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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand continued light to good. Supplies were mixed and ranged sufficient to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good 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 EGG Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment remained mostly steady. Retail demand was light to instances fairly good. Food service movement was generally moderate to at times good. Supplies were somewhat mixed ranging adequate to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	61-70	65-67				
LARGE	61-69	63-66				
MEDIUM	41-47	44-46				
			LARGE		44-51	46
			MEDIUM		24-28	26
			SMALL		12-14	

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 generally steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate with light weight eggs and graded loose available in spot areas. Demand was light to moderate for breaking schedules that were at least normal. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to less than normal for next week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	68-72
LARGE	62-76	67-71
MEDIUM	43-56	48-50

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was generally moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Many breakers were reporting a lack of buying interest for additional breaking stock for next week as they attempt to clear inventories before the upcoming holiday. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
MEDIUM	48.5-57	50-53

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's deliveries trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, somewhat better where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-76	70-73
LARGE	67-74	68-71
MEDIUM	43.5-51	44-48

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 were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	55-59

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Food service movement was moderate to good with retail demand was moderate at best. Offerings were adequate on all sizes.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-75	69-71
LARGE	66-74	67-70
MEDIUM	48-55	49-51

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

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 61. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, deviled egg tray 2599; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 189, large dozen free with coupon, 30 pack 299.

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	118
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	101
MEDIUM	81

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	92-107
EXTRA LARGE	90-97
LARGE	88-91
MEDIUM	68-71

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	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light. Many breakers were reporting a lack of buying interest for additional breaking stock for next week as many finished product customers were attempting to enter the Fourth of July weekend with cleared inventories. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	47-48	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-39	33-35
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 Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Overall, trade sentiment was generally steady, although caution was noted. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with offerings of light weights eggs and graded loose available in spot locations. Processing schedules were at least normal. Demand was light to moderate, and unaggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 19-Jun-2004 were 3% higher than last week, and 6% more than a year ago

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43.5-48	45-47
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 19-Jun-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,258,034	29,959	11,952	6,566	2,872	3,991
PW	1,265,669	*28,639*	12,655	7,023	3,050	*4,305*
LY	1,197,007	29,222	10,934	5,917	2,306	4,149
% CHG PW	-1	5	-6	-7	-6	-7
% CHG LY	5	3	9	11	25	-4
2004	28,975,256	*684,806*	279,615	155,036	65,791*	99,565*
2003	27,195,254	665,351	247,086	135,923	54,687	99,278
% CHG YTD	7	3	13	14	20	0

*Revised

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.71	41.58	41.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.53	38.17	38.49

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 49 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, mostly steady for whites, with yolk continuing steady with a firm undertone. Offerings were adequate for all liquid products with demand seasonally moderate to fairly good. Processing schedules were reduced in many locations for next week as finished product users schedule time off for the 4th of July holiday. Breaking stock prices were 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	9	43.5-46	44.17	.17
WHITES	10	48-50	49.20	-.19
YOLKS	11	49.5-54	50.82	.20

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on salt yolk, unchanged to lower on sugar yolks, and lower on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was usually improving on yolks, mostly steady on whole, and unsettled on whites. Demand was fair, best on yolk items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 19 June 2004 were 7% more than the previous week, and 8% higher than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	53-59	55-58	62-66
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-85
WHITES	63-79	65-70	71-78
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-63	58-63	66-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	58-60	63-73

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and yolk prices were mostly unchanged and whites were lower compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg and salted yolk, weak for whites and fully steady for sugared yolk. Demand was moderate to fairly good for yolk, moderate for whole egg, and light for whites. Offerings were adequate to tight for sugar yolk and usually adequate to fully adequate for the balance. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices. Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	55-58	56
WHITES	64-70	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-64	62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61	58-59

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, 3 cents lower on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 6/19 was 5% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate. Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
TRUCKLOTS	
WHOLE	61-64
WHITES	70-73
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on whole and yolks, unchanged to slightly higher on blends, and sharply lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair with trading irregular, especially on albumen. Some albumen was reported trading at \$4.98 a pound. Overall, trade sentiment was fully steady on yolks, steady on whole, and continued weakness on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 19 June 2004 were 6% less than the previous week, but 25% more than a year ago. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 20% higher than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	2.25-2.40	MOSTLY 2.25-2.35
YOLKS	1.35-1.60	MOSTLY 1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.45-6.20	MOSTLY 5.60-5.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.55-2.00	MOSTLY 1.58-1.75

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 18, 2004-JUNE 24, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 136.75 FUTURE LOADS 47.25 TOTAL LOADS 184.00

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	50.25	52.50	50.50	52.38	48.50	50.00	GNR W 1	46.00	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	67.38	—	GL W J	72.50	73.00	—	83.33	4.50
GL W XL	—	65.00	60.05	61.12	58.51	60.74	GL W XL	61.31	64.11	—	68.50	13.75
GL W LG	56.00	—	55.50	57.56	56.26	56.09	GL W LG	59.50	65.78	—	67.60	38.25
GL W MD	37.33	37.65	36.40	37.88	39.67	38.00	GL W MD	38.22	46.76	—	50.00	9.25
GL W SM	31.33	33.00	29.83	31.67	28.25	29.50	GL W SM	28.00	29.00	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	120.00	123.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	50.00	49.14	48.70	NRBS - 45	37.00	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	46.00	NRBS - 39	34.00	34.25	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 42	33.33	35.00	—	—	33.25	37.25						
NRBS - 39	32.00	—	33.67	35.33	32.00	36.00						
NRBS - 36	—	28.00	26.00	28.00	25.40	—						

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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
5-12 9-10.5

REMOVAL COST

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT

REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good while offerings continued adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
5-11 6-8

REMOVAL COST

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate 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	70.00	69.00	49.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	46.00
MIDWEST	66.00	64.50	45.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	71.50	51.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	70.99	68.76	48.08

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 generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with supplies very light. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

(WITHOUT NECKS)

25.5-31 MAJORITY 27-28

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

(WITHOUT NECKS)

26-34 MAJORITY 29.5-30

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 19-Jun-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,551	1,441	2,992
LAST WEEK	1,456	1,341	2,797
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,564	1,596	3,160
TO-DATE/2004	31,789	30,963	62,752
TO-DATE/2003	40,215	32,641	72,856

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	150	3	153
LAST WEEK	401	0	401
SAME WEEK YR AGO	287	14	301
TO-DATE/2004	5,829	72	5,901
TO-DATE/2003	6,291	96	6,387

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,701	1,444	3,145
LAST WEEK	1,857	1,341	3,198
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,851	1,610	3,461
TO-DATE/2004	37,618	31,035	68,653
TO-DATE/2003	46,506	32,737	79,243

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

Week Ending June 12, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	357	608	4,405	6,854
FROZEN	0	0	11	63
DRIED	27	0	305	231
TOTAL	384	608	4,721	7,148

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

Week Ending June 12, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	200	151	2,495	2,469
FROZEN	11	2	650	1,445
DRIED	0	0	1,259	640
TOTAL	211	153	4,404	4,554

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

Week Ending June 12, 2004			Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	17	15	197	226
EXTRA LARGE	200	1,145	12,817	8,835
LARGE	4,766	3,440	44,277	39,219
MEDIUM	1,160	1,500	29,300	26,722
UNGRADED	8,820	2,160	137,734	27,366
MISC	750	0	12,794	3,432
TOTAL	15,713	8,260	237,119	105,800

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

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

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

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-June-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.1	25.7	-10	25
BOSTON	3.4	3.3	3	-13
CHICAGO	53.1	59.2	-10	-6
DETROIT	26.3	30.3	-13	4
KANSAS CITY	2.4	8.3	-71	-38
LOS ANGELES	97.4	95.1	2	11
NEW ORLEANS	8.2	7.5	9	-20
NEW YORK	28.6	27.0	6	-7
ST. LOUIS	15.5	15.9	-3	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	20.6	5	0
TOTAL	279.6	292.9	-5	1
4 WK MVG AVG	285.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 19-June-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW		LY
N. ATLANTIC	227.6	3	6	
E.N. CENTRAL	528.9	-3	-4	
W.N. CENTRAL	270.0	-6	-9	
S. ATLANTIC	206.7	-2	5	
S. CENTRAL	67.2	-3	-6	
WEST	189.0	-1	-4	
TOTAL	1489.4	-2	-3	
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85	

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)

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06/21/04	3,354	186,918	56,005
AM 06/01/04	3,471	196,039	50,785
CHG	-117	-9121	5220
PCT CHG	-3%	-5%	10%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	30-Apr 2003	30-Apr 2004	31-May 2003	31-May 2004
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,433	2,837	2,664	2,728
Yolks	1,078	966	815	1,146
Whole & Mixed	8,883	13,193	10,548	12,423
Unclassified	3,349	3,910	3,672	4,175
Total Frozen Eggs	15,743	20,906	17,699	20,472

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

June 22, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	120	115	83	57
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	113-117	108-112	76-80	50-54
MOSTLY	115-116	110-111	78-79	52-53
RHODE ISLAND	119-123	114-118	82-86	56-60
MOSTLY	119	114	82	56
VERMONT	120-123	115-118	85-86	-
MOSTLY	123	118	86	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS**May Egg Production Up 2 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.50 billion during May 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, and 1.11 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 59.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2003. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 1 holiday compared to May 2003 which contained 22 weekdays, 5 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2004, totaled 343 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.41 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2004, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.00 billion eggs during May 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during May, at 319 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

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