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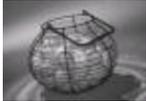
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was reported as steady beginning the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were reported as mostly adequate to fully adequate, instances ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited to very tight for the moderate to fairly good demand. Schedules were normal to reduced. Spent fowl were at least adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to less than 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 1 cent higher for large and medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	63-72	66-69				
LARGE	62-71	64-67				
MEDIUM	38-47	40-43				
			LARGE	47-56	51	
			MEDIUM	24-30	28	
			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. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slighter higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited and held with confidence for a fairly good demand. Schedules were noted as normal to reduced. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-76
LARGE	65-79	70-74
MEDIUM	40-53	45-47

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 asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales ranged light to at times fairly good. Food service demand was usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were very tight for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72.5-80	74-77
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	46.5-55	48-51

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 sizes. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fairly good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to less than normal. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the fair to at least moderate demand. Processing schedules ranged normal to reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.25-79	73-76
LARGE	59.25-77	71-74
MEDIUM	42.25-51	44-48

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 Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	56-60

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	70-78	71-73
LARGE	68-76	69-71
MEDIUM	44-52	45-47

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate, best to cover features. Offerings adequate to ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week 2 cents higher on jumbo, 3 cents higher on extra large and large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to ample. Small benchmark price 65.

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	120
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	85

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	100-109
EXTRA LARGE	98-102
LARGE	96-99
MEDIUM	72-75

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	199-259
MEDIUM	189-239

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were very tight to instances inadequate with demand continuing moderate to fairly good. Schedules full-time to reduced. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment firm.

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	29-33	31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-21	17-19
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 2 cents higher on nest run breaking stock, and 1 cent higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Supplies were limited and usually held with confidence as quality eggs moves into grading channels. Floor stocks were barely adequate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Demand was fairly good. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 11-Mar-2006 were 5% more than the previous week, but 6% less 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	26-30	27-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-21	15-18
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 11-Mar-2006
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES		LIQUID		DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,237,397	31,140	10,861	5,643	2,400	4,113
PW	1,244,799	31,424	11,087	6,113	2,506	4,284
LY	1,274,049	31,496	11,715	6,643	2,473	4,543
% PW	-1%	-1%	-2%	-8%	-4%	-4%
% LY	-3%	-1%	-7%	-15%	-3%	-9%
2006	12,733,093	311,661	119,861	65,744	30,441	43,518
2005	12,388,368	297,618	119,971	63,974	28,114	43,662
% YTD	3%	5%	0%	3%	8%	0%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	41.83	42.50	42.70
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.50	39.06	39.13

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	569,857	46.1%	15,989	51.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	572,795	46.0%	16,436	52.3%
LAST YEAR	517,165	40.6%	13,390	42.5%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/11 was 2% 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)	60-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites 1 to 2 cents higher. Sugared and salted yolk ranged 1 to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and whites and barely steady to weak for sugared and salted yolk. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and whites while demand for sugared and salted yolk was reported as mostly light. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-43	43
WHITES	39-45	39-41
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	53-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-53	51-53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were generally unchanged to lower on yolks, with mostly prices unchanged on whites, and unchanged to slightly higher on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was usually light with offerings usually adequate for current needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, balance of items were mostly steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 11-Mar-2006 were 1% more than last week, but 9% lower than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
WHOLE	34-45	36-43	46-51
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		53-74
WHITES	35-45	37-40	43-55
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-57	53-56	60-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-55	50-53	56-68

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on whole eggs and yolks, unchanged to higher on albumen, and irregular on blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was no better than steady on yolks, steady on whole and irregular but usually steady to fully steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 11-Mar-2006 were 4% lower than the previous week, and 3% less 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	1.33-1.60	MOSTLY 1.38-1.45
YOLKS	1.26-1.55	MOSTLY 1.30-1.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-2.95	MOSTLY 2.70-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	MOSTLY 1.25-1.38

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 31 to 36 cents fob with pasteurized whites too few to report. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, firm for whites, and steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, tight to short of needs for whites, and fully adequate for yolk. Lackluster demand and weakening prices for yolk was creating tight offerings of liquid whites. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when 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	37	24-27.5	25.44	1.95
WHITES	19	24-35	29.05	3.20
YOLKS	8	33.5-35.5	34.56	-1.94

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 10, 2006-MAR 16, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								80.00		FUTURE LOADS				82.25		TOTAL LOADS				162.25	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS				
GNR W 1	50.50	57.50	50.67	52.57	—	50.50	49.00	GNR W 1	—	58.81	—	70.75	—	—	31.00	GNR W 2	5.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	5.00	GL W J	9.75				
GL W J	—	—	67.50	69.00	50.96	—	7.00	GL W J	53.80	—	—	—	—	64.38	GL W XL	11.25					
GL W XL	—	69.22	62.20	63.51	48.88	52.08	48.75	GL W XL	—	59.75	—	61.00	—	60.12	GL W LG	49.75					
GL W LG	—	66.10	—	65.00	50.10	54.00	58.75	GL W LG	62.25	67.25	—	70.74	—	66.85	GL W MD	3.25					
GL W MD	44.00	37.50	37.50	38.50	33.00	36.45	19.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	39.85	GL W SM	1.00					
GL W SM	23.06	26.06	22.33	24.79	—	22.00	11.00	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	GL BR LG	.25					
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	2.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	68.00	72.00	NRBS - 48	2.00					
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	32.33	10.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	71.75	—	—	NRBS - 42	4.00					
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	4.00	NRBS - 48	26.50	—	—	—	—	28.00	NRBS - 39	1.00					
								NRBS - 39	17.00	18.00	—	—	—	—							

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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-12	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for ample offerings of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of processed hens were light. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-10	5-9

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

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	74.00	72.00	46.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	46.00
MIDWEST	67.50	65.50	41.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	74.50	49.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.96	71.25	45.93

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners was fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand; most available supplies of heavy canners were being used internally with demand generally fair. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal to less than. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5	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)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-Mar-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	977	1,580	2,557
Last Week	1,095	1,527	2,622
Same week yr ago	1,720	1,317	3,037
To-date/2006	12,514	14,216	26,730
To-date/2005	14,535	12,919	27,454

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	171	0	171
Last Week	312	0	312
Same week yr ago	261	7	268
To-date/2006	2,620	7	2,627
To-date/2005	3,132	11	3,143

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,148	1,580	2,728
Last Week	1,407	1,527	2,934
Same week yr ago	1,981	1,324	3,305
To-date/2006	15,134	14,223	29,357
To-date/2005	17,667	12,930	30,597

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 March 4, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	0	304	1,776	2,229
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	0	0	120	61
Total	0	304	1,936	2,290

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

Week Ending March 4, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	49	122	460	1,904
Frozen	9	8	182	211
Dried	41	0	41	300
Total	99	130	683	2,415

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

Week Ending March 4, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	150	0	150	0
Extra Large	3,300	1,540	8,880	45,210
Large	3,065	12,880	11,585	104,104
Medium	2,657	1,620	10,535	9,435
Ungraded	0	780	3,950	2,252
Misc	810	780	810	3,013
Total	9,982	17,600	35,910	164,014

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 03/13/06	3,430	74,718	66,539
AM 03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG	92	5030	-2461
PCT CHG	3%	7%	-4%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 11-MAR-2006 REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	209.2	-2	-1
East North Central	618.7	-4	-2
West North Central	212.2	-29	-29
South Atlantic	191.8	-2	-13
South Central	68.0	13	-3
West	185.8	-1	-16
Total	1485.7	-7	-10
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

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

W/E 11-MAR-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	29.1	28.5	2	5
Boston	3.2	2.9	10	-26
Chicago	76.7	84.6	-9	1
Detroit	23.1	21.6	7	-31
Kansas City	3.7	3.8	-3	-14
Los Angeles	108.1	103.5	4	-2
New Orleans	9.9	6.0	65	52
New York	32.0	33.4	-4	-2
St. Louis	26.7	18.6	44	65
San Francisco	18.5	18.0	3	-6
Total	331.0	320.9	3	0
4 Week Moving Avg.	330.7			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Mar 14, 2006

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	111	108	70	50
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	103-107	100-104	63-67	43-47
	105-106	102-103	65-66	45-46
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	110-114	107-111	69-73	49-53
	110	107	69	49
VERMONT MOSTLY	111-115	109-110	75-77	-
	115	110	75	-

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