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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were one cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Friday's report. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to tight for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for a moderate to instances good 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 2 cents higher for the larger sizes. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Food service movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the closely balanced to tight offerings. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers | |
|-------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | | | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 41-50 | 44-47 | LARGE | 22-31 26 |
| LARGE | 30-49 | 42-45 | MEDIUM | 15-21 19 |
| MEDIUM | 33-42 | 35-38 | SMALL | 7-11 |

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for mostly normal schedules. Demand was noted as light. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 48-62 | 51-55 |
| LARGE | 44-58 | 51-53 |
| MEDIUM | 37-50 | 41-44 |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were slightly higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the closely balanced to tight offerings. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 49.5-58 | 51-54 |
| LARGE | 48.5-57 | 50-53 |
| MEDIUM | 41.5-50 | 43-46 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes and generally unchanged on medium when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a light demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 49.5-57 | 51-54 |
| LARGE | 47-55 | 49-52 |
| MEDIUM | 38.5-46 | 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 Prices were one cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to Friday's report. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was mostly moderate to instances good. Supplies were usually sufficient for immediate trade requirements.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59-63 |
| LARGE | 57-61 |
| MEDIUM | 49-53 |

MIDWEST REGIONAL

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 48-56 | 49-51 |
| LARGE | 46-54 | 47-49 |
| MEDIUM | 39-47 | 40-42 |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged to 1 cent higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 2% lower than last week with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 6%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last week. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 57.

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 | 101 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 94 |
| LARGE | 86 |
| MEDIUM | 77 |

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 AVAILABLE |
| LARGE | 199-239 | LARGE | |
| MEDIUM | 189-219 | MEDIUM | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 24, 2006 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 17, 2006 were 289,139 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 247,585 | 41,554 | 289,139 |

% change from the prior week..... +1 -1 +1

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings closely balanced to tight. Most sellers were holding shell eggs and attempting to move eggs into retail channels. Floor stocks balanced to fully 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 | 25-27 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 14-18 | 14-16 |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Sales of dressed product were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-FEB-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 9-15.25 CENTS/LB. | 9-11 | 12.18 |
| *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority were slightly higher when compared to week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-FEB-06

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 9.75-15.5 CENTS/LB. | 12-14 | 13.24 |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | |
| * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEBRUARY 20, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | | |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | Northeast | CENT | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 11.3 | 19.1 | 6.3 | 18.6 | 11.5 | 66.8 |
| | Change | 1.6 | -1.3 | 0.4 | 2.9 | -0.2 | 5% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 22.5 | 47.9 | 8.1 | 19.7 | 35.8 | 134.0 |
| | Change | 2.3 | -11.0 | 0.7 | -5.4 | 2.4 | -8% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 34.2 | 110.0 | 67.2 | 81.9 | 104.5 | 397.8 |
| | Change | -1.4 | -16.2 | 14.6 | -3.0 | -5.0 | -3% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.9 | 61.9 | 11.2 | 17.0 | 33.1 | 136.1 |
| | Change | 1.5 | -6.3 | -1.4 | 0.6 | 0.1 | -4% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 7.6 | 10.9 | 1.4 | 6.3 | 9.1 | 35.3 |
| | Change | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | -0.9 | 0.1 | 4% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 1.9 | 43.1 | 6.8 | 12.4 | 5.0 | 69.2 |
| | Change | 0.5 | 1.8 | -1.9 | -1.4 | 0.9 | 0% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 16.8 | 48.2 | 26.4 | 27.3 | 31.3 | 150.0 |
| | Change | -3.2 | -4.6 | -0.3 | -4.2 | -2.2 | -9% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 107.2 | 341.1 | 127.4 | 183.2 | 230.3 | 989.2 |
| | Change | 2% | -10% | 11% | -6% | -2% | -4% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 989.2 | -4% | 168 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 232.0 | 1% | 35 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1221.2 | -3% | 203 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2005

| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 1.88 | 1.85 | 1.76 | 1.17 |
| MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS. | | | | |
| GRADEA | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
| | 1.46 | 1.46 | 1.36 | .77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS | | 10.00 | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | 6.25 | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | 16.25 | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 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 | — | — | — | — | 29.00 | — | 2.00 | GNR W 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| GL W XL | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GL W LG | 42.50 | — | — | — | — | 48.00 | 1.00 |
| GL W LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.25 | GL W MD | 30.00 | — | — | 39.75 | — | 39.75 | 4.00 |
| GL W MD | — | 33.50 | — | — | 29.81 | — | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 24.50 | 26.50 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | — | — | 14.50 | 16.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/13/06-02/17/06

| CURRENT LOADS | | 86.75 | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | 56.50 | | TOTAL LOADS | | | | 143.25 | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| 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 | 25.50 | 31.00 | 27.90 | 29.17 | 29.00 | — | 17.00 | GNR W 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| GL W J | 51.00 | — | 44.00 | 45.50 | — | — | 3.00 | GL W J | 50.50 | — | — | — | — | 63.00 | 2.00 |
| GL W XL | 48.00 | 42.64 | 37.50 | 40.42 | 34.74 | 36.17 | 45.750 | GL W XL | 37.40 | 44.14 | — | 48.75 | — | 47.35 | 22.00 |
| GL W LG | — | 40.07 | 34.50 | 37.00 | 33.98 | 34.00 | 33.50 | GL W LG | 38.17 | 40.75 | — | 48.07 | — | 45.65 | 19.25 |
| GL W MD | 35.00 | 32.88 | 29.20 | 31.20 | 28.55 | 29.33 | 22.50 | GL W MD | 30.25 | 35.00 | — | 42.43 | — | 37.97 | 11.50 |
| GL W SM | 24.63 | 27.13 | 22.00 | 24.00 | — | 22.20 | 7.50 | GL W SM | 18.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | 55.00 | — | 3.75 | GL BR LG | — | — | — | 69.79 | — | — | 1.75 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | 27.00 | 22.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | 17.75 | 24.33 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | — | 18.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | — | — | — | 14.00 | 15.50 | 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 | 02/13/06 | 02/06/06 | 02/14/05 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 132 | 138 | 409 |
| LOS ANGELES | 130 | 136 | 405 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are fully adequate. Retail demand is fair to good.

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 | 68.08 |
| LARGE | 65.86 |
| MEDIUM | 57.47 |
| SMALL | 48.00 |

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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