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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type fowl were adequate to ample for the fair to fairly 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 prices were sharply lower for warehouse and store door delivered prices for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to at times moderate with limited retail features providing some improved customer interest. Supplies were fully adequate to available with extra large and large the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and included graded loose product. Demand was mostly light. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers. |
|-------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 36-46 | 37-43 | |
| LARGE | 35-45 | 36-39 | |
| MEDIUM | 25-35 | 27-30 | |
| | | | RANGE MOSTLY |
| | | | LARGE 18-27 22 |
| | | | MEDIUM 8-14 12 |
| | | | 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 sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to readily available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to occasionally ample for irregular schedules. Spent hens were adequate to ample for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 46-61 | 47-50 |
| LARGE | 40-54 | 45-49 |
| MEDIUM | 29-42 | 34-36 |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was usually light to at times moderate, best for retail features. Supplies were fully adequate to available with extra large and large the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly light. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and included graded loose product. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 49.5-58 | 51-54 |
| LARGE | 43.5-52 | 45-48 |
| MEDIUM | 33.5-42 | 35-38 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for a fair demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Light type fowl were sufficient to ample for the fair to fairly good demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|------------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 42.5-55.25 | 44-47 |
| LARGE | 41-51.25 | 42-45 |
| MEDIUM | 30.5-40.25 | 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 when compared to Friday's report. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies of all sizes were fully adequate for trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 54-58 |
| LARGE | 52-56 |
| MEDIUM | 41-45 |

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 4 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large, 8-9 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large, 9 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$4, buy 1 get 1 free.

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 | 100 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 91 |
| 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 RANGE | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 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 May 13, 2005 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 06, 2005 were 223,456 cases which was 8 percent above the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 193,339 | 30,117 | 223,456 |
| % change from the prior week..... | +12 | -15 | +8 |

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 were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and included graded loose product. Demand was mostly light. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely 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 | 24-27 | 27 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 14-18 | 14-16 |

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

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-MAY-05

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 9.25-15.5 | 11.5-13.5 | 12.73 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand for spent hens was moderate for at least adequate supplies. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-MAY-05

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 8.75-15.75 | 11.25-13 | 12.82 |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 09, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|---------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | Atl | Pacific | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 11.1 | 14.1 | 6.3 | 12.4 | 57.5 |
| | Change | -0.2 | -1.5 | -1.6 | 0.7 | 0% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 24.1 | 40.5 | 16.3 | 25.4 | 134.9 |
| | Change | -6.5 | 1.5 | -2.0 | -1.2 | -9% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 45.1 | 150.2 | 72.0 | 114.0 | 472.2 |
| | Change | -0.9 | 28.4 | -1.3 | 6.5 | 8% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 11.5 | 56.6 | 16.9 | 25.4 | 140.0 |
| | Change | -0.9 | -2.3 | 0.5 | -2.1 | -3% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.1 | 10.9 | 2.3 | 6.7 | 29.2 |
| | Change | 0.8 | 6.1 | -0.6 | 1.1 | 33% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.9 | 23.0 | 8.5 | 15.9 | 58.8 |
| | Change | -1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 4.6 | 9% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 24.9 | 57.0 | 19.6 | 36.9 | 166.6 |
| | Change | 3.2 | 15.5 | 0.8 | -2.7 | 15% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 126.7 | 352.3 | 141.9 | 236.7 | 1,059.2 |
| | Change | -4% | 16% | -3% | 3% | 5% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1,059.2 | 5% | 174 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 238.0 | 0% | 35 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,297.2 | 4% | 209 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 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. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and 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 25, 2005

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.86 | 1.83 | 1.74 | 1.16 |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 25, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.32 | .77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 06, 2005

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| 30.50 | | | | | | | 10.00 | | | 40.50 | | | | | |
| 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 | — | — | 25.75 | 27.00 | — | — | 2.00 | GL W J | 38.28 | — | — | — | — | — | 50.00 2.25 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | — | — | 20.00 | 21.00 | 1.00 | GL W XL | 31.83 | — | — | — | — | — | 43.40 2.50 |
| GL W XL | 30.00 | 36.00 | 37.00 | 38.00 | 33.33 | — | 10.00 | GL W LG | 30.50 | — | — | 42.00 | — | — | 40.00 2.75 |
| GL W LG | — | — | 32.50 | 34.00 | 29.56 | — | 10.25 | GL W MD | — | — | — | — | 22.00 | 25.00 | 1.00 |
| GL W SM | — | — | — | — | 20.64 | 25.75 | 7.00 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 30.00 | 33.00 | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | 24.00 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 18.00 | 21.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/02/05-05/06/05

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 96.00 | | | | | | | 49.00 | | | 145.00 | | | | | |
| 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 | 29.50 | — | 26.50 | 29.44 | — | — | 9.00 | GNR W 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 41.00 | 2.00 |
| GNR W 3 | — | — | — | — | 20.00 | 21.00 | 1.00 | GL W J | 38.28 | — | — | — | — | 49.00 | 6.50 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 39.00 | 44.00 | — | — | 1.00 | GL W XL | 31.83 | 40.14 | — | — | — | 42.88 | 15.00 |
| GL W J | 37.00 | — | 47.17 | 48.33 | 35.92 | — | 7.25 | GL W LG | 28.10 | 35.40 | — | 42.00 | — | 39.16 | 15.25 |
| GL W XL | 30.00 | 36.60 | 40.50 | 40.99 | 31.00 | — | 38.00 | GL W MD | 19.58 | — | 19.75 | — | 22.00 | 27.08 | 10.50 |
| GL W LG | — | 35.53 | 33.50 | 35.00 | 29.27 | 33.00 | 26.25 | NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 30.00 | 33.00 | 1.00 |
| GL W MD | 33.00 | — | 28.55 | 29.00 | 22.42 | 24.71 | 10.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 25.00 | 28.00 | 23.00 | 26.45 | 20.81 | 25.00 | 18.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | 26.00 | — | — | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | 24.17 | 27.75 | — | 31.00 | 25.17 | 27.61 | 26.25 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 18.00 | 23.00 | 7.00 | | | | | | | | |

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 | 05/02/05 | 04/25/05 | 05/03/04 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 194 | 201 | 468 |
| LOS ANGELES | 194 | 201 | 411 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small size, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

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 | 64.63 |
| LARGE | 58.63 |
| 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: 4/20/2005

Report Period: 3/27/2005 - 4/02/2005

| State | # Cases | | | Total State |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Shipped To | Shipped To | Shipped To | |
| | Northern CA | Central CA | Southern CA | |
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 1,295 | 1,295 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 600 | 600 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 2,381 | 2,381 |
| Illinois | 0 | 0 | 828 | 828 |
| Iowa | 6,862 | 1,560 | 34,602 | 43,024 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 2,520 | 2,520 |
| Minnesota | 5,200 | 2,310 | 10,290 | 17,800 |
| Missouri | 0 | 0 | 2,460 | 2,460 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 1,620 | 1,620 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 3,360 | 3,360 |
| Oregon | 2,832 | 0 | 0 | 2,832 |
| South Dakota | 0 | 0 | 3,223 | 3,223 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 5,267 | 5,267 |
| Utah | 1,500 | 1,500 | 7,565 | 10,565 |
| Washington | 0 | 570 | 656 | 1,226 |
| TOTAL | 16,394 | 5,940 | 76,667 | 99,001 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| NONMILITARY | 16,394 | 5,940 | 76,667 | 99,001 |

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 4/22/2005

Report Period: 4/03/2005 - 4/09/2005

| State | # Cases | | | Total State |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Shipped To | Shipped To | Shipped To | |
| | Northern CA | Central CA | Southern CA | |
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 2,124 | 2,124 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 2,940 | 2,940 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 4,413 | 4,413 |
| Indiana | 0 | 0 | 840 | 840 |
| Iowa | 3,720 | 2,500 | 48,708 | 54,928 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 5,715 | 5,715 |
| Minnesota | 4,775 | 810 | 14,247 | 19,832 |
| Missouri | 0 | 0 | 4,104 | 4,104 |
| Montana | 0 | 0 | 790 | 790 |
| Nevada | 0 | 0 | 2,580 | 2,580 |
| Ohio | 0 | 0 | 3,180 | 3,180 |
| Oregon | 4,005 | 0 | 0 | 4,005 |
| South Dakota | 840 | 0 | 2,118 | 2,958 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 0 | 810 | 810 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 3,530 | 3,530 |
| Utah | 1,500 | 0 | 11,226 | 12,726 |
| Washington | 11 | 384 | 1,350 | 1,745 |
| TOTAL | 14,851 | 3,694 | 108,675 | 127,220 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| NONMILITARY | 14,851 | 3,694 | 108,675 | 127,220 |