



### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to the previous day's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, occasionally fairly good in spot locations. Supplies were sufficient to available, at times ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to ample for the mixed demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal.

*Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.*

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged to 1 cent lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending slightly lower for next week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light while offerings were reported as available. Floor stocks adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	35-45	36-42
LARGE	34-44	35-38
MEDIUM	23-33	25-28

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42-51	44-48
LARGE	41-50	42-44
MEDIUM	30-39	33-35

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA .

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged but were trending slightly lower for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for jumbos and fully adequate to available for balance of sizes. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light while offerings were reported as available. Floor stocks adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-38

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to ample for a mixed demand. Breaking schedules were reported as less than normal to mostly normal. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-50	44-47
LARGE	41-48	42-45
MEDIUM	30.5-38	31-35

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, eastern TN & southern VA.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to yesterday's report. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for present trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	39-43

Prices paid to producers.		
IA-MN-WI -	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	16-25	20
MEDIUM	6-11	9
SMALL	6-10	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on medium eggs. Trade sentiment was mixed from steady to barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times available for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to ample for the irregular demand. Schedules were reported as less than normal to mostly normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate to good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

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

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large and large, and 1-2 cents lower on medium. 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, 1 cent lower on extra large, large, medium and small. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-extra large dozen 79, 20 pack 129.

**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	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	69-89
EXTRA LARGE	67-79
LARGE	65-68
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	249-309
EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-189

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light while offerings were reported as available. Floor stocks adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time. 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	23-26	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. However, some bids were noted at slightly higher levels. Undertone was mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady. Offerings were barely adequate to ample for the irregular demand. Processing schedules were less than normal to mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-May-2005 were 4 percent less than last week and 7 percent lower 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	23-26	23-25
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 21-MAY-05**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID		LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
		WHOLE	WHITE			
CW	1,359,889	31,354	14,379	7,735	2,837	4,548
PW	1,349,298	31,111	13,983	7,438	3,066	4,401
LY	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
% CHG PW	1%	1%	3%	4%	-7%	0
% CHG LY	7%	5%	21%	16%	-6%	0
2005	25,611,607	608,701	253,023	135,599	55,809	88,314
2004	23,991,253	569,095	230,282	128,135	53,553	83,011
% CHG YTD	7%	7%	10%	6%	4%	0

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.66	42.19	41.53
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.32	38.93	38.26

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 47.5 to 48.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, steady to barely steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for yolk. Demand was quiet at the beginning of the week while orders for next week increased movement by the end of the period. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, fully adequate to ample for whites, and adequate to short for yolk. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher 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	6	25	25.00	
WHITES	10	12-14	13.60	-.90
YOLKS	11	51-54.5	52.32	-.04

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged with whites 2 cents lower. Sugared yolk ranged one half to 2 cents lower with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, steady to barely steady for whites, fully steady to firm for sugared yolk and steady to fully steady for salted yolk. Offerings were adequate. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg and salted yolk, moderate for whites and strong for sugared yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher than last week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-38	
WHITES	32-36	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56.5-59	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-57

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on whole, and lower on whites when compared to last week values. Demand improved over last week but was still only fair. However, best interest remained on yolks items. Supplies and offerings were adequate for most trade needs. Trade sentiment was unsettled on whites, about steady to steady on whole and steady to full steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-May-2005 were 2% less than last week, but 18% more than a year ago.

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

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL
			(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	34-40	35-38	42-46
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-75
WHITES	32-37	33-36	39-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56.5-60	57-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-57	59-65

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

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/21 was 1% more 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)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	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** Mostly prices were lower on whole, and unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. The undertone was about steady to mostly 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 21-May-2005 were 7% lower than the previous week, and 6% less than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 4% more than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.24-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40
YOLKS	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.13-2.45	MOSTLY	2.16-2.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.16-1.65	MOSTLY	1.25-1.40

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES\*** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 20, 2005-MAY 26, 2005

CURRENT LOADS 72.50 FUTURE LOADS 45.50 TOTAL LOADS 118.00

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	24.50	--	25.25	27.13	--	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	39.50	6.00
GNR W 3	--	--	18.50	20.00	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	30.00	--	--	--	--	30.75	1.00
GL W J	--	--	48.00	49.00	37.63	44.00	4.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	51.00	2.00
GL W XL	--	34.43	37.50	38.37	30.09	33.50	41.25	GL W XL	32.92	34.33	--	--	--	39.91	19.25
GL W LG	--	34.13	32.07	33.55	26.56	27.50	35.50	GL W LG	25.00	30.75	--	--	--	35.25	13.50
GL W MD	26.00	--	23.40	24.40	17.50	18.50	6.50	GL W MD	19.79	25.00	27.00	28.00	--	24.70	10.50
GL W SM	23.00	26.75	--	--	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	23.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	26.00	--	25.40	36.25	NRBS - 39	16.00	17.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	22.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	16.33	18.00	9.00								
NRBS - 36	--	15.00	--	--	13.00	--	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 HENS** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to good. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to 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 HENS** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for the generally adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	1.5-8.5	4.5-5.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HENS** Plant schedules near full. Offerings adequate to ample.

**COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS**

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	39.00	36.50	26.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	50.50	46.50	36.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	46.08	43.49	32.90

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for light canners; heavy canners were mostly fair with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for light canners; adequate to at least adequate for heavies. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)  
25-31 MAJORITY 27-29

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(WITHOUT NECKS)  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED  
**LIGHT CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)  
28-34 MAJORITY 28-30

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(WITHOUT NECKS)  
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 21-May-05 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,709	1,540	3,249
Last Week	1,528	1,462	2,990
Same week yr ago	1,742	1,365	3,107
To-date/2005	30,936	27,213	58,149
To-date/2004	26,267	25,538	51,805

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	370	0	370
Last Week	300	0	300
Same week yr ago	334	0	334
To-date/2005	5,830	26	5,856
To-date/2004	5,001	60	5,061

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	2,079	1,540	3,619
Last Week	1,828	1,462	3,290
Same week yr ago	2,076	1,365	3,441
To-date/2005	36,766	27,239	64,005
To-date/2004	31,268	25,598	56,866

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 May 14, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	0	356	4,519	3,309
Frozen	0	0	21	0
Dried	0	35	107	271
Total	0	391	4,647	3,580

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

Week Ending May 14, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	0	258	2,414	1,552
Frozen	0	4	327	748
Dried	0	80	340	1,289
Total	0	342	3,081	3,589

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

Week Ending May 14, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	30	33	113
Extra Large	230	7,290	25,150	22,685
Large	1,700	14,900	61,818	52,283
Medium	2,070	3,750	24,900	26,610
Ungraded	2,940	6,060	41,630	96,835
Misc	630	0	4,723	10,490
Total	7,570	32,030	158,254	209,016

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	05/23/05	3,212	113,127	47,710
AM	05/01/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
CHG		-195	609	-444
PCT CHG		-6%	1%	-1%

**\*Inclusion of numbers previously omitted on May 20, 2005.****MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-Mar	31-Mar*	30-Apr	30-Apr*
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Whites	2,860	2,845	2,837	2,841
Yolks	1,003	828	966	651
Whole & Mixed	11,895	12,108	13,193	12,551
Unclassified	3,489	2,767	3,910	2,809
<b>Total Frozen Eggs</b>	<b>19,247</b>	<b>18,548</b>	<b>20,906</b>	<b>18,852</b>

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 21-May-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.9	2	3
East North Central	601.9	7	6
West North Central	288.5	5	0
South Atlantic	197.2	-2	5
South Central	55	-15	-21
West	205	-3	13
Total	1591.5	2	4

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)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 21-May-2005

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	Percent Change	
	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	24.4	27.7	-12	-4
Boston	3.6	3.4	6	13
Chicago	65.2	63.3	3	16
Detroit	23.0	24.7	-7	-17
Kansas City	6.5	3.7	76	-30
Los Angeles	112.7	104.7	8	12
New Orleans	5.9	6.3	-6	-8
New York	30.2	29.1	4	-3
St. Louis	18.0	15.7	15	7
San Francisco	19.3	18.4	5	3
Total	308.8	297.0	4	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.4			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

May 24, 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	85-89	83-87	61-65	39-43
MOSTLY	87-88	85-86	63-64	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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