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In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's prices. In the Northeast, weekly prices were higher on all weights. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged on larger sizes and higher on mediums when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close, at times tight in some areas. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to instances ample for the fairly good 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 Midwest delivered prices were higher for mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best for feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to short and held with more confidence while demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks in close balance. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43	LARGE	18-27 22
LARGE	35-45	36-39	MEDIUM	8-14 12
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30	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 slightly higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to occasionally short for normal to reduced processing schedules. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the fairly good to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-62	48-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher for mediums and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to short and held with more confidence while demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks in close balance. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31.5-40	33-36

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged on the larger sizes but 2 cents higher on medium eggs when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to in close balance for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to instances ample for a fairly good to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-51	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	30.5-38	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 Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were reported as adequate to instances tight for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	40-44

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43-52	45-49
LARGE	42-51	43-45
MEDIUM	32-41	35-37

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 3 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 13%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 2 for \$3.

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	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	67

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	249-309	
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-219	
MEDIUM	179-189	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 22, 2005 will decrease by 17 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 15, 2005 were 240,666 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	204,213	36,453	240,666
% change from the prior week.....	+23	+4	+19

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were tight to short and held with more confidence while demand was fairly good to good. Floor stocks in close balance. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully 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	25-26.5	25-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-18	15-17

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 Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.31

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher 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. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-APR-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.66
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- April 18, 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	11.8	14.9	7.5	12.7	11.1 58.0
	Change	0.8	-0.1	-1.2	-1.5	0.1 -3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	38.2	10.8	24.7	33.7 126.4
	Change	2.9	-1.5	0.7	-1.5	0.4 1%
Large	Curr Wk	43.5	129.5	57.5	98.5	76.9 405.9
	Change	9.0	4.8	3.6	-18.2	-0.5 0%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.5	40.6	13.9	23.5	28.3 118.8
	Change	0.7	-0.6	-0.7	1.8	2.9 4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	4.4	3.3	3.0	4.4 19.6
	Change	-2.9	-1.9	0.8	-2.4	1.0 -22%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	25.0	10.4	10.9	5.7 57.0
	Change	0.7	1.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.8 3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	34.0	18.0	33.4	22.9 129.5
	Change	7.0	-8.5	-7.1	-2.2	-5.3 -11%
Total	Curr Wk	117.5	286.6	121.4	206.7	183.0 915.2
Percent	Change	18%	-2%	-3%	-11%	-1% -2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	915.2	-2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	232.3	-7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1147.5	-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 APRIL 04, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 04, 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 APRIL 15, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							22.50	FUTURE LOADS							4.00	TOTAL LOADS							26.50
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	5.00							
GL W XL	—	—	38.50	40.50	34.00	37.00	4.00	GL W MD	30.00	—	30.00	—	—	—	35.18	3.50							
GL W LG	—	—	—	35.00	31.90	37.00	13.00																
GL W MD	—	—	26.50	28.00	26.86	30.00	4.50																
GL W SM	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/11/05-04/15/05

CURRENT LOADS							71.00	FUTURE LOADS							44.25	TOTAL LOADS							115.25
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	24.33	27.63	25.00	27.11	—	26.50	24.00	GNR W 1	31.00	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00							
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	41.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	46.50	—	—	—	—	—	52.31	3.25							
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.50	38.83	—	6.00	GL W XL	35.75	38.67	—	—	—	—	45.25	8.00							
GL W XL	—	—	38.10	39.29	33.79	37.00	32.75	GL W LG	34.83	38.67	—	—	—	—	42.22	17.25							
GL W LG	—	39.00	33.25	35.00	30.92	37.00	33.00	GL W MD	29.42	31.53	30.00	33.50	—	—	34.08	14.00							
GL W MD	—	27.54	25.42	26.00	23.91	26.00	25.75	GL W SM	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	1.00							
GL W SM	25.38	28.38	22.95	25.16	—	—	6.75	NRBS - 39	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	.75							
GL BR SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	.75																
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	—	—	30.50	24.59	31.00																

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	04/11/05	04/04/05	04/12/04
PACIFIC COAST	246	320	143
LOS ANGELES	237	311	78

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on mediums, steady on the balance of 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	66.63
LARGE	59.63
MEDIUM	48.63
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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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/08/2005

Report Period: 3/13/2005 - 3/19/2005

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	1,128	1,128
Colorado	0	0	753	753
Illinois	120	0	720	840
Indiana	0	0	1,140	1,140
Iowa	5,705	6,968	51,316	63,989
Michigan	0	1,620	1,645	3,265
Minnesota	4,030	2,035	11,446	17,511
Missouri	0	0	1,710	1,710
Montana	0	0	968	968
North Carolina	0	0	840	840
Ohio	0	0	4,110	4,110
Oregon	2,646	0	0	2,646
South Dakota	0	0	5,170	5,170
Texas	0	0	2,700	2,700
Utah	2,220	783	6,032	9,035
Washington	0	288	0	288
TOTAL	14,721	11,694	89,678	116,093
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	14,721	11,694	89,678	116,093

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/12/2005

Report Period: 3/20/2005 - 3/26/2005

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	277	277
Colorado	0	0	1,598	1,598
Illinois	0	0	90	90
Iowa	3,932	2,976	38,311	45,219
Michigan	0	640	1,590	2,230
Minnesota	4,010	1,365	5,975	11,350
Missouri	0	0	780	780
Ohio	0	0	1,620	1,620
Oregon	3,498	8	0	3,506
South Dakota	768	0	2,705	3,473
Texas	0	0	4,655	4,655
Utah	720	720	9,043	10,483
Washington	0	576	820	1,396
TOTAL	12,928	6,285	67,464	86,677
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,928	6,285	67,464	86,677