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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to instances good, best into feature activity planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the only fair demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to heavy.



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 higher for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to at times fairly good in areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were in good balance to at times fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Regular commitments and existing inventories were enough to satisfy most breaker's current needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-72	67-69	LARGE	46-53	48
LARGE	63-71	65-68	MEDIUM	21-25	23
MEDIUM	38-44	41-43	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 slightly higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to at times fairly good, best where limited features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was moderate to good. Spent hen supplies were fully adequate for the fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-82	68-74
LARGE	60-74	65-69
MEDIUM	37-50	42-44

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good with feature activity providing the best customer interest. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in good balance to at times fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for the moderate demand. Regular commitments and existing inventories were enough to satisfy most breaker's current needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76.5-85	78-81
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady entering the week. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for generally normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.25-76	70-73
LARGE	58.25-74	68-71
MEDIUM	37.25-45	38-42

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 entering the week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to occasionally good, best where limited feature activities were in progress. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	74-78
LARGE	72-76
MEDIUM	49-53

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices for larger sizes advanced 4 cents, mediums increased 5 cents. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate, best where features are planned on in progress. Offerings are balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	71-73
LARGE	68-76	69-72
MEDIUM	45-52	46-48

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 5 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 13% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 32%. Retailer demand moderate overall, best to planned features. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, improved where features planned. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 58. 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	122
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	78

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

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 06, 2004 will decrease by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 30, 2004 were 252,757 cases which was 11 percent above the prior week and 5 percent above estimates. **CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**

Cases purchased			
present week.....	216,139	36,618	252,757

% change from the prior week.....	+16	-10	+11
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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 usually adequate for the moderate demand. Regular commitments and existing inventories were enough to satisfy most breaker's current needs. 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	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

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate at best for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.75	10.52
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 Trading levels were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were moderate. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 02-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5	9.5-10.5	10.34

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 02, 2004

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.0	18.5	7.6	9.9	7.7	55.7
	Change	1.1	0.4	1.0	0.6	-1.8	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.7	44.1	12.3	23.2	33.8	134.1
	Change	-0.2	1.2	1.9	2.3	-1.5	3%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	103.6	60.1	97.8	112.3	418.7
	Change	0.4	10.4	7.7	17.9	19.8	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.6	42.0	15.3	31.2	37.6	145.7
	Change	-3.8	-1.7	1.9	-3.4	6.0	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	10.2	4.9	1.6	8.8	9.7	35.2
	Change	2.2	-1.8	-0.6	-0.6	1.2	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	22.0	9.1	15.0	5.3	56.8
	Change	1.2	-6.0	-0.9	-1.5	-0.2	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.6	47.5	22.2	29.2	29.2	147.7
	Change	2.1	-3.0	3.0	3.8	2.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	132.4	282.6	128.2	215.1	235.6	993.9
Percent	Change	2%	0%	12%	10%	13%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	993.9	7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	284.0	7%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,277.9	7%	206
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2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NORTHEAST	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
129.4	283.1	114.2	196.1	209.3	932.1

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 171 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.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 19, 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 30, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							15.75		FUTURE LOADS				2.00		TOTAL LOADS				17.75	
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	47.00	—	—	49.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	72.00	74.00	—	—	—	—	.50					
GNR W 4	—	29.00	27.00	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	68.25	5.00					
GL W J	—	—	—	72.00	68.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W XL	—	—	—	60.00	57.04	—	6.00													
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00													
GL W MD	—	—	31.00	33.75	—	34.00	3.00													
GL W SM	—	—	26.50	29.00	—	—	2.00													
NRBS - 45	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	—	1.00													
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.00	22.00	—	—	.25													

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/26/04-07/30/04

CURRENT LOADS							70.25		FUTURE LOADS				77.00		TOTAL LOADS				147.25	
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	46.25	52.96	47.75	48.00	—	—	24.00	GNR W 1	—	56.38	—	—	—	—	8.00					
GNR W 2	—	38.00	—	—	36.00	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	37.00	.50					
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.50	35.50	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00					
GNR W 4	—	29.00	27.00	—	26.00	—	1.50	GL W J	72.00	83.33	—	88.00	—	72.00	3.00					
GNR BR 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	73.00	—	71.00	—	68.21	9.50					
GL W J	—	—	74.00	73.50	70.22	79.50	5.50	GL W LG	63.00	66.45	—	70.00	—	68.08	48.00					
GL W XL	—	64.25	57.20	60.29	58.17	57.73	42.25	GL W MD	31.50	36.67	—	—	—	40.00	6.75					
GL W LG	—	62.11	54.00	55.00	60.00	61.50	56.75	GL W SM	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W MD	34.00	35.00	30.56	31.88	31.75	34.00	17.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00					
GL W SM	29.00	31.00	27.25	29.25	—	—	7.00													
NRBS - 50	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00													
NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	—	40.90	32.00													
NRBS - 45	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	—	1.50													
NRBS - 39	25.00	26.25	—	—	23.00	—	4.00													
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.00	22.00	—	—	.25													

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	07/28/04	07/19/04	07/21/03
PACIFIC COAST	157	193	71
LOS ANGELES	110	145	54

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 steady on smaller sizes, higher on the balance. 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	88.63
LARGE	84.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	48.00

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