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In New York, prices were two cents higher on all sizes when compared to the previous day's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was usually moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and continued to be held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings ranged tight to sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient and demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were sharply higher for medium and large. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and were held with confidence.

EXTRA LARGE	38-48	39-45
LARGE	37-47	38-41
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	27-35	30
MEDIUM	14-19	17
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, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to instances firm entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were limited to adequate for a light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as less than normal to heavy. Spent hens were more than sufficient for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-63	49-52
LARGE	42-56	47-51
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

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 but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight to adequate offerings. Breakers needing outside product were paying higher prices. Floor stocks were closely balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	31.5-40	33-36

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 higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to good, best where features were active. Supplies were sufficient to close and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were limited to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46.5-56.25	48-51
LARGE	45-53.25	46-49
MEDIUM	30.5-38	31-35

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 2 cents higher on medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous day's values. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	46-50

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged but trending higher. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to close and held with confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-53	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

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WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6-7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, 6 cents higher on extra large and large, and 8 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 20 pack 2 for \$3, 3 for \$4, medium brown 18 pack 98.

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	100
EXTRA LARGE	89
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	65

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	71-89
EXTRA LARGE	69-77
LARGE	67-70
MEDIUM	52-55

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 STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand remained moderate to fairly good with offerings tight to adequate. Breakers in need of additional breaking stock due to contract production adjustments were paying higher prices to cover future needs. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully 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	24-27	26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-15	12-14
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. Trade sentiment improved but was still steady. Offerings were limited to adequate, but not as available as earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal to heavy, mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Jan-2005 increased 10 percent when compared to the previous week, however was 5 percent less than the same week 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	23-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-17	12-15
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 08-JAN-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,288,751	30,741	12,491	6,750	3,395	4,561
PW	1,177,639	27,183	12,035	6,606	3,155	4,256
LY	1,166,377	28,442	10,665	6,011	2,826	4,157
% CHG PWK	9	13	4	2	8	7
% CHG LY	10	8	17	12	20	10
2005	1,288,751	30,741	12,491	6,750	3,395	4,561
2004	1,166,377	28,442	10,665	6,011	2,826	4,157
% CHG YTD	10	8	17	12	20	10
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST		
		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		42.32	42.53	42.25		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.78	38.91	38.68		

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported 43.5 to 47 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, about steady for whites, and mostly steady on yolk. Demand was moderate for all products with offerings adequate. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	6	26-26.5	26.08	
WHITES	8	24	24.00	.73
YOLKS	16	46-48	46.86	-1.06

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were lower on salt yolks and unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on yolks, about steady on whites and steadier on whole. Supplies were balanced to available for trade needs. Demand was usually light. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 08-Jan-2005 were 9% more than the previous week, but 1% less than last year.

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	34-40	35-37	42-46
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		58-75
WHITES	37-42	40-42	44-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	55-57	61-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	52-55	58-63
(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower, whites were 1 to 2 cents lower, while sugared and salted yolk was 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites at the current quoted range while sugared and salted yolk was reported as cautiously steady to barely steady. Most observers felt current frozen egg price fluctuations centered on liquid egg price movements. Demand was seasonally light to moderate on all frozen products with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-40	35-36
WHITES	39-42	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-57
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	52-53

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole, 2 cents lower on whites, and 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/8 was 82% more than the previous holiday shortened week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	41-44
WHITES	44-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-62

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on yolks and blends, but lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were reported as sufficient for trade requirements. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, about steady to steady on whole, and mixed on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Jan-2005 were 8% more than the previous week, and 12% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 12% higher than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES

WHOLE	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY	1.43-1.50
YOLKS	1.33-1.45	MOSTLY	1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.40-3.00	MOSTLY	2.55-2.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.30-1.70	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 07, 2005-JAN 13, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 121.50 FUTURE LOADS 56.50 TOTAL LOADS 178.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	27.00	35.43	30.50	29.14	34.00	35.60	21.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	57.50	—	—	50.00	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	50.83	52.33	52.00	49.00	6.00
GL W XL	41.08	43.90	41.00	41.67	41.91	39.09	54.25
GL W LG	—	43.70	38.14	38.80	37.35	36.50	59.25
GL W MD	33.00	30.33	23.38	22.60	31.45	22.00	17.25
GL W SM	24.00	26.50	—	—	19.94	21.00	7.00
GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	25.50	22.22	24.50	45.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	35.00	31.17	—	—	—	42.00	9.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	62.25	1.00
GL W J	56.50	—	—	—	—	67.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	44.50	—	—	—	54.92	21.00
GL W LG	—	40.34	—	48.40	50.00	48.87	45.75
GL W MD	—	35.27	—	33.25	40.00	40.64	12.50
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	20.00	29.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	24.00	—	—	—	—	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 generally unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Opinions on removal costs were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4-9 6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to higher with removal mostly prices unchanged. Demand continued moderate with offerings adequate. Bookings into traditional slaughter operations were reported as normal. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-7 4-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to 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	50.50	49.00	32.00
SOUTHEAST	49.50	47.50	33.00
MIDWEST	42.00	39.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	49.50	34.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	48.78	46.49	31.38

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 01-JAN-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,345	1,287	2,632
Last Week	1,102	1,175	2,277
Same week yr ago	1,118	898	2,016
To-date/2004	70,858	70,509	141,367
To-date/2003	72,834	71,890	144,724

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	127	0	127
Last Week	174	11	185
Same week yr ago	150	0	150
To-date/2004	12,617	159	12,776
To-date/2003	11,014	155	11,169

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,472	1,287	2,759
Last Week	1,276	1,186	2,462
Same week yr ago	1,268	898	2,166
To-date/2004	83,475	70,668	154,143
To-date/2003	83,848	72,045	155,893

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

TYPE	Week Ending December 25, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	355	49	19,223	16,989
Frozen	0	0	64	96
Dried	0	0	913	591
Total	355	49	20,200	17,676

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

TYPE	Week Ending December 25, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	111	8	7,689	5,171
Frozen	9	5	1,573	3,706
Dried	36	0	2,149	1,251
Total	156	13	11,411	10,128

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

TYPE	Week Ending December 25, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	33	392	655
Extra Large	4,480	1,230	191,688	44,608
Large	7,920	2,720	380,319	153,507
Medium	2,967	0	125,881	66,674
Ungraded	2,456	0	338,723	184,952
Misc	0	0	16,790	14,222
Total	17,823	3,983	1,053,793	464,618

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	01/10/05	3,510	59,401	50,634
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		83	-515	-3742
PCT CHG		2%	-1%	-7%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-Jan-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	27.0	27.0	0	1
Boston	3.0	3.4	-12	-12
Chicago	76.5	72.2	6	1
Detroit	25.5	28.2	-10	-31
Kansas City	8.6	3.1	177	-15
Los Angeles	109.7	93.7	17	13
New Orleans	7.7	7.2	7	-9
New York	29.8	28.8	3	2
St. Louis	16.8	21.4	-21	-16
San Francisco	24.3	23.1	5	-4
Total	328.9	308.1	7	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	315.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 08-Jan-05	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	239.7	0	10
East North Central	521.5	-18	-5
West North Central	269.1	-16	-7
South Atlantic	220.5	-4	5
South Central	67.3	-9	-4
West	204.5	8	11
Total	1522.6	-10	0
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

Jan 11, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	100	97	68	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	93-97	90-94	61-65	38-42
MOSTLY	95-96	92-93	63-64	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	99-103	96-100	67-71	44-48
MOSTLY	99	96	67	44
VERMONT	103-105	100-103	69-71	-
MOSTLY	103	100	71	-

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,324,925	4	133
FREE FLOWING	4,346,527	3	147
BLEND	1,763,278	30	36
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	7,195,848	5	75
BLEND	56,150	11	-53
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,187,312	38	9
BLEND	15,887	0	-49
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,605,030	-21	-9
TOTAL	19,494,957	3	59

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
NOVEMBER 28, 2004 - JANUARY 1, 2005
TOTAL 12,598,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
