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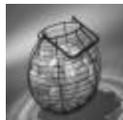
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to occasionally ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for the at least moderate 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 delivered prices were sharply lower. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with food service demand light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample with demand light. Schedules were mixed from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	
LARGE	53-62	55-58	
MEDIUM	41-50	43-46	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 35-44 39
			MEDIUM 23-29 27
			SMALL 15-19

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for mostly normal to at times reduced schedules. Demand was noted as light. Spent hens were usually sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	66-69
LARGE	58-72	65-67
MEDIUM	49-62	54-56

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Loose egg movement was usually quiet. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes with mediums mixed but usually adequate to balanced. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample with demand light. Schedules were mixed from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	52.5-61	54-57

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal to at times reduced. Spent hens were mostly sufficient for an at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-87.25	64-67
LARGE	61-87.25	62-65
MEDIUM	54-60	53-57

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. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	61-65

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	47-55	48-50

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 12 cents lower on jumbo, 14 cents lower on extra large and large, and 4 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last week with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 12 cents lower on jumbo, 14 cents lower on extra large and large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% lower than last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 69.

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	112
EXTRA LARGE	106
LARGE	99
MEDIUM	89

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-329	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-249	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-219	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 20, 2006 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 13, 2006 were 281,580 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	242,698	38,882	281,580
% change from the prior week.....	-6	+12	-4

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules mixed from plant to plant. Trade sentiment steady to 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	18-22	18-20
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	31-33	33

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal due to some planned down time taken in observance of the holiday. Sales of finished product ranged light to moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15	11-13	12.15
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-JAN-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	11-13	12.10

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - JAN 17, 2006
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	17.6	7.2	15.6	9.1	59.1
	Change	-0.1	2.8	0.8	1.8	1.1	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.5	62.9	13.0	27.7	36.2	168.3
	Change	4.0	-4.0	-5.2	6.7	-4.2	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	38.4	138.0	60.9	91.9	96.7	425.9
	Change	4.9	9.4	-7.9	13.8	-3.2	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.7	53.9	11.2	19.1	25.7	122.6
	Change	-0.8	-12.4	0.8	4.7	-1.7	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	7.5	10.1	4.7	2.9	7.9	33.1
	Change	-0.3	-2.6	4.0	-0.2	0.8	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	28.8	8.3	13.3	4.7	58.0
	Change	-0.5	-4.1	0.7	-0.4	0.2	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.3	51.5	24.5	29.8	35.0	155.1
	Change	1.1	2.3	-1.8	-3.9	5.3	2%
Total	Curr Wk	113.9	362.8	129.8	200.3	215.3	1022.1
Percent	Change	8%	-2%	-6%	13%	-1%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,022.1	1%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	222.7	-8%	35

Total Shell Egg 1,244.8 -1% 204
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 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 JANUARY 09, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 09, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 16, 2006

CURRENT LOADS		30.00		FUTURE LOADS		14.00		TOTAL LOADS		44.00					
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	—	—	41.00	43.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	66.89	—	—	—	74.00	75.00	2.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	1.00	GL W XL	46.00	52.00	—	—	—	60.05	5.75
GL W XL	50.00	51.75	48.00	51.00	45.60	47.50	12.50	GL W LG	46.33	50.00	—	—	—	53.41	6.50
GL W LG	—	—	38.00	—	41.00	—	7.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	38.00	43.50	45.00	35.00	—	6.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	84.00	87.00	1.00
GL W SM	32.00	35.00	34.00	37.50	34.00	—	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	13.50	15.00	2.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/10/06-01/16/06

CURRENT LOADS		86.25		FUTURE LOADS		37.00		TOTAL LOADS		123.25					
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	42.00	—	44.17	46.00	—	—	7.00	GL W J	63.84	—	—	—	74.00	73.93	3.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.50	28.50	2.00	GL W XL	46.00	52.00	—	60.83	—	58.57	16.25
GL W J	—	—	59.50	61.00	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	46.33	50.33	—	59.00	—	53.41	16.00
GL W XL	50.00	52.17	52.13	55.80	44.22	46.75	44.75	GL W MD	—	—	37.00	—	—	42.10	6.00
GL W LG	—	—	40.40	46.00	41.06	—	14.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	36.00	2.00
GL W MD	34.60	38.09	35.27	39.73	32.56	—	24.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	104.00	84.00	87.00	1.75
GL W SM	33.50	36.50	35.50	38.00	30.50	—	6.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	28.00	30.00	—	32.00	28.50	33.43	49.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	13.50	15.00	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	01/09/06	01/02/06	01/10/05
PACIFIC COAST	89	131	432
LOS ANGELES	85	91	421

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are adequate on larger sizes. Retail demand is fair.

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	81.86
LARGE	78.86
MEDIUM	70.86
SMALL	57.00

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

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