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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for present trade needs. A somewhat weakened, but still dangerous Hurricane Frances closes many businesses in the Southeast region and disrupts transportation schedules in other areas. Breaking stock offerings were at least sufficient to instances fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal for the upcoming week.

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. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good where featured. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close for the lighter weight eggs.

EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47
LARGE	41-49	43-46
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	24-31	26
MEDIUM	10-14	12
SMALL	3-5	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal. Supplies of spent hens were adequate to fully adequate and demand was reported as moderate. Processing schedules were mostly normal into next week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	51-55
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to close for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet as most breakers have prepared for a shortened week next week as they worked from regular commitments. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate. Supplies were balanced to ample, mostly fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
MEDIUM	30.5-39	32-35

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the long holiday weekend. Buyers and sellers were closely monitoring adverse weather conditions in the Southern region. Transportation problems were noted in affected areas. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-56	50-53
LARGE	47-54	48-51
MEDIUM	29.5-37	30-34

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. The market tone was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate for full trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	39-43

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-55	49-51
LARGE	46-54	47-50
MEDIUM	34-41	35-37

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

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 46. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- medium 60 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	98
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	66

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	71-87
EXTRA LARGE	69-76
LARGE	67-70
MEDIUM	53-56

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet as most breakers have prepared for a shortened week next week as they worked from regular commitments. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate. Supplies were balanced to ample, mostly fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously 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	30-34	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-24	18-20
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady. However, traders were trying to evaluate some possible conditions or affects of the approaching storm and were closely watching further market developments. Supplies were usually at least sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Demand was light to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 28 Aug. 2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 4% more than last year.

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	29-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	18-22
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 28-AUG-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,308,226	30,939	12,861	6,387	2,798	4,381
LY	1,255,064	29,960	11,692	6,262	2,583	4,454
% CHG PW	1	2	-1	1	-4	3
% CHG LY	5	5	9	3	4	1
2004	41,773,613	991,477	401,140	217,743	94,276	143,090
2003	39,311,616	957,211	358,897	196,519	79,699	142,129
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	11	18	1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.72	41.71	41.73
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.32	38.36	38.18

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 45 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady on whole egg due to next week's shortened holiday schedules with whites weak and yolk generally steady. Offerings were balanced to adequate for whole egg and yolk and adequate to readily available for whites. Demand continued fairly good to good for all liquid products until the end of the work week when interest waned on all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower 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	30.5-33	31.00	.37
WHITES	21	34.5-39	36.40	-1.63
YOLKS	9	45-49.5	47.00	.37

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole, and unchanged on the balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady on yolk items, about steady to steady on whole, and unsettled on whites. Supplies were balanced to available for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive for the pre holiday weekend. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-August-2004 were 1% higher than the previous week and a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	41-48	42-44	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-75
WHITES	48-54	50-54	54-60
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58	56-58	62-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	54-56	59-64

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites 1 to 3 cents lower and salted yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and frozen yolk products and weak for whites. Offerings were easily adequate in most locations with demand seasonally fair to fairly good for all frozen products with sugared yolk movement reported as improving. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	42-45	42-44
WHITES	49-51	50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	54-56

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whites, unchanged on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/28 was 3 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
TRUCKLOTS	
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	54-57
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, lower on blends and whole, and sharply lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was usually light as most buyers were taking product on an as needed basis. Supplies were adequate but moving on yolks, and sufficient to available on balance. Trade sentiment was steady on yolks, barely steady on whole, and barely steady to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 28 Aug. 2004 were 4% less than previous week, but 4% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.63-2.05	MOSTLY	1.70-1.85
YOLKS	1.34-1.60	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.50-4.35	MOSTLY	3.70-3.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.47-1.80	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 27, 2004-SEPTEMBER 02, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 57.00	FUTURE LOADS 46.25	TOTAL LOADS 163.25
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		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.33	33.90	30.00	32.11	—	31.00	20.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.13	31.00	4.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	45.29	—	49.71	—	48.88	10.25
GL W J	—	—	52.75	54.33	51.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	42.53	—	49.67	—	46.00	7.25
GL W XL	—	44.97	41.06	43.10	38.88	40.75	46.25	GL W MD	27.75	25.43	—	—	31.30	32.94	11.00
GL W LG	—	42.50	38.25	39.75	—	40.50	14.00	GL BR XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	25.47	26.40	22.38	24.00	—	24.00	12.50								
GL W SM	26.13	27.88	23.00	25.00	17.75	20.50	7.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	31.00	35.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	29.00	30.50	—	33.00	32.54	31.75	29.00								
NRBS - 42	—	23.00	—	—	20.00	26.00	5.00								
NRBS - 36	—	15.00	—	—	12.00	—	1.00								

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. 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was moderate with offerings of spent hens adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 5-12 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required to dispose of spent light fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate availability from primary suppliers. Schedules were assigned based on a measured call for processed volume. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fairly good with offerings balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-10 5-7

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	53.00	51.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	32.00
MIDWEST	46.00	44.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	50.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	50.79	48.92	32.42

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances good for heavies with supplies mostly being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-33 MAJORITY 27-28	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
27-34 MAJORITY 30-30.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 28-Aug-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,296	1,571	2,867
Last Week	1,657	1,298	2,955
Same week yr ago	1,229	1,556	2,785
To-date/2004	46,227	45,123	91,350
To-date/2003	51,994	47,527	99,521

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	329	0	329
Last Week	123	0	123
Same week yr ago	78	0	78
To-date/2004	8,137	91	8,228
To-date/2003	8,356	118	8,474

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,625	1,571	3,196
Last Week	1,780	1,298	3,078
Same week yr ago	1,307	1,556	2,863
To-date/2004	54,364	45,214	99,578
To-date/2003	60,350	47,645	107,995

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

Week Ending August 21, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	504	255	9,558	10,465
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	5	28	439	362
Total	509	283	10,008	10,923

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

Week Ending August 21, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	234	94	4,904	3,620
Frozen	51	53	1,135	1,947
Dried	0	0	1,764	863
Total	285	147	7,803	6,430

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

Week Ending August 21, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	30	17	319	290
Extra Large	1,230	1,840	64,470	16,907
Large	3,550	4,070	145,126	69,336
Medium	900	1,140	66,742	38,607
Ungraded	3,096	8,630	186,204	79,116
Misc	0	800	15,504	5,862
Total	8,806	16,497	478,365	210,118

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

2/ Includes revisions to previous week (s).

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

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

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		Processed other		
	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS	
AM 08/30/04	3,315	180,545	56,520	
AM 08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909	
CHG	-19	-16997	1611	
PCT CHG	-1%	-9%	3%	

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	101	98	60	46
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	94-98	91-95	54-58	40-44
	96-97	93-94	56-57	42-43
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	100-104	97-101	59-63	45-49
	100	97	59	45
VERMONT MOSTLY	104-105	100-102	63-65	-
	104	102	63	-

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 28-Aug-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	25.2	23.9	5	7
Boston	3.3	3.6	-8	0
Chicago	64.5	59.0	9	-3
Detroit	28.7	29.2	-2	-2
Kansas City	4.5	2.7	67	2
Los Angeles	96.8	90.3	7	10
New Orleans	6.4	7.1	-10	-42
New York	28.6	27.7	3	-2
St. Louis	17.7	16.9	5	2
San Francisco	19.1	19.3	-1	-17
Total	294.8	279.7	5	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 28-Aug-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.1	3	4
East North Central	602.9	7	7
West North Central	296.7	5	3
South Atlantic	219.9	3	4
South Central	70.4	21	4
West	193.6	3	5
Total	1610.6	5	5
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,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)

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