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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak beginning the week. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the moderate demand.

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 and store door delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Cartoned egg demand was slow to at times moderate. Loose egg movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
EXTRA LARGE	50-60	51-57	LARGE	32-41
LARGE	49-59	50-53	MEDIUM	22-28
MEDIUM	39-49	41-44	SMALL	8-12

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging about steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were about adequate for irregular processing schedules. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	43-56	48-50

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 moderate. Food service movement was mostly light to at times fair. Supplies were fully adequate to available current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-71	64-75
LARGE	59.5-68	61-64
MEDIUM	48.5-57	50-53

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 mostly weak beginning the week. Demand into all channels continued mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies ranged fully sufficient to ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for a light demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-70.25	60-63
LARGE	57-66.25	58-61
MEDIUM	45.5-57.25	46-50

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 on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light. Supplies fully sufficient to ample for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-71
LARGE	65-69
MEDIUM	55-59

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-66	59-63
LARGE	56-65	57-59
MEDIUM	46-55	49-51

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 10 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 10-11 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last Monday with California down 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 11 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 9% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 61. Ads in Northern California: major-large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

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	114
EXTRA LARGE	102
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	81

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	249-269	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	149-199	
MEDIUM	189-205	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 18, 2005 will increase by 21 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 11, 2005 were 207,181 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	174,799	32,382	207,181
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-11	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to part-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	32-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	19-21
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.5	11-13	12.14
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-FEB-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-15	11-12.5	11.63

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 14, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	19.7	8.4	11.6	64.0
	Change	1.7	2.1	-0.7	-0.4	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.9	61.0	10.8	32.6	168.6
	Change	4.5	19.4	-2.1	5.1	13%
Large	Curr Wk	67.7	157.8	60.3	107.9	523.1
	Change	20.3	39.5	1.2	5.7	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	74.9	22.4	26.8	170.8
	Change	0.2	19.3	4.6	-3.2	9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	6.3	3.0	5.5	23.4
	Change	0.7	-0.9	0.6	0.5	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.3	22.6	9.3	12.6	57.2
	Change	1.0	-12.7	0.0	-0.6	-19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.4	58.0	30.1	32.1	175.5
	Change	1.8	11.9	-2.0	1.3	10%
Total	Curr Wk	161.1	400.3	144.3	229.1	1,182.6
Percent	Change	23%	24%	1%	4%	9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,182.6	9%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	227.3	2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,409.9	8%	208
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 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.

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: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2005

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANU-ARY 31, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							15.75	FUTURE LOADS							10.00	TOTAL LOADS							25.75
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	—	—	37.00	38.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	45.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	49.00	51.00	45.53	—	5.75	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	56.36	2.75								
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	47.00	43.00	—	5.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	54.00	4.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	30.33	—	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	41.17	3.00								
GL W SM	25.13	28.13	24.00	26.00	23.00	25.00	4.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/07/05-02/11/05

CURRENT LOADS							70.25	FUTURE LOADS							54.00	TOTAL LOADS							124.25
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	37.50	—	41.88	41.43	—	40.00	19.00	GNR W 1	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GNR W 2	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.50	25.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	62.38	5.25								
GNR BR 1	—	61.00	—	62.00	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	53.58	—	—	—	56.97	22.25								
GL W J	—	—	62.00	63.50	48.33	67.00	9.25	GL W LG	45.00	52.23	—	68.00	—	53.91	21.75								
GL W XL	—	58.75	52.10	53.82	46.14	—	43.25	GL W MD	—	58.90	38.50	40.00	—	41.52	10.75								
GL W LG	—	56.00	46.70	48.50	41.81	—	23.00	GL W SM	19.50	—	—	—	25.00	26.83	3.00								
GL W MD	42.00	—	36.60	39.60	30.62	43.86	20.75																
GL W SM	25.17	28.17	24.00	25.80	23.00	25.00	6.50																
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	35.50	13.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	3.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	22.50	25.00	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/07/05	01/31/05	02/09/04
PACIFIC COAST	428	462	112
LOS ANGELES	423	454	39

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market steady small size, lower on the balance of sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is 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	78.63
LARGE	74.63
MEDIUM	63.63
SMALL	45.00

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.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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