregular on whole, but unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Activity improved with demand in a range of fair to good. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, mixed and unsettled on whole, and barely steady at best on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 08 May 2004 were 5% less than the previous week, but 33% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	2.50-3.05	MOSTLY	2.65-2.75
YOLKS	1.45-1.85	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.59-7.10	MOSTLY	6.65-6.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.70-2.20	MOSTLY	1.75-1.90

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 07, 2004-MAY 13, 2004

CURRENT LOADS	99.75	FUTURE LOADS	61.50	TOTAL LOADS	161.25
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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	42.75	—	45.60	46.15	47.50	49.33	16.00	GL W J	75.00	—	—	67.00	74.00	82.50	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	41.50	43.50	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	53.71	52.00	—	63.00	—	61.63	21.00
GNR W 3	—	41.00	—	—	38.50	—	2.00	GL W LG	51.00	60.75	—	56.35	—	58.86	22.25
GL W J	—	—	61.00	62.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	44.63	—	—	52.68	—	60.00	7.25
GL W XL	—	—	54.00	54.68	50.52	54.75	37.75	GL W SM	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	53.29	51.00	52.25	48.08	51.27	34.75	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	74.00	76.00	.50
GL W MD	50.00	46.40	46.00	47.67	42.25	—	17.00	GL BR XL	60.00	—	—	—	64.50	68.00	1.00
GL W SM	36.00	38.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL BR LG	60.00	—	—	—	64.50	68.00	2.25
NRBS - 48	—	44.20	—	44.00	49.00	45.25	44.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00
NRBS - 45	—	42.88	—	42.00	43.00	43.33	11.25	NRBS - 45	41.25	—	—	—	—	43.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	36.80	34.00	35.50	35.50	—	6.50	NRBS - 39	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	28.00	30.00	29.50	31.00	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 HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were generally more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-12 8.5-10.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were static. Values were expected to increase based on rising transportation costs.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as increased this week and rated as adequate to mostly fully adequate. Demand was good although additional offerings of spent fowl far outweighed current processing schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. 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	64.50	64.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	56.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.29	62.18	56.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with available supplies very light. Offerings of heavy canners were limited; lights were in close balance. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

26-32 MAJORITY 27-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**

27-33 MAJORITY 28.5-29

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS**(WITHOUT NECKS)**

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 14-May-04

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,328	1,354	2,682
LAST WEEK	1,299	1,385	2,684
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,586	1,364	2,950
TO-DATE/2004	23,385	22,959	46,344
TO-DATE/2003	31,023	23,933	54,956

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	163	0	163
LAST WEEK	277	0	277
SAME WEEK YR AGO	98	0	98
TO-DATE/2004	4,209	53	4,262
TO-DATE/2003	5,037	64	5,101

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,491	1,354	2,845
LAST WEEK	1,576	1,385	2,961
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,684	1,364	3,048
TO-DATE/2004	27,594	23,012	50,606
TO-DATE/2003	36,060	23,997	60,057

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 01, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	147	457	2,709	4,292
FROZEN	0	0	0	63
DRIED	0	0	154	135
TOTAL	147	457	2,863	4,490

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

Week Ending May 01, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	19	70	1,250	1,719
FROZEN	45	6	525	1,225
DRIED	0	40	1,059	440
TOTAL	64	116	2,834	3,384

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

Week Ending May 01, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	0	0	50	121
EXTRA LARGE	1,320	1,280	7,950	3,860
LARGE	3,000	2,850	19,333	18,023
MEDIUM	2,460	1,590	19,560	20,702
UNGRADED	14,820	2,220	75,359	12,456
MISC	840	0	8,784	3,402
TOTAL	22,440	7,940	131,036	58,564

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

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

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

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/10/04	3,429	183,178	43,465
AM	05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		234	-280	1706
PCT		7%	0%	4%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT May 11, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	115	110	93	67
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	109-113	104-108	87-91	61-65
MOSTLY	111-112	106-107	89-90	63-64
RHODE ISLAND	114-118	109-113	92-96	66-70
MOSTLY	114	109	92	66
VERMONT	116-123	111-118	94-97	-
MOSTLY	123	118	97	-

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-May-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.5	24.4	5	12
BOSTON	3.4	3.1	10	0
CHICAGO	62.8	**57.7**	**9**	-6
DETROIT	28.1	24.6	14	-2
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.4	26	34
LOS ANGELES	95.5	90.5	6	6
NEW ORLEANS	8.8	9.6	-8	-38
NEW YORK	31.3	31.0	1	-6
ST. LOUIS	16.7	16.3	2	5
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	20.3	3	7
TOTAL	297.3	**280.9**	**6**	0
4 WK MVG AVG	282.5			

Correction made on previous week number affecting the total and this week's comparisons

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 08-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	212.6	0	2
E.N. CENTRAL	562.3	8	13
W.N. CENTRAL	278.6	2	6
S. ATLANTIC	190.5	-6	-2
S. CENTRAL	69.7	0	10
WEST	177.0	7	-4
TOTAL	1490.7	3	6

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

85

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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)

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF APRIL 30, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,048,909	13	-32
FREE FLOWING	2,068,117	48	-38
BLEND	1,791,839	50	10
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	2,984,824	-5	-58
BLEND	77,700	-13	-36
YOLK			
PLAIN	2,207,484	10	8
BLEND	37,437	-10	-62
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,914,960	36	-37
TOTAL	13,131,270	20	-36

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

MARCH 28, 2004 - MAY 1, 2004

TOTAL 13,530,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on PRrevious reports.
