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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least fully adequate for the moderate to good 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 steady. Retail demand was light to at times moderate. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	38-48	39-45	LARGE	18-27		22
LARGE	37-47	38-41	MEDIUM	6-11		9
MEDIUM	23-33	25-28	SMALL	6-10		

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady and testing at present levels entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, best where restocking occurred. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as generally normal. Spent hens were at least fully adequate for the moderate to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49-64	50-53
LARGE	43-57	48-52
MEDIUM	28-41	32-35

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 steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good. Loose egg demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as breakers assess additional needs for next week. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
MEDIUM	29.5-38	31-34

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 lower on all sizes. The market tone was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Light type fowl were at least fully sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-62	49-52
LARGE	46-59	47-50
MEDIUM	30.5-48	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 unchanged when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	53-57
LARGE	51-55
MEDIUM	38-42

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-54	47-51
LARGE	44-53	45-47
MEDIUM	30-39	33-35

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents lower on large, and 1 cent lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 10 for \$10; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 2 for \$3.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other market-ers 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	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
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	71-86
EXTRA LARGE	69-78
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	249-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	99-219
MEDIUM	189-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate as breakers assess additional needs for next week. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time for next week. 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	22-25	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	13-15
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 lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone was about steady to steady. Demand was unaggressive and ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for generally normal processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 26, 2005 were 4 percent less than the previous week and 1 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	20-24	22-23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-16	10-14
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-MAR-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,293,097	31,080	12,494	6,679	2,237	4,507
LY	1,188,239	29,064	11,047	5,897	2,138	4,113
% CHG PW	-1	-4	2	6	31	-3
% CHG LY	8	3	16	20	37	6
2005	14,959,763	358,491	145,237	77,728	33,270	52,524
2004	13,945,251	331,631	133,445	74,541	30,778	49,000
% CHG YTD	7	8	9	4	8	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
		42.24	42.35
	38.83	38.86	38.72

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly steady for all liquid products. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg as spot buyers show increased interest and consider pricing at favorable levels. White and yolk demand was fair to fairly good. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and yolk and adequate to mostly fully adequate for whites. Breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to last 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	28	20-22	20.96	.03
WHITES	23	17-23	20.57	-.99
YOLKS	10	42-45	42.35	1.23

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen prices were unchanged to slightly lower from last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and whites, generally steady for yolk products. Demand was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Inventories on frozen products adequate to in close balance. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-37	35
WHITES	36-40	36-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-55	51

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were irregular on salt yolks, unchanged to lower on whites, and lower on whole and sugar yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Buyers interest improved slightly, but was still limited and usually in a range of light to occasionally moderate. Supplies and offerings were balanced to available. Undertone was unsettled on whole, cautious on whites and usually steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-MAR-2005 were 6% less than the previous week, and 1% less than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	32-40	34-39	41-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		58-75
WHITES	34-41	36-38	42-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-59	51-55	58-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-57	50-54	55-60

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/26 was 14% less 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)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	40-43	
WHITES	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to higher on albumen and blends, but lower on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mixed and very irregular from area to area. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Mar-2005 were 31% higher than the previous week, and 37% above last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 8% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.19-1.60	MOSTLY 1.32-1.38
YOLKS	1.30-1.45	MOSTLY 1.34-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.55	MOSTLY 2.34-2.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.30-1.65	MOSTLY 1.30-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 25, 2005-MAR 31, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 125.25 FUTURE LOADS 58.50 TOTAL LOADS 183.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	24.67	26.67	25.50	27.17	22.50	26.00	17.75	GNR W 1	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	8.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	40.00	—	—	—	—	48.57	3.50
GL W J	—	—	46.75	48.00	34.82	37.00	4.75	GL W XL	42.00	40.00	—	—	43.50	43.56	16.00
GL W XL	—	39.00	38.25	39.30	31.95	—	48.25	GL W LG	32.67	37.00	—	—	—	38.18	16.50
GL W LG	—	42.00	22.10	33.36	25.89	31.73	24.50	GL W MD	20.50	24.00	—	30.63	29.00	29.07	15.00
GL W MD	25.00	—	23.44	23.33	18.45	21.41	28.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.50	2.00
GL W SM	25.50	28.50	23.79	26.54	24.00	26.00	9.00	NRBS - 48	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	19.85	21.87	20.50	24.00	21.08	22.95	50.25	NRBS - 42	16.50	17.50	—	—	—	—	2.00

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 ranged moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were at least fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 3-13 8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Offerings were fully adequate for a slow demand. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged. Offerings were heavy and reported as ample with demand fairly good and better into rendering operations as producers seek alternative sources for removal of spent fowl. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-8.5 5.5-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

APR 1, 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	51.50	50.00	33.50
SOUTHEAST	50.50	48.50	33.00
MIDWEST	42.00	39.50	26.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	50.50	32.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.84	47.25	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; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were fair to moderate with most available being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-30 MAJORITY 27-30	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)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-32	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,711	1,356	3,067
Last Week	1,385	1,402	2,787
Same week yr ago	1,254	1,222	2,476
To-date/2005	17,631	15,677	33,308
To-date/2004	15,274	15,206	30,480

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	110	0	110
Last Week	218	0	218
Same week yr ago	216	11	227
To-date/2005	3,460	11	3,471
To-date/2004	2,938	39	2,977

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,821	1,356	3,177
Last Week	1,603	1,402	3,005
Same week yr ago	1,470	1,233	2,703
To-date/2005	21,091	15,688	36,779
To-date/2004	18,212	15,245	33,457

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

Week Ending March 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	205	190	2,326	1,686
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	53	61	187
Total	205	243	2,387	1,873

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

Week Ending March 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	77	0	1,820	1,084
Frozen	3	0	258	332
Dried	0	74	300	705
Total	80	74	2,378	2,121

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

Week Ending March 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	1,500	540	3,300	3,450
Large	3,200	1,160	10,660	11,053
Medium	1,500	750	11,025	8,280
Ungraded	2,220	1,500	3,842	14,978
Misc	0	0	2,263	0
Total	8,420	3,950	31,123	37,811

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	03/28/05	3,368	98,778	48,996
AM	03/01/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
CHG		-233	10,670	7,287
PCT CHG		-6%	12%	17%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 26-Mar-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	249.7	2	0
East North Central	623.7	-3	15
West North Central	294.1	-4	1
South Atlantic	219.6	-3	-4
South Central	70.6	5	1
West	254	12	51
Total	1711.7	0	11

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**

W/E 26-Mar-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	39.1	31.1	26	41
Boston	3.2	4.6	-30	-3
Chicago	102.0	101.0	1	35
Detroit	38.2	28.3	35	35
Kansas City	5.7	7.8	-27	84
Los Angeles	135.9	97.9	39	57
New Orleans	8.7	8.4	4	5
New York	35.7	34.6	3	12
St. Louis	17.2	23.8	-28	-1
San Francisco	29.6	22.8	30	72
Total	415.3	360.3	15	39
4 Week Moving Avg.	355.9			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Mar 29, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	93	90	69	47
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86-90	83-87	60-64	39-43
MOSTLY	88-89	85-86	62-63	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	92-96	89-93	66-70	45-49
MOSTLY	92	89	66	45
VERMONT	93-95	90-93	67-70	-
MOSTLY	93	90	67	-

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