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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was mixed beginning the week. Demand was in a full range, mostly moderate to at times fairly good where features were in place. Supplies were usually adequate to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were light to sufficient for the quiet to moderate demand. Offerings of spent hens were fully 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to at times firm. Retail and food service demand were moderate to instances good in areas with retail features. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were 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	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52	LARGE	27-36	31
LARGE	44-54	45-48	MEDIUM	14-20	18
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36	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 when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as usually normal.

	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 was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand were moderate to at times good where retail features were a factor. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were 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 on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was usually steady beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate, somewhat better where features were a factor. Supplies were fully sufficient to occasionally ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for the 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL

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

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 16%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 2 for \$5, large dozen 10 for \$10.

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

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

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	249-269	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	219-309
LARGE	199-219	189-289
MEDIUM	189-205	169-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 11, 2005 will decrease by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 04, 2005 were 244,483 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	203,082	41,401	244,483
% change from the prior week.....	+6	+12	+7

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 unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings light. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	28-32	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	17-19

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were irregular, but slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was good for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	12.02	12.02

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were sufficient to well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

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FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.20	12.20
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- March 07, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	15.5	19.0	8.9	14.0	71.5
	Change	1.5	-3.4	-0.6	1.7	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	51.8	13.9	42.8	180.4
	Change	-1.6	0.3	-1.5	13.0	6%
Large	Curr Wk	91.0	158.8	98.0	129.7	627.8
	Change	11.5	-7.4	6.5	18.3	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	51.0	20.0	24.9	139.4
	Change	-0.7	-4.5	2.4	0.2	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	6.7	3.0	6.6	24.3
	Change	1.0	-0.2	0.6	-1.0	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	23.4	8.6	12.6	54.0
	Change	-1.7	5.1	1.4	-1.6	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	55.5	42.3	41.1	201.1
	Change	0.9	-5.2	-2.3	1.8	0%
Total	Curr Wk	176.7	366.2	194.7	271.7	1298.5
Percent	Change	7%	-4%	3%	14%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1298.5	5%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.3	-4%	35

Total Shell Egg 1551.8 3% 208
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 FEBRUARY 21, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 04, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							14.25	FUTURE LOADS							14.00	TOTAL LOADS							28.25
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	—	35.00	32.50	34.00	—	—	4.00	GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	—	—	55.00								
GL W XL	47.50	50.00	45.00	46.50	—	—	7.25	GL W LG	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W LG	45.50	48.00	—	—	42.00	—	4.75	GL W MD	—	38.00	31.50	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.50	5.75	NRBS - 42	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	23.50	26.00	25.00	27.00	—	—	1.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/28/05-03/04/05

CURRENT LOADS							88.25	FUTURE LOADS							45.75	TOTAL LOADS							134.00
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	32.00	35.38	32.50	35.13	—	35.00	25.00	GNR W 1	—	44.14	—	—	—	—	10.00								
GL W J	—	—	53.50	55.00	45.94	54.00	7.00	GL W J	48.50	—	—	—	—	59.14									
GL W XL	47.50	48.57	45.19	47.69	40.79	—	35.25	GL W XL	48.79	49.94	—	—	—	52.32									
GL W LG	45.50	46.13	39.00	44.67	40.93	—	13.25	GL W LG	39.79	46.81	—	—	—	47.17									
GL W MD	34.00	31.00	28.50	32.00	26.77	30.08	25.25	GL W MD	29.00	38.00	31.50	39.50	—	37.10									
GL W SM	26.64	29.07	24.56	26.31	24.00	27.00	8.50	NRBS - 42	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	1.00									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	47.00	42.00	—	.25	NRBS - 39	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	27.00	28.00	27.50	29.00	23.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.50	14.00	—	—	.50																

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	02/28/05	02/21/05	03/01/04
PACIFIC COAST	401	409	349
LOS ANGELES	391	405	276

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market entered the week steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

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	73.63
LARGE	69.63
MEDIUM	55.63
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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