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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 steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand remained moderate to good. Supplies were tight on extra large, closely balanced to adequate on large and adequate to available on mediums. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal. Spent hens were at least adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as regular for the upcoming week.

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

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were 3 cents higher on large and medium for producers, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was firm for the larger sizes and mediums. Retail demand was moderate to good while food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were tight for jumbo and extra large, closely balanced to adequate for large and adequate to available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers adequate for the fair demand. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY	Prices paid to producers.		
EXTRA LARGE	34-44	35-41	IA-MN-WI -	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	33-43	34-37	LARGE	21-30	25
MEDIUM	16-26	18-21	MEDIUM	11-15	13
			SMALL	5-7	

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	43-47
LARGE	40-49	41-43
MEDIUM	23-32	26-28

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on all sizes. Retail demand was moderate to good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Offers adequate for the fair demand. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and existing inventories. Egg products demand moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	22.5-31	24-27

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good, best where promotions were in place. Supplies were adequate to at times tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as regular for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	43.5-58.25	45-48
LARGE	42-49	43-46
MEDIUM	21.5-29	22-26

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for normal schedules. Demand was moderate. Spent hens were at least adequate for a mostly fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	19-32	24-26

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

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to yesterday. The market tone was steady to mostly fully steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were about adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	60-64
LARGE	58-62
MEDIUM	35-39

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 3-4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cent higher on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 39.

**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		RANGE
JUMBO	114	EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	77	MEDIUM	59

### 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		RANGE
JUMBO	68-103	EXTRA LARGE	66-80
LARGE	64-67	MEDIUM	46-49

Prices to consumers major chains, meropolitan area, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-309	EXTRA LARGE	219-289
LARGE	199-229	MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Offers adequate for the fair demand. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and existing inventories. Egg products demand moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. 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	24-26.25	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. Undertone was steady to full steady even though offerings were usually adequate for normal breaking schedules. Demand improved and was moderate. However, most traders were unaggressive but closely watching further market developments. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13-Aug-2005 were 1 % higher than the previous week, and 2 % above the same week 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	23-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-20	14-17
EASTERN STATES 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 13-Aug-05  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,367,911	32,488	12,983	6,778	2,863	4,407	
PW	1,365,032	32,197	12,579	6,775	2,681	4,683	
LY	1,314,100	30,731	12,551	6,483	2,681	4,362	
% PW	0%	1%	3%	0%	7%	-6%	
% LY	4%	6%	3%	5%	7%	1%	
2005	41,726,151	982,138	412,578	221,068	93,828	141,649	
2004	39,142,897	929,058	375,514	204,917	88,782	134,211	
% YTD	7%	6%	10%	8%	6%	6%	
					CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					41.42	41.20	41.19
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					38.20	37.77	37.87

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	549,663	40.2%	14,376	44.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	548,988	40.2%	14,210	44.1%
LAST YEAR	521,156	39.7%	13,465	43.8%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/13 was 18% 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)

	RANGE
WHOLE	40-43
WHITES	36-39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices mostly unchanged, whites and sugared yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher and salt yolk unchanged to up 1.5 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for frozen whole egg and yolk products with whites generally steady. Demand was generally moderate for all frozen products with frozen yolk products in the strongest position. Floor stocks balanced with current interest. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	35-37	36
WHITES	30-32	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-60	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-58.5	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on yolks, balance of items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading improved on yolks, other items were light to fair. Offerings were about adequate to sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on yolks, balance of items were reported as at least steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13-Aug-2005 were 4 % more than the previous week, and 12 % more than a year earlier.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	32-40.5	35-37	41-45
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-70
WHITES	28-33	30-32	36-47
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	58-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-58.5	55-58.5	59-65

(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were irregular on whole, and unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. New trading was reported as generally quiet, but movement was normally good as packers fill previous commitments. The undertone was mostly steady but improvement was noted on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 13-Aug-2005 were 7 % more than the previous week, and 7 % higher than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 6% above a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.18-1.45	MOSTLY	1.24-1.39
YOLKS	1.26-1.45	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.90-2.35	MOSTLY	2.00-2.12
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.18-1.55	MOSTLY	1.20-1.35

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 49 cents fob. No pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and fully steady to firm for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites, adequate to barely adequate for yolk. Demand was moderate to good for all liquid products best on contractual arrangements. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged 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	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LW	
WHOLE	13	27-30.5	27.42	.42
WHITES	19	13-15	14.11	.26
YOLKS	17	52.5-57	54.35	1.47

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES\*** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 12, 2005-AUGUST 18, 2005**CURRENT LOADS 131.50 FUTURE LOADS 60.50 TOTAL LOADS 192.00**

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	27.33	--	29.25	30.00	--	--	11.00	GNR W 1	--	33.00	--	--	--	37.50	3.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	43.00	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	35.00	42.38	--	46.00	--	45.21	22.75
GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	32.00	41.56	--	41.90	31.50	34.17	51.00
GL W XL	--	36.00	39.67	42.63	34.20	36.00	36.25	GL W MD	19.50	23.44	--	15.50	--	25.00	6.00
GL W LG	--	40.10	31.83	35.00	25.48	33.00	68.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	14.00	15.00	2.00
GL W MD	--	16.00	13.50	15.00	16.55	16.87	14.00	GL BR LG	--	47.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W SM	17.00	19.00	13.00	14.67	12.00	--	5.00	NRBS - 48	25.00	26.00	--	--	--	--	6.00
GL BR LG	--	50.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	--	--	24.00	25.87	30.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	21.75	12.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	15.00	17.00	13.00	15.75	21.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	7.00	9.38	4.00								

\*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** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10	7-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Trading was limited and TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were fair. Costs required for spent hen disposal were at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Removal costs were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were usually adequate for the fair demand. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9	5-8.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HENS** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

**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	49.00	46.00	25.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	24.00
MIDWEST	38.00	35.50	19.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	47.50	25.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.36	43.54	23.57

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations

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

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 25-26	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)
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

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

W/E 13-Aug-05 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,187	1,720	2,907
Last Week	1,274	1,703	2,977
Same week yr ago	1,445	1,498	2,943
To-date/2005	48,298	45,364	93,662
To-date/2004	43,274	42,254	85,528

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	240	0	240
Last Week	51	4	55
Same week yr ago	221	0	221
To-date/2005	8,275	37	8,312
To-date/2004	7,833	90	7,923

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	1,427	1,720	3,147
Last Week	1,325	1,707	3,032
Same week yr ago	1,666	1,498	3,164
To-date/2005	56,573	45,401	101,974
To-date/2004	51,107	42,344	93,451

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 August 06, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	260	514	10,626	8,674
Frozen	0	0	113	11
Dried	55	0	449	427
Total	315	514	11,188	9,112

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

Week Ending August 06, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	125	381	4,426	5,122
Frozen	44	8	654	1,132
Dried	0	0	346	1,765
Total	169	389	5,426	8,019

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

Week Ending August 06, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	17	130	288
Extra Large	3,090	4,270	135,703	103,956
Large	3,210	4,690	223,427	221,919
Medium	3,630	3,350	64,832	75,089
Ungraded	0	1,440	61,948	178,002
Misc	0	0	7,753	16,010
Total	9,930	13,767	493,793	595,264

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 08/15/05	3,453	121,694	51,565
AM 08/01/05	3,491	118,501	47,724
CHG	-38	3193	3841
PCT CHG	-1%	3%	8%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

W/E 13-Aug-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	237.2	-1	-4
East North Central	578.8	-2	4
West North Central	282.1	0	-1
South Atlantic	184.2	-3	-12
South Central	61.5	2	-12
West	212.1	2	12
Total	1555.9	-1	0

Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86  
Last year 85Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,NC,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**

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	W/E 13-Aug-2005 PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	26.7	23.7	13	1
Boston	3.2	3.4	-6	-3
Chicago	90.6	93.0	-3	49
Detroit	27.3	19.5	40	-1
Kansas City	3.0	2.9	3	-35
Los Angeles	115.5	105.8	9	24
New Orleans	6.0	6.0	0	-18
New York	29.1	28.4	2	8
St. Louis	19.1	13.7	39	28
San Francisco	18.9	18.3	3	-10
Total	339.4	314.7	8	19
4 Week Moving Avg.	316.4			

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Aug 16, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	104	91	59	39
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	97-101	84-89	52-56	32-36
MOSTLY	99-100	86-87	54-55	34-35
RHODE ISLAND	103-107	90-94	58-62	38-42
MOSTLY	103	90	58	38
VERMONT	104-105	91-99	59-65	-
MOSTLY	104	91	59	-

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