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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 entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were fully sufficient to balanced for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for a mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were noted 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 were higher for large in IA-MN-WI. All other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand remained moderate to good as we move into the holiday weekend. Loose egg demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance for the larger sizes, fully adequate for mediums and in balance to at times close for small.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	49-59	50-56	LARGE	39-48	43
LARGE	48-58	49-52	MEDIUM	23-27	25
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	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 higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for a moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for a mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-77	63-66
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

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 higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand remained moderate to usually good as we head into the holiday weekend. Food service movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were in balance for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Trading and demand were quiet for the tight to adequate offerings. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-75	68-71
LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully sufficient for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-68	62-65
LARGE	43.25-66	60-63
MEDIUM	23.25-46	39-43

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 were unchanged when compared to the previous day. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the holiday weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where limited promotional activities were in progress or planned. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	51-55

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-65	58-62
LARGE	55-64	56-58
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light due to high costs and lack of availability of trucking.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light due to trucking problems relating to fuel and hurricane issues. Small benchmark price 55.

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	106
LARGE	92
MEDIUM	75

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	83-103
EXTRA LARGE	81-94
LARGE	79-82
MEDIUM	62-65

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	179-229
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Trading and demand were quiet as industry heads into the extended holiday weekend. Offerings were tight to adequate. Most breakers were undecided on schedules for next week and were taking a wait and see approach to business with an on eye raw costs. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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	38-40	40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-29	25-27
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 continue to trend higher when compared to early week trading. The undertone was at least steady to firm at prevailing price levels. Offerings ranged from barely adequate to adequate for full processing schedules. Some breakers were closing either early or not running Friday with some locations not scheduled to run until next Tuesday. Demand was moderate but not aggressive and filling in with lighter weight breaking stock. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Aug-2005 were 3% less than last week, but 4% more than the same week a year earlier.

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	35-38	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-29	23-25
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 27-Aug-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,328,391	31,234	12,558	6,607	3,000	4,599
PW	1,364,266	31,375	12,916	7,457	3,011	4,398
LY	1,322,490	31,480	12,765	6,438	2,696	4,498
% PW	-3%	0%	-3%	-11%	0%	5%
% LY	0%	-1%	-2%	3%	11%	2%
2005	44,418,808	1,044,747	438,052	235,132	99,839	150,645
2004	41,773,613	991,477	401,140	217,743	94,276	143,090
% YTD	6%	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.40	41.15	41.72
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	37.94	37.93	38.32

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	532,539	40.1%	14,142	45.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	551,288	40.4%	13,919	44.4%
LAST YEAR	506,281	38.3%	13,128	41.7%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 5 cents higher on whole, 1 cent higher on whites, and 3 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/27 was 3% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks were adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	38-41
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 4 to 5 cents higher with whites unchanged to 2 cents higher. Sugared yolk ranged 2 to 5 cents higher while salted yolk ranged 4 to 6 cents higher. All quoted prices were reported for immediate ship for this week with asking prices sharply higher for next week. Trade sentiment was firm for all frozen products. Offerings continued adequate to available for all frozen products with most made to order. Demand was moderate going into the long Labor Day holiday. Freezer stocks were closely balanced for all products with the exception for frozen salted yolk, which was reported as adequate to mostly fully adequate.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	42-45	43
WHITES	32-34	33
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-68	65-68
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-66	63-66

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were all higher on all items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading improve with best interest noted on whole eggs. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs, but held with a little more confidence. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on most items. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-Aug-2005 were 2% more than the previous week, and 7% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	36-47	40-45	49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		61-75
WHITES	32-35	33-34	37-51
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-70	63-68	69-76
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-68	62-66	65-71

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on blends, but sharply higher on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light to moderate, with late week values higher than early week trading and asking prices were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Aug-2005 were unchanged when compared to the previous week, but 11% more 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	1.25-1.75	MOSTLY	1.40-1.55
YOLKS	1.35-1.80	MOSTLY	1.55-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.99-2.45	MOSTLY	2.05-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.65	MOSTLY	1.20-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 52 to 56 cents fob while asking prices continued higher for next week. Pasteurized whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment continued firm for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate for all products until the close of the week when offerings were short of current interest for next week. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and yolk and good for whites. Breakers cited breaking stock price increases along with increased buying interest and shortened schedules for next week and anticipated sharply higher prices for liquid whole egg and yolk for the coming week.

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	29-41	34.04	5.54
WHITES	11	15-18	16.95	1.17
YOLKS	10	56-62	58.50	1.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 26, 2005-SEPT 01, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								67.50	FUTURE LOADS			41.00	TOTAL LOADS					108.50
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	48.00	52.60	49.25	51.00	—	45.00	37.00		GNR W 1	—	55.39	—	—	—	59.00	24.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	71.50	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00		GL W XL	—	63.00	—	63.25	—	64.14	5.75		
GL W XL	—	62.00	62.33	62.35	52.79	56.00	24.25		GL W LG	53.50	59.58	—	65.17	63.00	63.86	15.00		
GL W LG	—	60.55	55.20	57.83	48.09	57.75	25.50		GL W MD	33.50	41.00	—	—	—	39.50	2.50		
GL W MD	—	—	33.80	35.60	30.00	—	5.50		GL BR LG	52.25	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00		
GL W SM	16.75	19.25	14.00	16.00	18.00	19.50	5.00		NRBS - 48	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	66.33	—	—	1.50											
NRBS - 48	27.00	—	—	—	39.17	38.00	12.00											
NRBS - 45	—	—	29.90	32.30	28.00	—	9.00											
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00											
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	27.83	30.00	6.00											
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.50	23.50	—	—	1.00											

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 for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 5-13 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for the usually adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal to less than normal due in part to the hurricane. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were higher. Demand was light with offering adequate to available. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Finished product demand sluggish with production schedules reduced for next week.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 6-11

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

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than dair 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 for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was about steady to steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 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)
21-29 MAJORITY 26-27 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-Aug-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,458	1,481	2,939
Last Week	1,302	1,712	3,014
Same week yr ago	1,296	1,571	2,867
To-date/2005	51,058	48,557	99,615
To-date/2004	46,227	45,123	91,350

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	382	3	385
Last Week	269	0	269
Same week yr ago	329	0	329
To-date/2005	8,926	40	8,966
To-date/2004	8,285	90	8,375

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,840	1,484	3,324
Last Week	1,571	1,712	3,283
Same week yr ago	1,625	1,571	3,196
To-date/2005	59,984	48,597	108,581
To-date/2004	54,512	45,213	99,725

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL SEPT 02, 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	64.50	63.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	63.50	61.50	41.00
MIDWEST	53.00	50.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.50	60.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	62.94	58.88	40.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week Ending August 20, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	408	604	11,445	9,885
Frozen	0	0	113	11
Dried	0	5	449	433
Total	408	609	12,007	10,329

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

Week Ending August 20, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	61	429	4,648	5,953
Frozen	0	66	654	1,198
Dried	0	0	371	1,813
Total	61	495	5,673	8,964

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

Week Ending August 20, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	130	288
Extra Large	6,070	4,830	145,995	112,836
Large	1,620	12,328	228,392	241,699
Medium	2,490	2,226	70,549	80,381
Ungraded	3,600	3,096	65,548	185,190
Misc	0	0	7,753	16,790
Total	13,780	22,480	518,367	637,184

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.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 27-Aug-2005	CASES	(Receipts From Producers)	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	246.1	4	-1
East North Central	562	-10	-7
West North Central	298.8	-1	1
South Atlantic	192.9	2	-12
South Central	56.4	-4	-19
West	204.2	-1	5
Total	1560.4	-4	-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

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	24.4	23.9	2	-3
Boston	3.6	3.3	9	9
Chicago	81.5	91.8	-11	26
Detroit	24.4	30.3	-19	-15
Kansas City	4.8	5.2	-8	7
Los Angeles	112.7	117.5	-4	16
New Orleans	6.4	6.5	-2	0
New York	30.2	29.3	3	6
St. Louis	19.0	19.5	-3	7
San Francisco	19.0	18.6	2	-1
Total	326.0	345.9	-6	11
4 Week Moving Avg.	331.6			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 08/29/05	3,557	118,073	52,120
AM 08/01/05	3,491	118,501	47,724
CHG	66	-428	4396
PCT CHG	2%	0%	9%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Aug 30, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	117	106	68	39
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	110-114	99-103	61-65	32-36
MOSTLY	112-113	101-102	63-64	34-35
RHODE ISLAND	117-121	107-111	69-73	39-43
MOSTLY	117	107	69	39
VERMONT	114-117	103-106	65-75	-
MOSTLY	114	103	65	-

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