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Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment ranged cautiously steady to weak following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to occasionally ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were irregular. Light type fowl 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 Midwest warehouse delivered prices were lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	69-61	LARGE	38-45	40
LARGE	55-63	57-60	MEDIUM	20-24	22
MEDIUM	37-43	40-42	SMALL	11-13	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully sufficient for present trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for a normal reduced holiday work week to heavy breaking schedules. Spent hens were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-67
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	43.5-52	45-48

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand continued light to moderate following the holiday. Supplies were fully adequate to at times ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light and unaggressive demand. Breaking schedules were heavy to reduced. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-74	61-64
LARGE	58-72	59-62
MEDIUM	39.5-48	40-44

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 entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was fair. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	51-55

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were 4 to 6 cents lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Offerings were fully adequate on all sizes.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	63-65
LARGE	60-68	61-64
MEDIUM	44-51	45-47

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 6 cents lower on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last week with California up 2% and Oregon- Washington-Utah down 10%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 6 cents lower on jumbo, 5 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved due to restocking and increased planned features. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 57. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

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	104
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	77

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	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 09, 2004 will increase by 19 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 02, 2004 were 203,666 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	167,154	36,512	203,666
% change from the prior week.....	+2	-9	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to moderate as breakers assess needs for the remainder of the week balanced against incoming of shipments of breaking stock. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	40-42	40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-33	27-29

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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the at least adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.5	9.5-10.5	10.08
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were sufficient to cover a moderate call for dressed product. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-JULY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13	9.75-10.5	10.37

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 06, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.3	27.4	6.8	10.7	10.5	69.7
	Change	0.8	4.7	0.2	-3.3	-0.4	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	55.3	9.5	22.7	35.9	146.9
	Change	-3.8	3.1	-4.6	1.6	1.8	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	44.0	139.1	58.8	102.9	97.9	442.7
	Change	-8.6	14.3	-10.0	-9.2	2.8	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.4	42.2	12.2	31.8	32.1	138.7
	Change	-0.1	0.5	-0.3	2.8	-7.5	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	9.8	7.5	1.8	5.5	7.5	32.1
	Change	2.0	0.2	-0.5	0.8	-1.8	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	29.7	9.2	16.0	5.6	66.8
	Change	-0.3	2.9	-0.1	2.6	-0.1	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.2	51.5	21.6	42.6	28.0	153.9
	Change	-7.7	12.9	-3.0	4.8	2.2	6%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	128.5	352.7	119.9	232.2	217.5	1,050.8
	Change	-12%	12%	-13%	0%	-1%	0%

TOTAL **Number of Cases** **Percent Change** **Number of Cooperators**

Shell Egg	1,050.8	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	241.0	6%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,291.8	1%	205
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1/ Information 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

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 21, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 05, 2004

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	45.50	47.50	2.50	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	35.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	39.50	—	—	—	40.00	5.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/29/04-07/05/04

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	44.50	45.33	48.17	48.57	—	46.83	21.00	GNR BR 1	51.00	—	—	63.00	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	74.00	—	73.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	52.63	54.33	55.85	48.70	52.00	46.00	GL W XL	47.00	54.50	—	60.00	—	57.19	9.50
GL W LG	—	55.50	55.25	56.50	41.65	—	14.50	GL W LG	—	58.00	—	48.75	—	53.30	10.50
GL W MD	38.29	34.00	33.73	35.67	58.00	—	11.75	GL W MD	39.17	—	—	—	—	42.88	8.25
GL W SM	32.50	34.00	29.75	32.50	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 48	35.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	40.50	41.00	—	—	41.86	42.45	20.00								
NRBS - 45	35.00	38.00	34.00	—	34.00	37.17	5.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	30.50	31.50	27.75	30.00	2.50								
NRBS - 36	—	27.00	21.50	23.00	24.00	—	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	06/28/04	06/21/04	06/30/03
PACIFIC COAST	372	397	95
LOS ANGELES	323	347	63

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market lower on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate 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	80.63
LARGE	75.63
MEDIUM	57.63
SMALL	49.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	125 - 142	128 - 133

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