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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices ended the week unchanged on all weights. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in balance for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to fully adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were about adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for next 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was ranged light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were usually light. Supplies were adequate to balanced for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68	LARGE	43-52	47	
LARGE	61-70	63-66	MEDIUM	31-37	35	
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56	SMALL	18-22		

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged closely balanced to adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were about adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

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. Trade sentiment steady. Cartoned egg sales remained fair to good. Loose egg demand mostly light to moderate. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was usually quiet to instances moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks reported as tight to fully adequate.. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	59.5-68	61-64

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 unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were about adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	75-78
LARGE	72-79	73-76
MEDIUM	58.5-66	59-63

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 on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	68-72

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	70-72
LARGE	67-75	68-70
MEDIUM	57-65	58-60

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was mainly steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 2 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77.

**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	119
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	108
MEDIUM	97

**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	99-108
EXTRA LARGE	97-102
LARGE	95-98
MEDIUM	84-87

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	259-329
EXTRA LARGE	229-309
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was usually quiet to instances moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate and more available than earlier in the week. Floor stocks were reported as tight to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely 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	22-26	22-24
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	32-38	36-38
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 unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment remains cautious but usually steady. Supplies were in a full range of close balance to adequate. However, additional offerings of heavy weight eggs were limited, lighter weight eggs were slightly more available. Demand was moderate, but not aggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-Nov-2005 were 18% less than the previous week, and 10% 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	35-39	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-29	23-26
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 26-NOV-05**

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,134,663	29,477	9,474	4,926	2,072	3,895
PW	1,275,700	31,963	11,183	5,975	2,042	4,425
LY	1,108,920	27,686	10,374	5,441	1,811	3,885
% Chg PWK	-11%	-8%	-15%	-18%	1%	-12%
% Chg LY	2%	6%	-9%	-9%	14%	0%
2005	61,643,917	1,466,372	594,562	318,322	135,959	208,281
2004	58,265,034	1,385,802	560,287	302,572	125,509	200,370
% Chg YTD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>		<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>		
(Inedible Included)		42.10	41.97	42.73		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.67	38.51	39.23		

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

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	544,716	48.0%	16,384	55.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	512,430	40.2%	14,659	45.9%
LAST YEAR	478,654	43.2%	13,251	47.9%

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 11/26 was 19% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	55-59	
WHITES	42-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whole eggs and salt yolks, balance of items were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was moderate. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady with caution on yolks, about steady to steady on whole, and usually steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 26-Nov-2005 were 17% less than the previous week, and 9% lower than a year earlier.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	44-54	49-52	55-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-81
WHITES	35-40	36-40	42-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-77	70-73	76-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	67-69	73-82
(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with whites and sugared yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. Frozen salted yolk ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to available with demand mostly moderate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	49-52	50
WHITES	37-40	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-74	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-69	69

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged or yolks and blends, unchanged to slightly higher on albumen, but unchanged to slightly lower on whole when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair but unaggressive. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Trade sentiment was mixed on whole, barely steady on yolks, and irregular but usually steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Nov-2005 were 1% more than the previous week, and 14% higher than a year earlier. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were up 8% over a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.55-1.80	MOSTLY	1.56-1.70
YOLKS	1.82-1.85	MOSTLY	1.60-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.28-2.75	MOSTLY	2.32-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.50	MOSTLY	1.30-1.45

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 55 to 61 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 30 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, weak for yolk, and fully steady to firm for whites. Ample spot offerings of yolk were noted at discounted levels from last week's reported prices. Whole egg offerings were fully adequate with white offerings in close balance to adequate. Demand was seasonally lackluster for whole egg and yolk and brisk for whites. Central States breaking stock prices were about unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	32-35	33.18	-.17
WHITES	22	23-26	24.05	.51
YOLKS	11	56-62.5	59.98	-2.90

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 25, 2005-DEC 01, 2005**

CURRENT LOADS 85.50								FUTURE LOADS 135.25			TOTAL LOADS 220.75				
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	56.00	50.50	52.00	47.33	52.00	66.00	GNR W 1	—	60.29	—	—	—	66.50	24.50
GNR W 2	—	—	48.50	50.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	42.00	44.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	57.50	56.00	—	—	—	68.50	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	76.00	—	—	75.00	76.00	7.00	GL W XL	—	55.50	—	—	—	61.06	14.75
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	48.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	55.00	64.56	—	70.00	—	59.23	36.75
GL W XL	—	52.33	60.38	61.14	46.63	46.50	47.25	GL W MD	41.67	55.00	43.00	—	—	49.00	9.00
GL W LG	—	66.96	51.69	60.76	49.99	53.15	63.50	GL W SM	33.00	—	—	—	—	39.50	1.00
GL W MD	55.00	—	50.00	52.00	38.00	31.00	17.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	37.90	40.65	35.67	38.33	—	—	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	33.33	—	—	—	—	14.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	37.00	36.50	31.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	42.00	46.00	—	35.00	3.00								

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** Prices were slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to fairly good for the about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-11	6-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to sharply lower. Demand was fair to fairly good and best into traditional processors of spent hens. Offerings were short of needs into rendering facilities and adequate into slaughter sites. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-6	

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

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL** DEC 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	73.00	71.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	61.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	54.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	62.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	60.09

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 no better than fair for light canners; mostly fair to moderate at best for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 26-NOV-05**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	819	940	1,759
Last Week	1,427	1,444	2,871
Same week yr ago	796	747	1,543
To-date/2005	67,081	66,376	133,457
To-date/2004	63,965	63,717	127,682

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	118	0	118
Last Week	244	3	247
Same week yr ago	288	0	288
To-date/2005	12,067	63	12,130
To-date/2004	11,505	136	11,641

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	937	940	1,877
Last Week	1,671	1,447	3,118
Same week yr ago	1,084	747	1,831
To-date/2005	79,148	66,439	145,587
To-date/2004	75,470	63,853	139,323

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 November 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	305	814	15,609	18,171
Frozen	0	0	130	11
Dried	80	50	808	735
Total	385	864	16,547	18,917

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

Week Ending November 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	31	50	6,101	7,329
Frozen	0	1	732	1,507
Dried	0	39	371	1,995
Total	31	90	7,204	10,831

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

Week Ending November 19, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	190	392
Extra Large	1,460	5,802	179,161	195,746
Large	1,860	11,156	286,326	404,215
Medium	750	5,227	94,265	127,532
Ungraded	11,874	5,220	217,678	316,282
Misc	0	0	9,753	16,790
Total	15,944	27,405	787,373	1,060,957

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 26-Nov-2005	CASES	(Receipts From Producers)	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	219.4	1	0
East North Central	597.7	-10	-4
West North Central	279.6	-12	-5
South Atlantic	212.8	3	-8
South Central	62.2	-7	-11
West	201.0	-2	5
Total	1568.2	-1	-4
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

Areas 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	CW	LW	W/E 26-Nov-2005 PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	29.4	30.4	-3	4
Boston	3.6	3.2	13	-3
Chicago	102.4	108.0	-5	60
Detroit	26.3	27.8	-5	-7
Kansas City	9.1	4.9	86	44
Los Angeles	110.7	118.0	-6	22
New Orleans	6.4	5.4	19	-10
New York	30.5	31.9	-4	0
St. Louis	19.3	23.6	-18	-12
San Francisco	20.5	20.0	3	0
Total	358.2	373.2	-4	19
4 Week Moving Avg.	366.4			

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

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 11/28/05	3,413	33,334	75,223
AM 11/01/05	3,885	81,804	63,547
CHG	-472	-48470	11676
PCT CHG	-12%	-59%	18%

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Nov 29, 2005

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	126	117	90	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	119-123	110-114	83-87	49-53
MOSTLY	121-122	112-113	85-86	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	125-129	116-120	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	125	116	89	55
VERMONT	126	117	90	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

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