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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to very good. Supplies ranged about adequate to short, but were usually noted as balanced to tight. Breaking stock offerings ranged tight to barely adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were fully sufficient to instances ample for the fair to good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances very good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in balance to close for all sizes.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43				
LARGE	35-45	36-39				30
MEDIUM	22-35	27-30				19
			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 higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to instances firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to tight for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for the usually moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal to reduced. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the fair to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	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 unchanged but were trending higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances very good. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in balance to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to short for the mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks in close balance to inadequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment 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. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to at times tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for the usually moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to instances ample for normal processing schedules.

	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 EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was mostly moderate to occasionally good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo, 7-8 cents higher on extra large, 8-9 cents higher on large, and 7 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to occasionally good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 7 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 9 cents higher on large, and 7 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings about adequate. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79, 20 pack 2 for \$3, medium dozen 2 for \$1.

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	97
EXTRA LARGE	90
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	67

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	69-86
EXTRA LARGE	67-78
LARGE	65-68
MEDIUM	54-57

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Offerings were tight to short of needs while demand had tempered by the close of the week. Demand was reported as mostly moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to inadequate and some breakers had shortened schedules in order to allow in-house inventories to rebuild for production needs next week. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady at the current quoted range.

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	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
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 Majority prices were higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm with traders closely watching further market developments. Offerings were short to barely adequate for the irregular but usually moderate demand. Floor stocks were limited and not that readily available for normal to reduce processing schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Apr-2005 were 2 percent lower than the previous week, and 1 percent 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	27-33	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	17-21
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 16-APR-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	CURRENT		
							WEEK	PREVIOUS	LAST
CW	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507			
PW	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385			
LY	1,250,367	29,610	11,954	6,784	2,771	4,288			
% CHG PW	-2	-2	-2	0	-17	3			
% CHG LY	5	5	11	6	-8	5			
2005	18,970,181	452,081	186,146	99,775	42,013	66,037			
2004	17,570,742	418,334	167,447	93,330	38,445	61,317			
% CHG YTD	8	8	11	7	9	8			
							CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -							WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)							42.63	42.36	42.10
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)							39.20	39.08	38.67

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment continued firm for whole egg and yolk with whites steady. Offerings were tight to short of current inquiry for whole egg and yolk, with whites adequate to mostly fully adequate. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good to instances good for whites. Increased yolk prices was reported as settling white values as white discounting was less prevalent later in the week. Breaking stock prices were higher 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	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM	
				LAST WEEK	
WHOLE	10	25.5-29.5	27.00		
WHITES	17	15-18	17.06	-1.11	
YOLKS	12	44-54	49.50	5.79	

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged 1 cent higher with whites and sugared yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Salted yolk was unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, weak for whites, and steady to mostly fully steady for frozen yolk products. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-40	36-38
WHITES	35-39	37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-59	55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-56	51-53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to higher on yolks, unchanged on whole, and irregular on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Buyers interest was normal to slightly improved but reported as generally moderate. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs. Trade sentiment was unsettled on whites and barely steady, usually steady on whole, but fully steady to firm on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Apr-2005 were 4% less than last week, but unchanged from a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
		RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	33-39	34-36	42-46
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		54-70
WHITES	33-39	34-38	40-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-57	52-57	60-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-55	50-53	56-62
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 2 cents lower on whites, and 2 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/16 was 1% 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)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	41-44	
WHITES	40-43	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to a tad higher on whole, higher on yolks, but lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair. Offerings of yolks were limited, balance of items were usually adequate for most trade needs. The undertone was mixed, but usually firm on yolks, irregular but usually steady on whole, and unsettled on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Apr-2005 were 17% lower than the previous week, and 8% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 9% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.23-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40
YOLKS	1.29-1.65	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.35	MOSTLY	2.28-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.65	MOSTLY	1.30-1.45

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 15, 2005-APR 21, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 70.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 52.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 122.75

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	29.67	32.33	28.00	30.83	—	27.00	16.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	57.25	1.00
GL W J	—	—	50.50	52.00	44.00	46.00	3.00	GL W XL	—	42.00	—	—	—	57.57	4.50
GL W XL	—	45.36	38.67	42.97	41.39	37.00	38.50	GL W LG	38.00	37.60	—	—	—	47.38	23.75
GL W LG	—	44.58	35.50	38.50	35.36	37.00	44.25	GL W MD	30.33	38.00	30.00	—	—	35.74	10.75
GL W MD	32.00	29.93	28.20	30.61	27.69	30.50	20.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00
GL W SM	25.75	28.75	23.38	25.00	21.50	22.50	7.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	34.50	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	32.81	30.80	22.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	25.00	26.00	—	29.00	7.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	16.00	12.00	16.00	.75								

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 Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged fair to good for current trade needs. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Transactions were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were set according to a slightly increased finished product demand. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs ranged unchanged. Demand was good with offerings ample as many producers take later slaughter dates in order to remove spent hens. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-8.5	6-8.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules lighter as offerings decreased.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

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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	49.50	47.00	34.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	33.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	28.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	34.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.37	43.96	32.57

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 no better than fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; generally adequate for heavy canners. Processing schedules were mostly 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)
24-30 MAJORITY 26-30	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)
25-33 MAJORITY 28-31	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-APR-05
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,687	1,411	3,098
Last Week	1,740	1,314	3,054
Same week yr ago	1,464	1,287	2,751
To-date/2005	22,729	19,823	42,552
To-date/2004	19,334	18,970	38,304

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	215	7	222
Last Week	362	0	362
Same week yr ago	341	9	350
To-date/2005	4,423	18	4,441
To-date/2004	3,689	48	3,737

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,902	1,418	3,320
Last Week	2,102	1,314	3,416
Same week yr ago	1,805	1,296	3,101
To-date/2005	27,152	19,841	46,993
To-date/2004	23,023	19,018	42,041

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

Week Ending April 9, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	309	95	3,352	2,166
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	82	187
Total	309	95	3,434	2,353

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

Week Ending April 9, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	66	18	2,076	1,177
Frozen	7	85	316	551
Dried	0	78	300	902
Total	73	181	2,692	2,630

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

Week Ending April 9, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	1,700	780	8,150	5,760
Large	3,070	1,690	20,050	13,603
Medium	2,130	990	16,215	12,870
Ungraded	8,880	4,276	18,020	28,494
Misc	0	1,420	2,263	6,770
Total	15,780	9,156	64,731	67,547

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 04/18/05	3,400	115,403	51,409
AM 04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG	-50	13737	1553
PCT CHG	-1%	14%	3%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

	(In Units of 1,000)			
	29-Feb	28-Feb	31-Mar	31-Mar
FROZEN EGGS:	2004	2005	2004	2005
Whites	2,900	2,903	2,860	2,845
Yolks	1,119	719	1,003	828
Whole & Mixed	13,914	11,552	11,895	12,108
Unclassified	3,205	2,691	3,489	2,76
Total Frozen Eggs	21,138	17,865	19,247	18,548

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	90	67	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86-90	83-87	61-65	39-43
MOSTLY	88-89	85-86	63-64	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	88-92	66-70	45-49
MOSTLY	91	88	66	45
VERMONT	92-95	89-90	67-69	-
MOSTLY	92	89	67	-

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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 16-Apr-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	237.1	4	-7
East North Central	556.1	-1	12
West North Central	268.5	0	3
South Atlantic	201.2	2	-7
South Central	57	-7	-18
West	211.5	4	18
Total	1531.4	1	4
Matched Plants reporting		86	85
Areas 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 16-Apr-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	25.2	6	21
Boston	3.1	3.3	-6	-21
Chicago	59.9	66.1	-9	5
Detroit	20.4	28.1	-27	-12
Kansas City	3.1	3.1	0	8
Los Angeles	117.5	101.2	16	20
New Orleans	8.3	7.8	6	-11
New York	32.3	30.6	6	15
St. Louis	17.2	15.7	10	19
San Francisco	18.8	25.8	-27	2
Total	307.4	306.9	0	11
4 Week Moving Avg.	330.0			

CHICKENS AND EGGS**March Egg Production Up 2 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.73 billion during March 2005, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2005 averaged 347 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2005, totaled 345 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 345 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2005, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.