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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices declined 1 cent on all sizes. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all weights. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully sufficient for regular to heavy processing schedules.

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 sharply lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to at times moderate. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 54-63 | 58-60  |
| LARGE       | 54-62 | 56-59  |
| MEDIUM      | 34-40 | 37-39  |

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for usually normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 64-78 | 64-67  |
| LARGE       | 58-72 | 63-67  |
| MEDIUM      | 34-47 | 39-41  |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 65.5-74 | 67-70  |
| LARGE       | 62.5-71 | 64-67  |
| MEDIUM      | 37.5-46 | 39-42  |

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 was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy slaughter schedules.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 62.5-73 | 64-67  |
| LARGE       | 61-70   | 62-65  |
| MEDIUM      | 36.5-46 | 37-41  |

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 began the week 1 cent lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak. Demand was reported as mostly light. Supplies ranged adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

|             | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 71-75 |
| LARGE       | 69-73 |
| MEDIUM      | 45-49 |

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for larger sizes declined 9 cents, mediums dropped 4 cents. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 60-68 | 62-64  |
| LARGE       | 59-67 | 60-63  |
| MEDIUM      | 41-48 | 42-44  |

[see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons](#)

**WESTERN** Prices 10-11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 4-5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features wound down. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand good to features but light to moderate overall. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 53. 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       | 111   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 103   |
| LARGE       | 93    |
| 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               | 249-347 | JUMBO               |               |
| EXTRA LARGE         | 219-309 | EXTRA LARGE         | Not Available |
| LARGE               | 199-239 | LARGE               | Available     |
| MEDIUM              | 199-205 | MEDIUM              |               |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 13, 2004 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 06, 2004 were 189,709 cases which was 25 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 156,364  | 33,345 | 189,709 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -28      | -9     | -25     |

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. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

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  | 34-36 |        |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES                                  | 22-28 | 22-24  |
| 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** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were mixed. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-04

|                       | RANGE            | MAJORITY   | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 6-13.5 CENTS/LB. | 9.25-10.75 | 10.63   |

\*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 at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. 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 09-AUG-04

|                          | RANGE             | MAJORITY  | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | 6.25-15 CENTS/LB. | 9.5-10.75 | 10.61   |
| 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-AUGUST 09, 2004**

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

|          |         | Northeast | Cent  | No Cent | So Atl | Pacific | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 12.7      | 21.6  | 6.5     | 10.0   | 10.8    | 61.6   |
|          | Change  | 0.7       | 3.1   | -1.1    | 0.1    | 3.1     | 11%    |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 20.0      | 59.9  | 11.6    | 21.9   | 37.0    | 150.4  |
|          | Change  | -0.7      | 15.8  | -0.7    | -1.4   | 3.2     | 12%    |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 44.9      | 131.6 | 68.2    | 97.5   | 97.7    | 439.9  |
|          | Change  | 0.0       | 28.0  | 8.0     | -0.3   | -14.6   | 5%     |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 20.8      | 43.9  | 17.6    | 30.6   | 36.4    | 149.3  |
|          | Change  | 1.2       | 1.9   | 2.3     | -0.6   | -1.2    | 2%     |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 7.9       | 5.1   | 2.9     | 9.0    | 8.2     | 33.1   |
|          | Change  | -2.3      | 0.2   | 1.2     | 0.2    | -1.5    | -6%    |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 5.4       | 26.1  | 7.6     | 15.3   | 6.1     | 60.5   |
|          | Change  | 0.0       | 4.0   | -1.5    | 0.3    | 0.8     | 6%     |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 21.4      | 53.6  | 20.6    | 36.0   | 30.1    | 161.7  |
|          | Change  | 1.8       | 6.1   | -1.6    | 6.8    | 0.9     | 9%     |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 133.1     | 341.8 | 135.0   | 220.3  | 226.3   | 1056.5 |
| Percent  | Change  | 1%        | 21%   | 5%      | 2%     | -4%     | 6%     |

| TOTAL                    | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg                | 1056.5          | 6%             | 171                   |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 280.0           | -1%            | 35                    |
| Total Shell Egg          | 1336.5          | 5%             | 206                   |

1/Information is 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.

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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 26, 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 26, 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 AUGUST 6, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS 26.00 |       |       |       | FUTURE LOADS 5.75 |       |       |       | TOTAL LOADS 31.75 |       |     |       |     |     |            |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------------|
| 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             | 43.00 | --    | 43.00 | 44.50             | --    | --    | 2.00  | GL W J            | --    | --  | --    | --  | --  | 70.00 .25  |
| GL W J              | --    | --    | --    | --                | 60.50 | --    | .25   | GL W XL           | --    | --  | --    | --  | --  | 51.21 6.00 |
| GL W XL             | --    | 49.00 | 55.00 | 56.33             | 40.95 | --    | 12.25 | GL W LG           | --    | --  | --    | --  | --  | 48.43 5.75 |
| GL W LG             | --    | --    | --    | --                | 38.63 | --    | 7.75  | GL W MD           | 26.00 | --  | 29.00 | --  | --  | 33.00 2.50 |
| GL W MD             | --    | --    | --    | --                | 22.75 | --    | 1.00  |                   |       |     |       |     |     |            |
| GL W SM             | 27.00 | 29.00 | 26.00 | 28.00             | --    | --    | 3.00  |                   |       |     |       |     |     |            |
| NRBS - 48           | --    | --    | --    | --                | 25.38 | 28.25 | 2.00  |                   |       |     |       |     |     |            |
| NRBS - 45           | --    | --    | 32.50 | 33.50             | 25.50 | 28.25 | 1.50  |                   |       |     |       |     |     |            |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 2, 2004 -AUG 6, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS 112.25 |       |       |       | FUTURE LOADS 47.50 |       |       |       | TOTAL LOADS 159.75 |       |       |       |       |       |             |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|
| 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              | 44.00 | 50.00 | 45.00 | 46.00              | --    | --    | 9.00  | GNR W 1            | --    | 45.50 | --    | --    | --    | 5.00        |
| GNR BR 1             | --    | 52.00 | --    | --                 | --    | --    | 2.00  | GNR BR 1           | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | 2.00        |
| GL W J               | --    | --    | --    | 68.00              | 61.17 | --    | 5.25  | GL W J             | --    | 71.00 | --    | 71.00 | --    | 78.22 4.25  |
| GL W XL              | --    | 51.20 | 56.40 | 58.52              | 45.67 | 52.00 | 45.25 | GL W XL            | --    | 50.00 | --    | --    | 61.00 | 56.43 22.25 |
| GL W LG              | --    | 60.67 | 53.50 | 55.00              | 45.44 | --    | 39.75 | GL W LG            | 52.50 | 64.00 | --    | 69.00 | 64.00 | 51.83 36.25 |
| GL W MD              | 33.00 | 33.00 | 30.37 | 31.74              | 23.58 | 30.00 | 14.50 | GL W MD            | 28.83 | 31.00 | 29.00 | --    | --    | 34.88 7.50  |
| GL W SM              | 27.17 | 29.00 | 26.00 | 28.29              | --    | --    | 10.00 | GL BR J            | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | .25         |
| GL BR J              | --    | --    | --    | --                 | --    | --    | .25   | NRBS - 42          | 31.00 | 31.50 | --    | --    | --    | 2.00        |
| NRBS - 48            | --    | --    | --    | --                 | 33.35 | 36.75 | 53.00 |                    |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| NRBS - 45            | --    | --    | 32.50 | 33.50              | 25.50 | 28.25 | 1.50  |                    |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| NRBS - 42            | --    | --    | --    | --                 | 29.00 | --    | 1.00  |                    |       |       |       |       |       |             |
| NRBS - 39            | --    | 24.00 | 26.33 | 28.00              | 21.40 | --    | 8.00  |                    |       |       |       |       |       |             |

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       | 08/02/04 | 07/26/04 | 08/04/03 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 163      | 157      | 58       |
| LOS ANGELES   | 116      | 110      | 39       |

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION** Report Date: 8/09/2004

Report Period: 7/11/2004 - 7/17/2004

| State         | # Cases Shipped to: |                    |                     |                |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|               | Northern California | Central California | Southern California | Total State    |
| Arizona       | 0                   | 0                  | 2,106               | 2,106          |
| Arkansas      | 0                   | 0                  | 1,560               | 1,560          |
| Colorado      | 0                   | 0                  | 5,388               | 5,388          |
| Florida       | 0                   | 0                  | 167                 | 167            |
| Iowa          | 6,820               | 7,790              | 46,328              | 60,938         |
| Michigan      | 0                   | 0                  | 3,298               | 3,298          |
| Minnesota     | 5,790               | 780                | 4,110               | 10,680         |
| Missouri      | 0                   | 0                  | 3,696               | 3,696          |
| Nevada        | 0                   | 0                  | 809                 | 809            |
| New Hampshire | 0                   | 0                  | 812                 | 812            |
| New Jersey    | 0                   | 0                  | 730                 | 730            |
| Ohio          | 0                   | 0                  | 2,588               | 2,588          |
| Oregon        | 2,733               | 60                 | 0                   | 2,793          |
| South Dakota  | 780                 | 0                  | 1,008               | 1,788          |
| Texas         | 0                   | 0                  | 1,300               | 1,300          |
| Utah          | 780                 | 0                  | 13,264              | 14,044         |
| Washington    | 8                   | 12                 | 0                   | 20             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>16,911</b>       | <b>8,642</b>       | <b>87,164</b>       | <b>112,717</b> |
| MILITARY      | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0              |
| NONMILITARY   | 16,911              | 8,642              | 87,164              | 112,717        |

**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    | 227 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 125 - 142    | 128 - 133 |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on all sizes. 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 | 80.73  |
| LARGE       | 78.18  |
| MEDIUM      | 54.18  |
| SMALL       | 47.38  |

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