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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 2 cents higher on all sizes when compared to yesterday's report. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to at times tight on the heavy weights and adequate to fully adequate on the balance of sizes. Breaking stock offerings were inadequate to available in the Midwest, but adequate to instances short in the Eastern region. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Spent hens were at least sufficient for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand remained moderate to very good. Loose egg demand was fairly good to good. Supplies were adequate to close for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for the balance.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	39-49	46-52	LARGE	31-40	35
LARGE	38-48	45-48	MEDIUM	23-27	25
MEDIUM	20-30	24-27	SMALL	5-7	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to instances short for usually normal schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate for a mostly fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-67	53-56
LARGE	46-60	51-55
MEDIUM	23-36	28-30

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 but were trending sharply higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand remained moderate to usually very good. Food service movement was fairly good to good. Supplies were adequate to close for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was light for the inadequate to available offerings. Most sellers continue to hold with confidence. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
LARGE	50.5-59	52-54
MEDIUM	26.5-35	28-31

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week deliveries were trending sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to instances short for usually normal processing schedules. Spent hens were at least adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-58	52-55
LARGE	43-56	50-53
MEDIUM	23-34	27-31

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 on extra large, large and medium were 2 cents higher when compared to yesterday's values. The market tone was firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Supplies ranged adequate to instances tight for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	48-52
LARGE	45-54	46-48
MEDIUM	27-36	30-32

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to very firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 9 cents higher on extra large, 10 cents higher on large, and 12 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 9 cents higher on extra large, 10 cents higher on large, and 12 cent higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 43.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's 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	114
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	82
MEDIUM	63

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	73-103
EXTRA LARGE	71-85
LARGE	69-72
MEDIUM	50-53

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

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

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK All prices were higher. Demand was light with offerings inadequate to available and varied from location to location. Inadequate supplies of breaking stock in some areas was forcing a few breakers to reduce current schedules. Most sellers continue to hold with confidence. Floor stocks closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to mostly firm.

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	30-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
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 Mostly prices were 5 cents higher on nest run breaking stock, and 2 to 3 cents higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. The undertone ranged from fully steady to firm at current price levels. Offerings, where available, were held with confidence with overall floor stocks ranging from adequate to occasionally short of full processing needs. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20-Aug-2005 were 2% more than the previous week, and 7% higher 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	28-33	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-23	16-20
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 20-Aug-05 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,364,266	31,375	12,916	7,457	3,011	4,398
PW	1,367,911	32,488	12,983	6,778	2,863	4,407
LY	1,308,226	30,939	12,861	6,387	2,798	4,381
% PW	0%	-3%	-1%	10%	5%	0%
% LY	4%	1%	0%	17%	8%	0%
2005	43,090,417	1,013,512	425,494	228,525	96,839	146,047
2004	40,451,123	959,997	388,375	211,305	91,580	138,592
% YTD	7%	6%	10%	8%	6%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.15	41.42	41.71
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	37.93	38.20	38.36

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	551,288	40.4%	13,919	44.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	549,663	40.2%	14,376	44.3%
LAST YEAR	508,999	38.9%	13,614	44.0%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 4 cents higher on whole and yolks, 1 cent higher on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/20 was 9% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	37-40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices ranged 3 cents higher. White prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher with salted yolk 1.5 to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for salted yolk and firm on the balance of frozen products. Offerings were adequate to available for all frozen products. Demand was seasonally moderate for all frozen products. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	38-40	
WHITES	30-34	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-63	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60	59-60

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on whites, balance of items slightly higher to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading continued to improve with best interest noted on sugar yolks. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on yolks, fully steady on whole eggs and at least steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 20-Aug-2005 were 5% less than the previous week, but 6% more than a year earlier.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	32-41	36-40	44-47
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-72
WHITES	29-33	30-33	36-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-63	60-63	66-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	57-60	62-68

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to lower on blends, irregular on albumen, but higher on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Trading was generally slow to occasionally moderate. Overall, the undertone improved; but yolks were mixed and unsettled with values trying to trend higher, whole eggs were full steady to firm, and generally steady to full steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 20-Aug-2005 were 5% more than the previous week, and 8% 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	1.18-1.55	MOSTLY	1.29-1.45
YOLKS	1.25-1.60	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.88-2.45	MOSTLY	1.97-2.20
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.18-1.55	MOSTLY	1.20-1.30

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 50 cents fob with asking prices higher for next week. No pasteurized whites were reported. Trade sentiment was firm for all liquid products. Offerings were short to adequate for whole egg and whites and in close balance to adequate for yolk. Current increases in liquid prices had forced some buyers to step away from spot trading as they wait for current markets to settle. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and good on the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last 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	16	24-31	28.50	1.08
WHITES	16	14-17.5	15.78	1.67
YOLKS	12	55-60	57.50	3.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 19, 2005-AUGUST 25, 2005															
CURRENT LOADS 67.50								FUTURE LOADS 62.00				TOTAL LOADS 129.50			
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	41.00	40.50	37.42	39.81	—	34.50	32.00	GNR W 1	—	41.17	—	—	—	43.50	27.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	67.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	70.00	71.00	—	51.00	3.00	GL W XL	58.75	49.04	—	58.25	—	57.13	15.75
GL W XL	—	51.00	49.00	51.38	46.06	44.00	29.75	GL W LG	46.00	44.44	—	48.71	—	49.50	21.75
GL W LG	—	50.74	46.38	46.05	38.63	—	33.25	GL W MD	—	32.06	—	38.00	31.50	35.70	10.00
GL W MD	35.00	—	25.00	27.00	24.13	30.25	15.50								
GL W SM	15.75	18.38	13.00	15.00	12.00	—	9.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	30.23	21.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.75	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.38	22.75	8.00								

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 Majority prices were 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 4-12 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were higher. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 5-10.5 8-10

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

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for light canners; heavy canners were mostly 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 was 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	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-Aug-05

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,302	1,712	3,014
Last Week	1,187	1,720	2,907
Same week yr ago	1,657	1,298	2,955
To-date/2005	49,600	47,076	96,676
To-date/2004	44,931	43,552	88,483

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	269	0	269
Last Week	240	0	240
Same week yr ago	123	0	123
To-date/2005	8,544	37	8,581
To-date/2004	7,956	90	8,046

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,571	1,712	3,283
Last Week	1,427	1,720	3,147
Same week yr ago	1,780	1,298	3,078
To-date/2005	58,144	47,113	105,257
To-date/2004	52,887	43,642	96,529

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL AUG 26, 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	54.50	53.00	29.00
SOUTHEAST	53.50	51.50	29.00
MIDWEST	43.00	40.50	23.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	60.50	53.00	29.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.23	49.61	27.79

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

