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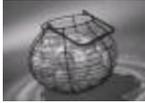
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and remained unchanged on mediums when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was mostly fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to at times tight for the light demand. Spent hens were fully adequate for the moderate to occasionally good demand. Slaughter 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium and unchanged for small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	44-47	LARGE	29-38	33	
LARGE	40-49	42-45	MEDIUM	18-24	22	
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 unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were not as available, but still generally adequate for usually normal schedules. Demand was reported as light. Spent hens were fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	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 unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand remained fairly good to good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were closely balanced to instances short of needs. Demand was mostly light. 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 unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all weights. The market tone was fully steady to occasionally firm entering the weekend. Retail demand continued moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for a light demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the moderate to instances good demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

	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 EGGS Prices continued higher on extra large and large increasing 1 cent. Mediums remained unchanged when compared to yesterday. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on heavier weights, steady on the balance. Demand was moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were about adequate to adequate for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	63-67
LARGE	61-65
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

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

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, 8 cents higher on large, and 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate overall. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 57.

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	101
EXTRA LARGE	94
LARGE	86
MEDIUM	77

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	77-90
EXTRA LARGE	75-81
LARGE	73-76
MEDIUM	64-67

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-219

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices continued unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings closely balanced to instances short of needs for next week's schedules as producers hold with more confidence. 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
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 was somewhat cautious, but improved and was mostly steady. Offerings were not as available but still generally adequate for full trade needs. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Feb-2006 were 4% less than a week ago, but unchanged when compared to last year.

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	23-27	23-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-16
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 18-Feb-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,277,719	31,341	12,671	6,805	3,000	4,405	
PW	1,333,180	32,373	12,554	7,245	4,090	4,549	
LY	1,237,180	30,390	11,764	6,064	2,544	4,324	
% PW	-4%	-3%	1%	-6%	-27%	-3%	
% LY	3%	3%	8%	12%	18%	2%	
2006	8,976,204	216,845	86,416	47,824	22,634	30,733	
2005	8,610,570	205,053	84,516	45,079	20,861	30,346	
% YTD	4%	6%	2%	6%	8%	1%	
					CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					43.22	42.55	42.47
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					39.77	39.13	38.97

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	593,282	46.4%	15,838	50.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	617,006	46.3%	15,790	48.8%
LAST YEAR	495,111	40.0%	13,237	43.6%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/18 was 17% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	46-50
WHITES	43-46
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-61

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen white prices ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower with the balance of prices ranging unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for all frozen products. Demand was light to moderate for whole egg and whites and quiet for sugared and salted yolk. The majority of trading continued to be concentrated on previous agreements. Offerings were easily adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	40-43	42
WHITES	38-43	38-40
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	55-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-55	51-53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole, unchanged on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair. Offerings were adequate for current trade requirements. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 18-Feb-2006 were 1% less than a week earlier, but 2% more than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)			
WHOLE	36-46	37-43	46-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		54-74
WHITES	35-43	38-40	43-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	55-57	61-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-55	51-54	57-68

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was seasonally light. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was unsettled but usually steady on whole, other items were mostly steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Feb-2006 were 27% lower than the previous week, but 18% more than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 8% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	1.31-1.60	MOSTLY	1.40-1.47
YOLKS	1.33-1.57	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.58-2.90	MOSTLY	2.60-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY	1.30-1.40

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk and pasteurized whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady for whole egg, mostly steady for whites, and steady for yolk. Demand for whole egg was reported as good and continuing to improve. White demand was mostly light. Yolk demand was fairly good with buyers more interested in additional product. Offerings were adequate for whole egg early in the week and by week's end was reported as tight to inadequate. White and yolk offerings were in close balance. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged 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	42	20-25	21.19	-.38
WHITES	11	24-25.5	25.23	.09
YOLKS	10	36-38	36.53	-.78

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 17, 2006-FEB 23, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								92.50		FUTURE LOADS		67.00		TOTAL LOADS				159.50	
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	28.75	37.71	38.00	32.88	35.43	—	33.00	GNR W 1	—	46.88	—	—	—	—	15.00				
GNR W 2	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	46.50	48.00	50.50	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	46.50	—	—	—	54.42	8.50				
GL W XL	—	43.00	41.00	45.70	43.37	46.25	39.75	GL W LG	42.50	51.06	—	52.30	—	50.80	47.00				
GL W LG	—	44.31	40.33	42.80	39.35	—	70.75	GL W MD	34.50	36.50	—	40.88	36.00	40.41	11.75				
GL W MD	36.20	34.30	29.83	31.67	31.11	—	17.75												
GL W SM	24.25	26.50	23.38	25.13	—	23.00	6.00												
GL BR LG	—	—	52.00	—	—	—	3.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	26.78	9.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	2.00												
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.50	16.00	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 Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to instances good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was slow for at least adequate offerings. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand was fairly good while offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10	.5-8

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

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	53.00	52.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	52.50	50.50	41.00
MIDWEST	45.50	43.50	36.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	51.50	44.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	50.90	49.44	41.27

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 the previous week. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; fair to instances moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
19-28 MAJORITY 24-25	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)
20-30 MAJORITY 26-26.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 18-FEB-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,029	1,294	2,323
Last Week	1,269	1,349	2,618
Same week yr ago	1,277	1,161	2,438
To-date/2006	9,388	9,593	18,981
To-date/2005	9,757	8,674	18,431

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	361	0	361
Last Week	313	0	313
Same week yr ago	337	0	337
To-date/2006	1,909	7	1,916
To-date/2005	2,232	4	2,236

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,390	1,294	2,684
Last Week	1,582	1,349	2,931
Same week yr ago	1,614	1,161	2,775
To-date/2006	11,297	9,600	20,897
To-date/2005	11,989	8,678	20,667

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 February 11, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	211	263	1,252	1,405
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	40	0	40	21
Total	251	263	1,332	1,426

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

Week Ending February 11, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	30	366	298	1,495
Frozen	44	5	157	113
Dried	0	40	0	160
Total	74	411	455	1,768

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

Week Ending February 11, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	750	7,920	3,480	28,320
Large	1,050	11,830	5,340	54,685
Medium	2,940	750	4,770	4,815
Ungraded	800	120	2,450	870
Misc	0	750	0	1,500
Total	5,540	21,370	16,040	90,190

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.

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

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS	
AM 02/20/06	3,363	61,976	70,304	
AM 02/01/06	3,481	52,434	73,883	
CHG	-118	9542	-3579	
PCT CHG	-3%	18%	-5%	

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

	(In Units of 1,000)			
	31-Dec 2004	31-Dec 2005	31-Jan 2005	31-Jan 2006
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,972	2,690	2,843	2,898
Yolks	1,085	1,335	954	1,524
Whole & Mixed	11,443	13,420	11,600	14,582
Unclassified	3,612	3,573	3,180	3,747
Total Frozen Eggs	19,112	21,018	18,577	22,751

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 18-FEB-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	(Receipts From Producers) PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	210.7	-1	1
East North Central	631.2	2	8
West North Central	293.1	1	4
South Atlantic	193.7	3	-11
South Central	61.2	8	-12
West	187.1	-5	-11
Total	1577.0	1	0
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 Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	W/E 18-Feb-2006 PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	31.8	26.2	21	28
Boston	3.1	3.3	-6	-6
Chicago	81.9	74.0	11	19
Detroit	24.8	22.4	11	-14
Kansas City	5.1	6.0	-15	-43
Los Angeles	114.5	114.1	0	16
New Orleans	6.9	5.1	35	-7
New York	31.2	32.4	-4	10
St. Louis	18.2	17.3	5	14
San Francisco	18.7	18.6	1	-5
Total	336.2	319.4	5	10
4 Week Moving Avg.	325.9			

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Feb 21, 2006

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	94	92	68	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	88-92	86-90	61-65	43-47
MOSTLY	90-91	88-89	63-64	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	93-97	91-95	67-71	49-53
MOSTLY	93	91	67	49
VERMONT	94-100	92-95	68-75	-
MOSTLY	94	92	68	-

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