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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good, best where features stimulated additional interest at retail centers. Supplies were closely balanced on jumbos while the remaining sizes ranged adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for a fair to at times fairly good demand. Breaking schedules normal to reduced. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the fair 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. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good, best for feature activity. Food service demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were close for jumbo and fully adequate to available for the balance.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43				
LARGE	35-45	36-39				
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30				
			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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the fair demand. Schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the fair to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy for the upcoming week.

	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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand remained light to fairly good, best for retail features. Supplies were adequate to close for jumbos and fully adequate to available for the balance of sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand moderate to at times fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment steady at the current quoted range.

	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 unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the fair demand. Breaking schedules were noted as reduced to normal. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the fair to good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal to at times heavy for next week.

	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 EGGS Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade requirements.

	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

WESTERN REGIONAL

Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA

Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 47. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 10 for \$10; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79, medium dozen 58.

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	100
EXTRA LARGE	91
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	69-89
EXTRA LARGE	67-79
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 Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand moderate to instances fairly good as a few breakers seek additional breaking stock. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to part-time. 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	22-26	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	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 unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was fair, but unaggressive at the higher prices. Offerings were irregular for less than normal to normal processing schedules. Trade sentiment was unsettled to barely steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07-May-2005 were 8% more than last week, but 4% 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	23-27	24-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-16
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 07-MAY-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID		LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
		WHOLE	WHITE			
CW	1,327,875	31,251	13,368	7,251	2,982	4,481
PW	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
LY	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
% CHG PW	3	1	7	10	17	-1
% CHG LY	2	5	5	-3	-3	1
2005	22,902,420	546,235	224,661	120,426	49,906	79,364
2004	21,420,097	508,634	205,421	114,369	47,375	74,509
% CHG YTD	7	7	9	5	5	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
		42.44	42.40
	39.06	38.88	38.44

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 48.5 fob, mostly 48.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady to weak for whole egg and whites and about steady to at least steady for yolk. Demand was fairly good to good for all liquid products. Liquid spot trading was reported as quiet at the beginning of the week and gained momentum by the close of the period. Spot offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole egg and whites with yolk offerings balanced to adequate. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous 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	22	24-29	25.89	-.99
WHITES	35	13-16	14.23	-1.38
YOLKS	14	51-54	52.11	.22

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent lower. Sugared yolk ranged 1 to 3 cents higher, while salted yolk ranged 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, barely steady for whites, and fully steady to instances firm for frozen yolk products. Demand was fair for whole egg and whites and fairly good to good for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Central States breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-39	37
WHITES	34-37	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-61	57-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-59	55-56

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and whites, but unchanged to higher on yolks when compared to last week values. Buyers interest was unaggressive with demand only fair. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs, although yolks continued to remain in the best position. Trade sentiment was unsettled to about steady on whites, steady to about steady on whole and reported as at least steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07-May-2005 were 8% more than last week, and 1% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	35-40	35-39	43-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-80
WHITES	31-37	33-35	39-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-61	56-60	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-59	55-58	56-65

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/7 was 8% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	41-44	
WHITES	39-42	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged to a tad lower on yolks, and lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair with offerings of yolks limited. The undertone was about steady to steady on whole, steady to full steady on yolks, and unsettled to barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 07-May-2005 were 17% higher than the previous week, but 3% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.30-1.55	MOSTLY	1.35-1.40
YOLKS	1.30-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.35	MOSTLY	2.21-2.33
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.65	MOSTLY	1.25-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 06, 2005-MAY 12, 2005

CURRENT LOADS	87.25	FUTURE LOADS	57.25	TOTAL LOADS	144.50
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CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	25.50	29.00	25.42	27.40	28.00	26.00	19.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	20.00	21.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	44.75	46.00	41.00	—	2.25
GL W XL	30.00	34.85	37.90	38.40	31.36	—	44.00
GL W LG	—	33.58	30.75	33.00	27.64	31.00	38.50
GL W MD	27.00	24.00	29.63	28.00	20.44	23.00	13.25
GL W SM	23.50	27.00	24.00	26.25	20.64	25.75	10.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	25.50	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	22.50	23.00	26.00	24.81	23.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	3.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.67
GL W J	38.28	—	—	—	—	—	50.20
GL W XL	31.73	35.25	—	—	—	—	41.45
GL W LG	29.00	34.00	—	42.00	—	—	38.96
GL W MD	23.50	25.00	20.00	—	22.14	26.00	10.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.00	33.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	23.50	—	—	—	—	—	25.00

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs required for disposal of leghorn fowl were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand mostly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-8.5	7-8

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules full. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

MAY 13, 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	48.50	47.00	35.00
SOUTHEAST	45.50	43.50	33.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	28.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	36.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	46.90	43.73	33.38

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully adequate for light canners; at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT		LIGHT CANNER
NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST		
HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS	(LINE
RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS))
24-30 MAJORITY	27-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED		
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS	
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)	
25-31 MAJORITY	28-30	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 07-MAY-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,604	1,485	3,089
Last Week	1,715	1,437	3,152
Same week yr ago	1,328	1,354	2,682
To-date/2005	27,699	24,211	51,910
To-date/2004	23,385	22,959	46,344

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	216	8	224
Last Week	289	0	289
Same week yr ago	163	0	163
To-date/2005	5,160	26	5,186
To-date/2004	4,357	52	4,409

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,820	1,493	3,313
Last Week	2,004	1,437	3,441
Same week yr ago	1,491	1,354	2,845
To-date/2005	32,859	24,237	57,096
To-date/2004	27,742	23,011	50,753

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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

Week Ending April 30, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	410	145	4,519	2,801
Frozen	0	0	21	0
Dried	0	0	107	187
Total	410	145	4,647	2,988

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

Week Ending April 30, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	149	19	2,377	1,260
Frozen	0	45	327	657
Dried	0	0	340	1,129
Total	149	64	3,044	3,046

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

Week Ending April 30, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	1,700	3,828	11,552	11,748
Large	2,560	10,670	26,703	29,513
Medium	2,520	2,460	22,080	20,070
Ungraded	2,880	14,820	37,580	75,559
Misc	1,080	840	3,343	10,460
Total	10,740	32,618	101,291	147,400

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	05/09/05	3,270	113,610	48,239
AM	05/01/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
CHG		-137	1092	85
PCT CHG		-4%	1%	0%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 07-May-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic*	239.6	0	4
East North Central	536.5	-1	-5
West North Central	266.8	2	-4
South Atlantic	200.4	1	5
South Central	53.5	-13	-23
West	204.1	1	15
Total	1500.9	0	-1

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86

Last year 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)

*Corr. on LY % for North Atl -May 05, 2005 ***4*** instead of -12.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 07-May-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	Percent Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	22.8	25.3	-10	-10
Boston	3.5	3.3	6	3
Chicago	65.3	65.0	0	4
Detroit	32.0	29.5	8	19
Kansas City	3.3	2.3	43	-23
Los Angeles	116.3	101.3	15	22
New Orleans	7.9	6.0	32	-10
New York	28.9	31.2	-7	-8
St. Louis	16.2	15.8	3	-3
San Francisco	18.6	17.4	7	-11
Total	314.8	297.1	6	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	307.7			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

May 10, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	90	68	46
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86-90	84-88	62-66	39-43
MOSTLY	88-89	86-87	64-65	41-42
RHODE ISLAND	91-95	89-93	67-71	45-49
MOSTLY	91	89	67	45
VERMONT	92-97	90-95	68-75	-
MOSTLY	92	90	68	-

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