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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 In California, prices were 1 cent higher on jumbo and extra large and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady with the heavy weighted eggs in the strongest position. Demand remained light to good, best where features were active or being planned. Supplies ranged closely balanced to available with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the mostly light to at times moderate demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair to 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with large in the best position. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to usually good. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close with the larger sizes being held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly light. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	55-57	LARGE	34-41 36
LARGE	51-59	53-56	MEDIUM	16-20 18
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38	SMALL	10-12

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where retail features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the mostly light demand. Spent hens were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-73	59-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,eastern NJ,eastern PA, RI, northern VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for features. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close with the larger sizes in the tightest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly light. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to mostly light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64.25	57-60
LARGE	54-61	55-58
MEDIUM	35.5-43	36-40

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

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged for the week. The market tone was steady fully large best for larger sizes. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings were adequate, instances tight.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	59-61
LARGE	56-64	57-60
MEDIUM	40-47	41-43

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	47-51

WESTERN Prices unchanged to 1 cent higher on jumbo and extra large, unchanged on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo and extra large, unchanged on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 53.

Ads noted in Northern California: major- large dozen 99-199, buy 1 get 1 free.

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	73

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	269-347		JUMBO	279-399
EXTRA LARGE	219-309		EXTRA LARGE	269-339
LARGE	199-239		LARGE	239-309
MEDIUM	199-205		MEDIUM	199-269

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 23, 2004 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 16, 2004 were 209,582 cases which was 14 percent below the prior week and 12 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	173,523	36,059	209,582
% change from the prior week.....	-16	+3	-14

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 with demand mostly light. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. 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	39-41	41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-32	26-28

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

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.25 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.26

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUL-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.15
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JULY 19, 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	13.1	20.3	6.3	8.8	9.3	57.8
	Change	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-1.0	-0.2	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.2	37.8	14.3	17.5	29.8	120.6
	Change	1.6	-2.8	0.7	-3.7	0.2	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	45.1	96.2	55.3	84.6	83.6	364.8
	Change	0.4	-16.3	-7.9	-6.4	-3.3	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.9	40.5	15.2	37.2	33.8	147.6
	Change	1.2	-4.0	-0.1	2.2	3.3	2%
Small	Curr Wk	10.1	7.8	1.5	8.6	7.9	35.9
	Change	-1.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.8	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	29.7	8.2	17.4	5.9	66.8
	Change	1.1	-5.7	0.1	-7.0	0.6	-14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.8	51.6	22.3	28.1	24.3	141.1
	Change	3.0	-8.8	-0.9	0.7	-2.0	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	130.8	283.9	123.1	202.2	194.6	934.6
	Percent Change	4%	-12%	-6%	-6%	0%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	934.6	-5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	273.7	3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1208.3	-4%	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 AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 05, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 05, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 16, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 19.00							FUTURE LOADS 14.50				TOTAL LOADS 33.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	GL W LG	--	59.50	--	63.50	--	57.50	14.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	30.00	32.50	GL W MD	--	--	--	38.50	35.50	38.50	4.50
GL W XL	--	--	--	54.50	49.00	--								
GL W LG	--	--	47.00	48.50	51.00	--								
GL W MD	--	--	29.50	31.00	--	--								
NRBS - 48	38.00	39.00	--	--	--	--								
NRBS - 42	26.00	27.00	--	--	--	--								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 12, 2004-JULY 16, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 92.25							FUTURE LOADS 88.75				TOTAL LOADS 181.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	37.00	40.36	38.00	40.20	--	--	GNR W 1	--	40.00	--	--	--	--	.50
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	30.00	31.13	GL W XL	--	--	--	57.00	--	57.00	1.25
GNR BR 1	--	51.00	--	--	--	--	GL W LG	49.00	55.71	--	59.58	58.00	54.26	52.00
GL W J	--	--	63.00	64.00	56.50	58.00	GL W MD	30.00	--	--	40.17	35.50	37.81	11.75
GL W XL	--	49.36	50.00	51.07	49.00	48.00	NRBS - 36	--	30.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W LG	--	49.36	44.95	46.33	46.10	47.60								
GL W MD	32.00	31.10	29.50	31.00	30.13	31.00								
GL W SM	--	--	27.33	29.25	--	--								
NRBS - 48	38.00	39.40	--	--	41.63	40.61								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	32.00	35.00								
NRBS - 42	26.00	27.00	29.00	30.00	29.25	32.50								
NRBS - 39	--	28.25	25.50	--	26.00	28.50								
NRBS - 36	--	23.00	21.00	--	18.50	21.00								

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	07/12/03	07/05/04	07/14/03
PACIFIC COAST	264	294	71
LOS ANGELES	215	245	48

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION Report Date: 7/14/2004

Report Period: 6/27/2004 - 7/03/2004 # Cases Shipped to:

State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	355	355
Arkansas	0	0	672	672
Colorado	720	0	3,240	3,960
Iowa	4,504	8,160	34,643	47,307
Maine	0	0	1,720	1,720
Michigan	0	840	5,871	6,711
Minnesota	2,625	0	7,410	10,035
Missouri	0	0	4,930	4,930
New Hampshire	0	0	1,887	1,887
Ohio	0	780	2,271	3,051
Oregon	2,652	7	0	2,659
South Dakota	780	504	840	2,124
Texas	0	0	950	950
Utah	756	740	8,567	10,063
Washington	0	300	0	300
Wisconsin	0	0	830	830
TOTAL	12,037	11,331	74,186	97,554
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NONMILITARY	12,037	11,331	74,186	97,554

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

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is unchanged entering the week. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good. 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	76.63
LARGE	71.63
MEDIUM	53.63
SMALL	48.00

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