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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady following the holiday weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, at times fairly good in some areas. Supplies were sufficient to available, instances ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to ample for an irregular demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate 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 store door and warehouse delivered prices were 1 cent lower 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 moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a weak undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	
			RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	34-44	35-41		
LARGE	33-43	34-37	LARGE	16-25 20
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27	MEDIUM	6-11 9
			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 lower on medium, although unchanged on extra large and large when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand ranged light to at times fairly good, best where feature activity was a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Offerings of breaking stock were usually sufficient to ample for the irregular demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-61	47-50
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents lower for the larger sizes and down 3 cents for mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to readily available. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a weak undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-54	47-50
LARGE	41.5-50	43-46
MEDIUM	30.5-39	32-35

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were slightly lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to ample for a mixed demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for an at least moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41.5-49	43-46
LARGE	40-47	41-44
MEDIUM	29.5-37	30-34

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 at best steady. Retail demand ranged light to instances fairly good. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade requirements.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	43-47
LARGE	40-49	41-43
MEDIUM	29-38	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large and large, and 1-2 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last week with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 18%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, large, medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last week. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 44. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 168, large dozen 99-118, 2 for \$3, 18 pack 179-199.

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	90
LARGE	77
MEDIUM	64

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	279-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	219-309
LARGE	199-219	199-289
MEDIUM	179-189	179-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 03, 2005 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 27, 2005 were 222,312 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	186,895	35,417	222,312
% change from the prior week.....	-0	-3	-0

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate with breakers bidding lower prices for additional breaking stock. Offerings included graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady with a weak undertone.

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		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Finished sales were fair to moderate with product clearing. Trade sentiment was steady.

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.25	12.56
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

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

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
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30-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.5-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13.5	12.98
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- May 31, 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	12.9	14.4	8.1	10.9	11.3	57.6
	Change	2.4	0.0	1.0	-2.0	-1.5	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	42.9	14.8	27.1	38.0	146.9
	Change	-2.1	0.9	0.9	3.1	0.2	2%
Large	Curr Wk	52.7	158.0	79.5	100.4	119.4	510.0
	Change	3.7	16.1	9.3	-0.4	18.4	10%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	55.2	18.4	29.8	34.6	153.1
	Change	-1.3	3.1	-0.9	1.9	6.0	6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	25.3	6.0	8.6	3.7	48.4
	Change	-0.5	2.7	1.7	4.0	0.2	20%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	32.2	8.2	10.4	6.0	61.3
	Change	-0.1	3.2	-2.0	-1.4	0.7	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.4	44.1	19.0	40.9	28.3	155.7
	Change	0.3	-0.1	1.9	4.6	-4.4	1%
Total	Curr Wk	137.5	372.1	154.0	228.1	241.3	1133.0
	Change	2%	7%	8%	4%	9%	7%
TOTAL				Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	1133.0	7%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	292.0	20%	35
Total Shell Egg	1425.0	9%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 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 MAY 16, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16
MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 16, 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 MAY 27, 2005

CURRENT LOADS							11.00	FUTURE LOADS							36.25	TOTAL LOADS							47.25
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	25.00	—	26.00	27.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W XL	32.75	32.00	—	—	—	39.67	4.00								
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	39.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	19.50	—	—	—	—	24.50	1.00								
GL W LG	—	—	32.00	33.00	28.00	—	2.00																
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	17.00	18.00	1.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/23/05-05/27/05

CURRENT LOADS							64.50	FUTURE LOADS							78.75	TOTAL LOADS							143.25
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	25.00	—	25.25	27.25	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	38.83	8.00								
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	38.50	44.00	3.50	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00								
GL W XL	—	34.20	37.00	38.14	30.50	33.50	35.25	GL W XL	32.20	35.00	—	—	—	39.23	15.25								
GL W LG	—	34.10	32.06	33.55	26.83	27.00	32.25	GL W LG	25.13	29.50	—	—	—	34.83	10.50								
GL W MD	26.00	—	23.40	24.40	17.50	19.00	6.25	GL W MD	19.58	—	27.00	28.00	—	24.64	9.50								
GL W SM	23.00	26.75	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	16.00	17.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	26.00	—	25.33	66.25																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	17.00	18.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.33	18.00	8.00																
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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/23/05	05/16/05	05/24/04
PACIFIC COAST	150	190	537
LOS ANGELES	150	183	485

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/26/2005

Report Period: 5/15/2005 - 5/21/2005

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	768	0	6,115	6,883
Arkansas	0	0	1,590	1,590
Colorado	0	0	6,566	6,566
Indiana	0	0	1,148	1,148
Iowa	4,482	1,990	31,409	37,881
Michigan	0	78	2,994	3,072
Minnesota	3,160	2,430	7,785	13,375
Missouri	0	0	2,400	2,400
Montana	0	0	1,400	1,400
Nevada	0	0	810	810
New Hampshire	0	0	840	840
North Carolina	0	0	2,390	2,390
Ohio	0	0	2,340	2,340
Oregon	2,462	12	0	2,474
South Dakota	615	1,620	3,214	5,449
Texas	0	0	1,430	1,430
Utah	720	1,430	7,951	10,101
Washington	0	384	810	1,194
TOTAL	12,207	7,944	81,192	101,343
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,207	7,944	81,192	101,343

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

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small size, lower 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	63.63
LARGE	57.63
MEDIUM	47.63
SMALL	45.00

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