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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to usually moderate, instances fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Light type fowl were adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as mostly normal.

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 mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to usually moderate, best for feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71	LARGE	47-55	50	
LARGE	63-73	64-67	MEDIUM	16-21	19	
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	4-6		

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited, but still sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as generally normal. Spent hens were generally sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as usually normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to usually moderate, best for feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floors stocks balanced to ample, mostly balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as generally normal. Offerings of spent hens were generally adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-79	73-76
LARGE	64-77	71-74
MEDIUM	37.50-45	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 EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the weekend. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	80-84
LARGE	78-82
MEDIUM	47-51

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, better where featured. Supplies are adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-79	73-75
LARGE	70-75	71-74
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

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

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 149; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 18 pack 119, large dozen 99, medium 20 pack 99.

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	116
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	107
MEDIUM	75

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	98-105
EXTRA LARGE	96-102
LARGE	94-97
MEDIUM	62-65

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with most breakers regular shell egg needs for next week satisfied. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to ample, mostly balanced to 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	26-29	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA: 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. However, the undertone was usually steady but some improved interest. Demand was light to moderate and usually confined to regular suppliers. Offerings were limited, but still sufficient for trade needs. Breaking schedules were reported as generally normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Nov-2004 were 13% less than the previous week, but 6% higher than a year ago.

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	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16

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 27-NOV-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,108,920	27,686	10,374	5,441	1,811	3,885
PW	1,255,972	31,336	11,467	6,173	1,988	4,435
LY	1,026,258	26,536	8,070	4,508	1,168	3,566
% CHG PW	-12	-12	-10	-12	-9	-12
% CHG LY	8	4	29	21	55	9
2004	58,265,034	1,385,802	560,287	302,572	125,509	200,370
2003	54,917,416	1,350,373	494,360	269,005	107,184	196,249
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2
			CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.73	42.53	41.59	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			39.23	38.99	38.11	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 44 to 46 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady for whole egg, fully steady for yolk, and barely steady to weak for whites. Offerings of whole egg were adequate and continued to clear quickly while offerings of whites were fully adequate to ample. Yolk offerings were tight to inadequate with a number of off-line breaking facilities attempting to slow current breaking schedules while liquid whites move sluggishly. Demand was fairly good to good for all products with yolk in the strongest position.

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	22	26.5-30	27.61	-.52
WHITES	24	24.5-30	26.54	-2.27
YOLKS	21	47-49.75	48.08	.79

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on whites, and irregular on whole when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was about steady on whole and whites, and steady on yolks. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Nov-2004 were 13% less than the previous week, but 8% more than last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	37-44	37-40	44-48
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		57-80
WHITES	39-48	42-45	47-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-59	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-57	58-65

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment continued steady for all frozen products. Demand was good for whole egg, whites, and sugared yolk with salted yolk demand waning. Offerings were just adequate for all products as most processors were holding minimal inventories and many purchases, outside of contracts, were made to order. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	37-42	37-39
WHITES	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-57

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, 2 cents lower on whites, unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 11/27 was 23 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand fairly good with freezer stocks adequate.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	43-46
WHITES	47-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whole, but unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady on yolks, but unsettled and cautious on balance of items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Nov-2004 were 9% less than the previous week, but 55% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% higher than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.43-1.75	MOSTLY	1.50-1.57
YOLKS	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.65-3.15	MOSTLY	2.80-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.30-1.70	MOSTLY	1.40-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV. 26, 2004-DEC. 02, 2004

CURRENT LOADS	98.50	FUTURE LOADS	86.25	TOTAL LOADS	184.75
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CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	50.50	52.00	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	51.50	53.78	50.80	53.73	51.00	52.00	65.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	73.50	74.50	49.00	72.00	8.00
GL W XL	—	66.33	64.00	65.73	58.43	—	39.50
GL W LG	—	66.40	60.50	62.00	58.48	—	42.50
GL W MD	34.00	49.25	26.75	28.50	25.53	25.00	24.75
GL W SM	23.00	25.50	22.58	24.75	18.75	21.75	5.00
GL BR SM	—	—	19.25	20.25	—	—	.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	28.00	32.00	8.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	28.00	—	28.00	8.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.00	20.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	.50

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	55.88	—	—	—	67.50	29.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	62.50	1.00
GL W J	60.00	63.00	—	63.00	—	63.75	6.00
GL W XL	—	66.15	—	—	—	69.25	15.75
GL W LG	—	67.69	—	72.17	—	67.82	32.50
GL W MD	33.00	33.68	33.00	—	—	36.52	13.25
GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.25	1.00
NRBS - 39	17.50	18.50	—	—	—	—	3.00

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 generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens generally sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 5-9 7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposal were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were reduced. Salvage values were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings short of needs to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**
REMOVAL COST 0-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. 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	75.00	73.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	65.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.90	72.08	39.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for light canners; fairly good to good for heavies with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 28-32 MAJORITY 28-30	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 29-34 MAJORITY 30-34	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-NOV-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	796	747	1,543
Last Week	1,380	1,501	2,881
Same week yr ago	668	897	1,565
To-date/2004	63,965	63,717	127,682
To-date/2003	66,680	65,946	132,626

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	288	0	288
Last Week	249	8	257
Same week yr ago	0	0	-
To-date/2004	11,356	137	11,493
To-date/2003	10,093	137	10,230

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,084	747	1,831
Last Week	1,629	1,509	3,138
Same week yr ago	668	897	1,565
To-date/2004	75,321	63,854	139,175
To-date/2003	76,773	66,083	142,856

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

	Week Ending November 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	714	306	16,855	15,511
Frozen	0	0	36	96
Dried	51	40	735	511
Total	765	346	17,626	16,118

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

	Week Ending November 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	50	31	7,337	4,983
Frozen	1	162	1,472	3,459
Dried	39	40	1,995	1,179
Total	90	233	10,804	9,621

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

	Week Ending November 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	17	392	454
Extra Large	1,483	2,428	162,787	31,848
Large	2,517	4,942	331,161	127,035
Medium	2,227	1,580	114,322	57,506
Ungraded	5,220	2,784	313,444	175,562
Misc	0	0	16,790	14,222
Total	11,447	11,751	938,896	406,627

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)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	11/29/04	3,865	67,212	60,147
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG		-308	-71741	-5157
PCT CHG		-7%	-52%	-8%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 27-Nov-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
ATLANTA	28.3	32.5	-13	-2
BOSTON	3.7	3.3	10	-9
CHICAGO	63.9	64.8	-1	-7
DETROIT	28.2	26.2	7	-13
KANSAS CITY	6.3	5.0	28	13
LOS ANGELES	90.7	92.5	-2	-16
NEW ORLEANS	7.1	6.6	9	-25
NEW YORK	30.5	34.5	-12	2
ST. LOUIS	22.0	19.3	14	21
SAN FRANCISCO	20.4	24.3	-16	-22
TOTAL	301.1	309.0	-3	-9
4 WK MOVING AVG	307.6			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 27-Nov-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	257.0	4	14
E.N. CENTRAL	591.6	-5	0
W.N. CENTRAL	294.3	-5	15
S. ATLANTIC	232.5	-0	1
S. CENTRAL	74.6	1	7
WEST	186.4	-5	-4
TOTAL	1636.3	-3	5

Matched Plants reporting

Previous week 86

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)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Nov 30, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	114	112	66	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	107-111	105-109	59-63	38-42
MOSTLY	109-110	107-108	61-62	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	111-115	65-69	44-48
MOSTLY	113	111	65	44
VERMONT	115-117	112-115	69	-
MOSTLY	117	115	-	-

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