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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady, instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand at retail outlets was moderate to good. Food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as less than normal for next 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good, best for feature activity. Loose egg movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings light. Floor stocks in close balance to at least fully adequate for current production needs. Schedules full-time to shortened. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-68	59-65
LARGE	57-67	58-61
MEDIUM	47-57	49-52

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY & western PA.

Prices paid to producers.		
IA-MN-WI -	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	42-51	46
MEDIUM	33-39	37
SMALL	8-12	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-80	66-69
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	52-61	53-56

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for areas running retail features. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings light. Floor stocks in close balance to at least fully adequate for current production needs. Schedules full-time to shortened. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
MEDIUM	53.5-62	55-58

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.25-71	65-68
LARGE	46.25-69	63-66
MEDIUM	32.25-60	53-57

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, eastern TN & southern VA.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	67-69
LARGE	64-72	65-68
MEDIUM	56-63	57-59

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to yesterday's values. The market tone was mostly steady to full steady entering the weekend. Demand remained moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	73-77
MEDIUM	63-67

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was slightly stronger with asking prices for next week unchanged to 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 3 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was slightly firmer with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings increased. Small benchmark price 71. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 10 for \$10; smaller outlets- large 18 pack 148, brown medium 18 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	123
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	91

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	93-112
EXTRA LARGE	91-99
LARGE	89-92
MEDIUM	78-81

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

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 21, 2005-JANUARY 27, 2005

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	45.50	47.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	48.00	51.59	--	--	--	--	28.00
GNR W 1	43.00	48.69	43.88	45.00	45.89	49.00	68.00	GNR W 2	--	47.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR W 3	--	46.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	42.00	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	67.00	--	63.25	--	--	4.00	GL W XL	69.00	63.33	--	67.75	--	71.18	16.75
GL W J	--	--	69.25	70.50	--	67.00	4.00	GL W LG	59.67	67.74	--	70.25	--	69.20	50.50
GL W XL	61.25	63.17	59.00	61.00	59.04	57.00	39.50	GL W MD	51.50	57.00	--	--	--	60.55	20.00
GL W LG	--	62.00	55.50	57.00	58.53	55.00	56.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	23.00	28.00	1.00
GL W MD	--	45.00	55.00	50.00	47.71	--	22.25	NRBS - 36	21.50	23.50	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	33.00	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	32.75	19.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	30.00	5.00								

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed 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 HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-9	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Disposal values were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate slaughter stocks. Schedules were less than capacity. Finished sales were slow. Costs for processing were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was fair to fairly good while offerings continued adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-7	5-6

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

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	67.50	66.00	54.50
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	55.00
MIDWEST	62.00	59.50	50.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	68.50	56.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	67.09	64.80	54.21

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 at least moderate for both light and heavy canners with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were mostly adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactory. Processing schedules were less than 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

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

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 22-Jan-05 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,451	1,205	2,656
Last Week	1,625	1,219	2,844
Same week yr ago	1,429	1,228	2,657
To-date/2005	4,547	3,907	8,454
To-date/2004	4,213	3,818	8,031

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	359	0	359
Last Week	428	0	428
Same week yr ago	309	18	327
To-date/2005	1,088	0	1,088
To-date/2004	998	18	1,016

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

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,810	1,205	3,015
Last Week	2,053	1,219	3,272
Same week yr ago	1,738	1,246	2,984
To-date/2005	5,635	3,907	9,542
To-date/2004	5,211	3,836	9,047

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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

Week Ending January 15, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	411	99	564	148
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	6	0
Total	411	99	570	148

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

Week Ending January 15, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	160	59	334	177
Frozen	0	45	7	48
Dried	40	79	80	79
Total	200	183	421	304

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

Week Ending January 15, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	0	50
Extra Large	0	0	0	0
Large	0	0	550	2,093
Medium	765	0	1,365	30
Ungraded	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	765	0	1,915	2,173

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	01/24/05	3,487	69,885	47,484
AM	01/01/05	3,427	59,916	54,376
CHG		60	9969	-6892
PCT CHG		2%	17%	-13%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 22-Jan-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	28.0	29.9	-6	-2
Boston	3.6	3.5	3	3
Chicago	68.6	73.1	-6	14
Detroit	36.5	23.6	55	64
Kansas City	8.9	4.4	102	147
Los Angeles	103.4	105.2	-2	15
New Orleans	7.5	7.2	4	-3
New York	32.9	35.2	-7	4
St. Louis	16.3	19.5	-16	-8
San Francisco	20.3	20.7	-2	3
Total	326.0	322.3	1	13
4 Week Moving Avg.	322.8			

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

Week Ending January 8, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	153	49	153	49
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	6	0	6	0
Total	159	49	159	49

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

Week Ending January 8, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	174	118	174	118
Frozen	7	3	7	3
Dried	40	0	40	0
Total	221	121	221	121

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

Week Ending January 8, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	50	0	50
Extra Large	0	0	0	0
Large	550	2,093	550	2,093
Medium	600	30	600	30
Ungraded	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	1,150	2,173	1,150	2,173

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.**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Jan 25, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	112	109	83	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	104-108	101-105	75-79	40-44
MOSTLY	106-107	103-104	77-78	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	111-115	108-112	82-86	46-50
MOSTLY	111	108	82	46
VERMONT	115-117	112-115	85-86	-
MOSTLY	115	112	86	-

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-Jan-05

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	241.7	-1	2
East North Central	646.5	4	14
West North Central	299.5	2	4
South Atlantic	213.4	-3	0
South Central	66.5	-1	-5
West	181.9	-6	2
Total	1649.5	1	6
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)
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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 1/26/2005 Report Period: 1/2/2005 - 1/8/2005

CasesShipped to

State	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	4,555	4,555
Arkansas	0	0	3,120	3,120
Colorado	0	0	4,886	4,886
Iowa	2,951	2,314	58,246	63,511
Minnesota	2,580	2,135	9,220	13,935
Missouri	0	0	4,320	4,320
Montana	0	0	639	639
North Carolina	0	840	780	1,620
Ohio	0	0	844	844
Oregon	2,230	0	1,656	3,886
South Dakota	0	0	1,354	1,354
Texas	0	0	511	511
Utah	2,070	2,110	12,410	16,590
Virginia	0	720	0	720
Washington	0	507	936	1,443
TOTAL	9,831	8,626	103,477	121,934
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NONMILITARY	9,831	8,626	103,477	121,934
120,747				

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	30-Nov 2003	30-Nov 2004	31-Dec 2003	31-Dec 2004
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,654	2,955	2,972	2,976
Yolks	843	1,072	1,242	1,088
Whole & Mixed	8,290	10,174	10,805	11,900
Unclassified	3,122	3,123	3,017	3,619
Total Frozen Eggs	14,909	17,324	18,036	19,583

CHICKENS AND EGGS

December Egg Production Up 2 Percent U.S. egg production totaled 7.70 billion during December 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 62 million were egg-type.

The total number of layers during December 2004 averaged 345 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,235 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2003.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2005, totaled 346 million, up 3 percent from a year ago. The 346 million layers consisted of 287 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2005, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.