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In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were generally unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady beginning the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to at times good demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for the moderate demand.

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 mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good with retail features providing the best interest. Food service movement were moderate to instances fairly good as summer resort business starts to pick up. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Some breakers worked over-time schedules to fill improved orders. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

	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 Prices were unchanged when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand showed signs of improvement in some areas and ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for 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 normal slaughter schedules.

	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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were about adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Some breakers reported working over-time schedules to fill improved orders. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. 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 Weekly prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70.25	63-66
LARGE	60-67	61-64
MEDIUM	53.5-61	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 Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were sufficient to fully sufficient for current trade requirements.

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

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to available.

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

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 17%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in better balance. Small benchmark price 70. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 249, large dozen 199, 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free.

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

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-349	JUMBO	275-379
EXTRA LARGE	259-309	EXTRA LARGE	269-359
LARGE	239-249	LARGE	239-329
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	169-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 21, 2004 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 14, 2004 were 226,130 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	189,291	36,839	226,130

% change from the prior week..... -1 +15 +2
 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. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Some breakers reported working over-time schedules to fill improved orders. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, 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		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 17-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB.	9-9.5	9.28
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 17-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.78

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 17, 2004
 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Ne	So	So	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	12.5	4.8	12.4	10.7	49.6
	Change	0.8	-2.0	-0.3	1.9	-0.2	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	40.4	12.7	20.7	33.7	133.7
	Change	4.4	-4.8	-0.1	-4.4	1.2	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	42.4	107.3	51.6	82.8	94.5	378.6
	Change	2.0	-6.9	-14.5	-16.0	-15.6	-12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.7	43.3	16.4	26.5	32.6	135.5
	Change	4.7	10.1	2.5	0.2	1.3	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	9.2	2.4	5.8	8.1	31.4
	Change	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	22.0	12.0	12.8	4.5	56.9
	Change	-0.2	1.1	1.6	-2.9	0.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.1	60.0	24.0	29.0	22.6	147.7
	Change	1.4	1.2	-2.5	-5.1	2.8	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	118.1	294.7	123.9	190.0	206.7	933.4
	Change	13%	0%	-9%	-12%	-5%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.4	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	257.0	-8%	35
Total Shell Egg	1190.4	-5%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but 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: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 03, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.01	1.98	1.89	1.16
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 03, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.54	1.54	1.44	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2004

CURRENT LOADS								21.25			FUTURE LOADS			7.50			TOTAL LOADS			28.75		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	43.00	52.00	46.00	44.50	48.50	51.50	5.00	GL W XL	55.00	—	—	—	—	—	62.75	2.00						
GL W XL	—	—	54.25	56.00	52.00	—	4.75	GL W LG	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	64.00	2.00						
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	51.33	49.00	4.75	GL W SM	37.00	39.00	38.00	39.00	—	—	37.50	3.00						
GL W SM	37.00	38.50	35.44	36.05	—	—	3.25															
NRBS - 48	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	8.00															

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/10/04-05/14/04

CURRENT LOADS								103.00			FUTURE LOADS			56.25			TOTAL LOADS			159.25		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS							
GNR W 1	43.00	52.00	46.17	46.21	47.83	49.88	20.00	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	54.91	57.00	—	63.00	—	62.39	18.50							
GNR W 3	—	41.00	—	—	38.50	—	2.00	GL W LG	50.92	61.38	—	58.38	—	59.92	16.75							
GL W J	—	—	61.00	62.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	44.63	—	—	52.68	—	60.00	7.25							
GL W XL	—	—	54.13	54.93	51.25	54.75	35.50	GL W SM	37.00	41.00	38.00	39.00	—	37.50	4.00							
GL W LG	—	54.11	51.00	52.25	49.94	50.92	31.50	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	74.00	76.00	.50							
GL W MD	50.00	46.40	45.38	47.00	42.25	—	14.75	GL BR XL	60.00	—	—	—	64.50	68.00	1.00							
GL W SM	36.25	38.13	35.44	36.05	—	—	7.25	GL BR LG	60.00	—	—	—	64.50	68.00	1.50							
NRBS - 48	—	44.63	—	44.00	49.00	45.87	48.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00							
NRBS - 45	—	42.70	—	—	43.00	43.40	12.00	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/10/04	05/03/04	05/12/03
PACIFIC COAST	505	468	243
LOS ANGELES	450	411	195

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate to good demand. 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	81.63
LARGE	77.63
MEDIUM	71.63
SMALL	59.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 250	225 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	125 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 250	217 – 227
1/2 doz.	120 – 142	128 – 133

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