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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was light to occasionally fairly good, best where promotions were planned or in progress. Supplies were in a full range of adequate to ample, usually fully adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to available for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as at least 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good with improvement noted in areas with planned feature activity for next week. One feature noted in the Midwest was one dozen large for 9 cents with a \$15.00 purchase. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs.

EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly		
LARGE	27-36	31
MEDIUM	14-20	18
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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for at least normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained mostly steady. Retail demand was light to instances fairly good with planned features for next week expected to spark some improved customer interest. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to available for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58.5-67	60-63
LARGE	56.5-65	58-61
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

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 weekend. Demand was light to usually moderate, slightly better where promotions were planned or in progress. Supplies were fully adequate to at times ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were mixed. Light type fowl were fully adequate for an at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.5-67	55-58
LARGE	52-65	53-56
MEDIUM	37.5-55	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 ended the week unchanged on extra large, large and medium. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	47-51

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	54-58
LARGE	51-60	52-54
MEDIUM	38-47	41-43

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

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 10 for \$10; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79-89, 20 pack 3 for \$5.

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	109
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	73

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	78-98
EXTRA LARGE	76-85
LARGE	74-77
MEDIUM	60-63

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	199-219
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were light to available while demand was quiet. Floor stocks 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	28-32	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES		
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 Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted on future trading. Offerings were sufficient, but not plentiful for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were in a range of about adequate to fully adequate for irregular processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-FEB-2005 were 1% higher than the previous week, but 5% less 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	26-31	28-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-22	16-20
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 26-FEB-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	CURRENT		
							PREVIOUS WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
CW	1,239,906	30,324	11,917	6,138	2,520	4,320			
PW	1,237,180	30,390	11,764	6,064	2,544	4,324			
LY	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063			
% CHG PW	0	0	1	1	-1	0			
% CHG LY	3	6	4	-4	-12	6			
2005	9,850,476	235,377	96,433	51,216	23,382	34,667			
2004	9,244,644	215,793	90,493	50,404	21,868	32,589			
% CHG YTD	7	9	7	2	7	6			
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -							CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)							WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)							42.50	42.47	42.01
							39.02	38.97	38.64

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 41 to 42 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Spot demand continued light for whole egg, good to very good for whites and fairly good for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and tight for yolk. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to the past 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	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	7	30-31.5	30.93	-.07
WHITES	22	21-26.5	24.30	.17
YOLKS	11	43-44.5	43.55	.51

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to half a cent higher with sugared yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. The balance of prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all frozen products. Offerings were in close balance to adequate and made to order in many instances. Spot demand remained light to instances moderate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-42	40-41
WHITES	39-41	39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	52

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whites and sugar yolks, unchanged to higher on salt yolks, but unchanged to lower on whole eggs when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was cautious on yolks, usually steady to about steady on whole and whites. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Demand was seasonal and usually reported as only moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-Feb-2005 were 2% more than the previous week, but 1% less than a year earlier.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL
			(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	37-45	38-41	47-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		59-70
WHITES	37-42	38-41	44-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-59	54-57	60-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-58	52-54	57-62

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/26 was 24% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks ample.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	LTL
		(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	46-49	
WHITES	44-47	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to lower or albumen and whole, but unchanged on yolks and blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand was quiet but still reported as fair. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, about steady on whole and albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Feb-2005 were 1% less than the previous week, and 12% lower than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 7% higher than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.34-1.68	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50
YOLKS	1.34-1.45	MOSTLY	1.35-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.30-2.55	MOSTLY	2.35-2.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.33-1.70	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 25, 2005-MAR 03, 2005**CURRENT LOADS**

86.25

FUTURE LOADS

38.75

TOTAL LOADS

125.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	32.00	35.43	32.50	33.93	—	35.00	23.00
GNR BR 1	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	53.50	55.00	47.45	54.00	8.00
GL W XL	—	47.50	45.36	47.87	41.33	—	35.75
GL W LG	—	45.89	40.00	44.25	40.53	—	14.50
GL W MD	34.00	31.00	27.67	32.00	26.31	29.67	21.50
GL W SM	26.88	29.19	24.06	25.69	24.00	27.00	9.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	47.00	42.00	—	.25
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	27.00	28.00	27.50	29.00	22.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	.50
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.50	14.00	—	—	.50

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	12.00
GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	60.82	7.00
GL W XL	48.79	49.65	—	—	—	53.04	17.75
GL W LG	39.79	47.19	—	—	—	48.13	9.25
GL W MD	29.00	38.00	—	39.50	—	37.10	8.00
NRBS - 39	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	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 Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were at least normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
3-13	8-11

REMOVAL COST

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant.

RANGE	MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged to sharply higher. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was mostly fair. Schedules full-time.

RANGE	MAJORITY
0-12	6.5-8.5

REMOVAL COST

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to full. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

MAR 4, 2005

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	57.50	56.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.37	54.36	39.91

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 the heavy canners being used internally. Offerings were generally for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 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)
30-35 MAJORITY 32-34	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 26-FEB-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,511	1,477	2,988
Last Week	1,277	1,161	2,438
Same week yr ago	1,139	1,252	2,391
To-date/2005	11,268	10,151	21,419
To-date/2004	10,264	10,231	20,495

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	315	0	315
Last Week	337	0	337
Same week yr ago	94	0	94
To-date/2005	2,547	4	2,551
To-date/2004	1,915	28	1,943

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,826	1,477	3,303
Last Week	1,614	1,161	2,775
Same week yr ago	1,233	1,252	2,485
To-date/2005	13,815	10,155	23,970
To-date/2004	12,179	10,259	22,438

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

Week Ending February 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	309	98	1,400	777
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	40	0	61	49
Total	349	98	1,461	826

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

Week Ending February 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	122	49	1,395	745
Frozen	45	45	158	235
Dried	0	40	160	551
Total	167	134	1,713	1,531

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

Week Ending February 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	0	50
Extra Large	750	0	750	1,530
Large	1,130	2,350	2,630	6,793
Medium	1,500	750	5,565	3,030
Ungraded	602	1,698	722	9,648
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	3,982	4,798	10,417	21,051

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	02/28/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
AM	02/01/05	3,613	78,113	44,671
CHG		-12	9995	-2962
PCT CHG		0%	13%	-7%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 26-Feb-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	241.5	-1	16
East North Central	624.8	7	-1
West North Central	296.5	5	-5
South Atlantic	212.3	-2	1
South Central	59.2	-12	-4
West	203.2	-3	9
Total	1637.5	2	2

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85Areas 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)**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	W/E 26-Feb-2005 PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	30.0	24.9	20	7
Boston	3.0	3.3	-9	-6
Chicago	75.1	68.7	9	23
Detroit	25.5	28.9	-12	-43
Kansas City	8.5	8.9	-4	77
Los Angeles	103.9	98.8	5	8
New Orleans	7.3	7.4	-1	-9
New York	32.3	28.4	14	4
St. Louis	14.5	15.9	-9	-9
San Francisco	19.8	19.6	1	2
Total	319.9	304.8	5	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.2			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Mar 1, 2005

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	97	94	69	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	91-95	88-92	62-66	40-44
MOSTLY	93-94	90-91	64-65	42-43
RHODE ISLAND	96-100	93-97	68-72	46-50
MOSTLY	96	93	68	46
VERMONT	97-98	94-96	69-71	-
MOSTLY	97	94	69	-

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