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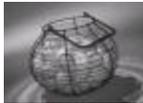
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to very good, best where features enhanced movement at retail outlets. Supplies were mostly adequate to available, instances ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to ample for the light to fairly good demand. Schedules were reported as usually normal. Spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for a light to moderate 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with a weak undertone reported for next week's deliveries. Cartoned egg sales were in a full range of fair to very good and best into areas with planned features. Loose egg sales were generally light. Supplies were adequate to available.

|             | Range | Mostly | IA-MN-WI | Prices paid to producers. | Range | Mostly |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 66-75 | 69-72  |          |                           |       |        |
| LARGE       | 65-74 | 67-70  |          |                           | 47-56 | 51     |
| MEDIUM      | 42-51 | 44-47  |          |                           | 24-30 | 28     |
|             |       |        |          |                           | 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 unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal. Spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 72-86 | 75-79  |
| LARGE       | 68-82 | 73-77  |
| MEDIUM      | 44-57 | 49-51  |

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 to barely steady. Cartoned demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Some spot locations working extended schedules. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to fairly good demand. Floor stocks were adequate to instances ample. Schedules generally full time. Trade sentiment weak.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 75.5-84 | 77-80  |
| LARGE       | 74.5-83 | 76-79  |
| MEDIUM      | 49.5-58 | 51-54  |

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 to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to good. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were adequate to at least adequate for the light to moderate demand.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 74.5-82 | 76-79  |
| LARGE       | 73-80   | 74-77  |
| MEDIUM      | 47.5-55 | 48-52  |

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 on extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to Thursday's prices. Trade sentiment was about steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs.

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

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 73-81 | 74-76  |
| LARGE       | 71-79 | 72-74  |
| MEDIUM      | 48-56 | 49-51  |

## WESTERN REGIONAL

Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings ample and discounted.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings and supplies ample with discounting widespread. Small benchmark price 69.

**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       | 122   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 118   |
| LARGE       | 112   |
| MEDIUM      | 89    |

## 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       | 103-111 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 101-105 |
| LARGE       | 99-102  |
| MEDIUM      | 76- 79  |

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

|             | RANGE   |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO       | 279-329 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 249-309 |
| LARGE       | 199-259 |
| MEDIUM      | 189-239 |

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were lower. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings adequate to ample. Bids for next week's deliveries were reported at lower prices. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment weak.

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  | 24.5-29 | 25-27 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES  | 15-21   | 15-17 |
| 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 generally 2 cents lower when compared to early week trading. However, trade sentiment remains in a barely steady position with traders closely watching further market developments. Offerings were more available, but were still reported as adequate to fully adequate for normal breaking schedules. Demand was light to moderate, but buyers remain very cautious. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Apr-2006 were 1 % higher than a week earlier, but 14 % 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  | 24-29 | 25-28 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES  | 12-19 | 13-16 |
| 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 01-Apr-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

|       | CASES      | LIQUID  | LIQUID  | LIQUID | DRIED  | INED   |
|-------|------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|       | BROKEN     | WHOLE   | WHITE   | YOLK   |        |        |
| CW    | 1,254,356  | 31,078  | 11,944  | 6,400  | 2,457  | 4,360  |
| PW    | 1,239,494  | 31,356  | 11,055  | 5,975  | 2,220  | 4,254  |
| LY    | 1,356,492  | 30,897  | 14,034  | 7,734  | 3,140  | 4,622  |
| % PW  | 1%         | -1%     | 8%      | 7%     | 11%    | 2%     |
| % LY  | -8%        | 1%      | -15%    | -17%   | -22%   | -6%    |
| 2006  | 16,429,876 | 404,754 | 153,587 | 83,938 | 37,444 | 56,162 |
| 2005  | 16,316,255 | 389,387 | 159,271 | 85,462 | 36,409 | 57,146 |
| % YTD | 1%         | 4%      | -4%     | -2%    | 3%     | -2%    |

**CW PW LY**

|  |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) | 42.88 | 42.47 | 42.23 |
| Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) | 39.40 | 39.04 | 38.82 |

**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  | 590,058      | 47.0%      | 16,827       | 54.1%      |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 583,676      | 47.1%      | 17,112       | 54.6%      |
| LAST YEAR     | 542,076      | 40.0%      | 13,785       | 44.6%      |

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whites, 1 cent lower on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/1 was 7% more than the previous week. Frozen demand improved with freezer stocks adequate.

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

**LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)**

|                                | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| WHOLE                          | 46-50 |
| WHITES                         | 45-48 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 58-61 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)  | 54-57 |

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged irregular with whites and sugared yolk ranging unchanged to 2 cents lower. Salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for all frozen products while observers reported that the weak undertone in frozen products was derived from the currently weakening liquid egg markets. Frozen egg demand was light to moderate while offerings were adequate to easily adequate for all products. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

**TRUCKLOTS**

|                                | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| WHOLE                          | 40-44 | 41-43  |
| WHITES                         | 40-44 | 40     |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 50-56 | 50-51  |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)  | 47-52 | 47-51  |

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were lower on sugar yolks and unchanged to slightly lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to occasionally moderate with offerings sufficient for current needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady on yolks, balance of other items were reported as barely steady to steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 01-Apr-2006 were unchanged from last week, but 13 % lower than a year ago.

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

**LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)****TRUCKLOTS**

|                                | RANGE | MOSTLY | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| WHOLE                          | 36-46 | 36-43  | 47-52 |
| BLENDS (/)                     | TFEWR |        | 53-75 |
| WHITES                         | 36-44 | 36-42  | 45-58 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 48-56 | 50-54  | 59-68 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)  | 47-54 | 47-52  | 54-66 |

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

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices were lower on yolks, unchanged on whole eggs, but higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and movement was light to moderate with offerings adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally no better than barely steady on yolks, mixed but usually in a range of about steady to mostly steady on whole, and at least steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 01-Apr-2006 were 11% more than the previous week, but 22% lower than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 3% higher than a year ago.

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

|                               |           |        |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| WHOLE                         | 1.34-1.55 | MOSTLY | 1.39-1.45 |
| YOLKS                         | 1.20-1.49 | MOSTLY | 1.25-1.37 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED         | 2.75-3.05 | MOSTLY | 2.77-2.95 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.25-1.35 |        |           |

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk and pasteurized whites were too few to report. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak for all liquid products. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and whites at lowering trending prices with yolk demand quiet. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were sharply lower 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  | 53    | 22.5-27.25 | 24.58     | -1.77          |
| WHITES | 23    | 24-32.75   | 28.79     | -2.71          |
| YOLKS  | 4     | 33-35.75   | 34.19     | -.20           |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 31, 2006-APR 06, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS 84.00 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | FUTURE LOADS 83.75 |       |       |     | TOTAL LOADS 167.75 |       |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| SE                  |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | LOADS |       | SC                 |       | NW    |     | SW                 |       | LOADS |       |
| CLASS               | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | LOADS | CLASS              | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST                | ORG   | DST   | LOADS |
| GNR W 1             | 50.50 | —     | 51.60 | 53.00 | 52.47 | 47.00 | 30.00 | GNR W 1            | —     | 64.90 | —   | —                  | —     | —     | 5.00  |
| GNR BR 1            | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 1.00  | GNR BR 1           | 66.00 | 42.00 | —   | —                  | —     | 61.00 | 3.00  |
| GL W J              | —     | —     | 67.25 | 69.00 | 50.20 | —     | 4.50  | GL W J             | 55.44 | —     | —   | —                  | 59.00 | 64.13 | 8.00  |
| GL W XL             | —     | 57.78 | 58.33 | 58.76 | 43.77 | 45.50 | 46.50 | GL W XL            | 44.00 | 50.27 | —   | 58.50              | —     | 59.04 | 12.50 |
| GL W LG             | —     | —     | 37.00 | —     | 39.35 | 42.79 | 16.50 | GL W LG            | —     | 54.00 | —   | 76.50              | —     | 57.43 | 13.50 |
| GL W MD             | 44.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 | 34.80 | 29.71 | —     | 16.50 | GL W MD            | 33.00 | 44.00 | —   | 43.00              | —     | 37.89 | 9.00  |
| GL W SM             | 23.38 | 25.88 | 21.00 | —     | 16.20 | 18.00 | 4.25  | GL W SM            | —     | —     | —   | —                  | 21.00 | 25.80 | 1.25  |
| GL BR LG            | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | .75   | GL BR LG           | —     | —     | —   | —                  | —     | —     | .75   |
| NRBS - 48           | 23.00 | 24.00 | —     | —     | 25.58 | 30.68 | 93.00 | NRBS - 48          | 23.00 | —     | —   | —                  | —     | —     | 10.00 |
| NRBS - 45           | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 29.75 |                    |       |       |     |                    |       |       |       |
| NRBS - 39           | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 3.00  |                    |       |       |     |                    |       |       |       |
| NRBS - 36           | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 32.00 | 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 ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

|              |              |                 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|              | <b>RANGE</b> | <b>MAJORITY</b> |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-12         | 9-10            |

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

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

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules normal. Trade sentiment steady.

|              |              |                 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
|              | <b>RANGE</b> | <b>MAJORITY</b> |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-11         | 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         | 77.00    | 75.00 | 50.00  |
| SOUTHEAST         | 77.50    | 75.50 | 50.00  |
| MIDWEST           | 70.50    | 68.50 | 45.50  |
| SOUTH CENTRAL     | 78.50    | 77.50 | 52.50  |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 75.98    | 74.25 | 49.62  |

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. Offerings of light canners were more than sufficient for the generally light and unaggressive demand; adequate to at least adequate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b><br>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | <b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b><br>(WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 18-28 MAJORITY 23-24                                 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT                     |

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 01-Apr-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

|                  | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                  | THOUSANDS  |            |            |
| Head             | 1,166      | 1,433      | 2,599      |
| Last Week        | 1,082      | 1,562      | 2,644      |
| Same week yr ago | 1,671      | 1,421      | 3,092      |
| To-date/2006     | 15,763     | 18,652     | 34,415     |
| To-date/2005     | 19,302     | 17,098     | 36,400     |

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

|                  | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                  | THOUSANDS  |            |            |
| Head             | 339        | 0          | 339        |
| Last Week        | 144        | 0          | 144        |
| Same week yr ago | 404        | 0          | 404        |
| To-date/2006     | 3,352      | 7          | 3,359      |
| To-date/2005     | 3,864      | 11         | 3,875      |

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

|                  | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                  | THOUSANDS  |            |            |
| Head             | 1,505      | 1,433      | 2,938      |
| Last Week        | 1,226      | 1,562      | 2,788      |
| Same week yr ago | 2,075      | 1,421      | 3,496      |
| To-date/2006     | 19,115     | 18,659     | 37,774     |
| To-date/2005     | 23,166     | 17,109     | 40,275     |

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 25, 2006 |      | Year-To-Date |         |       |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|---------|-------|
| TYPE                       | 2006 | 2005 1/      | 2006 2/ | 2005  |
| Liquid                     | 156  | 363          | 2,243   | 3,213 |
| Frozen                     | 0    | 0            | 40      | 0     |
| Dried                      | 0    | 18           | 146     | 79    |
| Total                      | 156  | 381          | 2,429   | 3,292 |

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

| Week Ending March 25, 2006 |      | Year-To-Date |         |       |
|----------------------------|------|--------------|---------|-------|
| TYPE                       | 2006 | 2005 1/      | 2006 2/ | 2005  |
| Liquid                     | 22   | 105          | 660     | 2,288 |
| Frozen                     | 0    | 44           | 201     | 302   |
| Dried                      | 0    | 0            | 41      | 300   |
| Total                      | 22   | 149          | 902     | 2,890 |

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

| Week Ending March 25, 2006 |        | Year-To-Date |         |         |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------|---------|---------|
| TYPE                       | 2006   | 2005 1/      | 2006 2/ | 2005    |
| Jumbo                      | 0      | 0            | 150     | 33      |
| Extra Large                | 2,910  | 8,780        | 15,390  | 59,200  |
| Large                      | 2,980  | 10,970       | 18,135  | 140,054 |
| Medium                     | 1,500  | 1,560        | 16,475  | 14,835  |
| Ungraded                   | 8,100  | 3,858        | 16,610  | 8,570   |
| Misc                       | 210    | 0            | 1,020   | 3,793   |
| Total                      | 15,700 | 25,168       | 67,780  | 226,485 |

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 04/03/06 | 3,393           | 81,033      | 64,881                      |
| AM 03/01/06 | 3,338           | 69,688      | 69,000                      |
| CHG         | 55              | 11345       | -4119                       |
| PCT CHG     | 2%              | 16%         | -6%                         |

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2006 are:

|             |                           |    |
|-------------|---------------------------|----|
| FROZEN EGGS | 25 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS  | 5% |
| TURKEYS     | 364 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS | 5% |
| POULTRY     | 865 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS | 5% |

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

| W/E 01-APR-2006          | CASES      | (Receipts From Producers) |    |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|----|
| REGIONS                  | (IN THOUS) | PW                        | LY |
| North Atlantic           | 213.3      | -2                        | -3 |
| East North Central       | 613.9      | -3                        | 2  |
| West North Central       | 301.6      | 4                         | 4  |
| South Atlantic           | 198.2      | 1                         | -1 |
| South Central            | 69.9       | -3                        | 0  |
| West                     | 190.3      | 2                         | -8 |
| Total                    | 1587.2     | 0                         | 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           | CW          | LW    | PERCENT CHANGE |    |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|----------------|----|
| Consuming Centers  | (Thousands) |       | LW             | LY |
| Atlanta            | 31.6        | 25.8  | 22             | 20 |
| Boston             | 3.0         | 3.0   | 0              | -3 |
| Chicago            | 96.8        | 90.4  | 7              | 51 |
| Detroit            | 16.3        | 24.7  | -34            | -4 |
| Kansas City        | 3.5         | 4.6   | -24            | 13 |
| Los Angeles        | 113.0       | 113.3 | 0              | 8  |
| New Orleans        | 6.1         | 5.6   | 9              | 0  |
| New York           | 32.6        | 32.4  | 1              | 16 |
| St. Louis          | 19.6        | 18.4  | 7              | 25 |
| San Francisco      | 19.3        | 18.2  | 6              | 1  |
| Total              | 341.8       | 336.4 | 2              | 19 |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 332.4       |       |                |    |

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

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

|               | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE   | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|
| MAINE         | 111         | 108     | 70     | 50    |
| MOSTLY        | -           | -       | -      | -     |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 104-108     | 101-105 | 63-67  | 43-47 |
| MOSTLY        | 106-107     | 103-104 | 65-66  | 45-46 |
| RHODE ISLAND  | 110-114     | 107-111 | 69-73  | 49-53 |
| MOSTLY        | 110         | 107     | 69     | 49    |
| VERMONT       | 111         | 108-109 | 70-75  | -     |
| MOSTLY        | -           | 108     | 70     | -     |

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Up 3 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 159 million dozen during February 2006, up 3 percent from February a year ago, but 4 percent below the 166 million broken last month.

February 2006 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as February 2005.

During calendar year 2006 through February, shell eggs broken totaled 325 million dozen, up 3 percent from the 315 million dozen broken in the comparable period in 2005. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2006 was 424 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2005.

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