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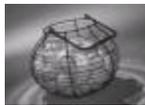
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to the previous day. The market tone was steady to instances weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent fowl supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were noted as normal.

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 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs.

	Range	Mostly	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	42-45				
LARGE	38-47	40-43	LARGE	18-27	22	
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	MEDIUM	15-21	19	
			SMALL	5-9		

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 slightly lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment ranged steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for normal schedules. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	48-51
LARGE	42-56	47-51
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. Trade sentiment was steady to at times weak. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the heavy breaking stock and fully adequate to ample for graded loose shell eggs. Demand was light. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

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 lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand continued light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to instances ample for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-65.25	50-53
LARGE	47-64.25	48-51
MEDIUM	40.5-48	41-45

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 to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	54-58
LARGE	52-56
MEDIUM	49-53

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-54	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-47
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

WESTERN REGIONAL The market tone was steady to weak. Asking prices for next week were unchanged on jumbo, extra large and medium with large 2 cents lower. Retailer demand was light to moderate at best. Offerings were adequate to ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on large and unchanged jumbo, extra large, medium and small. Retailer demand was fair at best. Offerings were at least adequate. Small benchmark prices 59.

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	98
EXTRA LARGE	92
LARGE	84
MEDIUM	79

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	79-87
EXTRA LARGE	75-79
LARGE	71-74
MEDIUM	66-69

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	149-239
MEDIUM	189-229

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate for heavy breaking stock and fully adequate to ample for graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks balanced to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about 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

CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
BREAKING STOCK	23-26	TFEWR
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 on checks and undergrades, but unchanged to slightly lower on nest run breaking stock when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was barely steady with traders continuing to closely monitor further market developments. Offerings were irregular but still fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were not heavy but still at least sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22-Apr-2006 were 3 % more than the previous week, but 13 % lower 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	21-27	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	12-15
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 22-Apr-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,303,271	32,803	11,908	6,248	2,974	4,415
PW	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4,438
LY	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
% PW	4%	4%	-2%	6%	3%	0%
% LY	-1%	3%	-5%	-9%	25%	3%
2006	20,253,865	501,251	188,896	102,360	45,785	69,231
2005	20,284,063	483,931	198,744	106,604	44,385	70,337
% YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	3%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.49	42.94	42.30
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.10	39.41	39.03

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	611,779	46.9%	16,683	50.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%
LAST YEAR	530,800	40.4%	14,379	45.1%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whites, whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending April 22 was 3% higher than the previous week. Frozen demand was generally moderate. Freezer stocks in fair balance.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-48
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All prices ranged unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate to available while demand was reported as very quiet to non-existent slowest for frozen yolk products. Freezer stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

TRUCKLOTS

RANGE MOSTLY

WHOLE	38-41	39-41
WHITES	40-46	40-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48	

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on salt yolks, balance of items were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to occasionally fair with offerings sufficient for current needs. LTL blends were too few sales to report. Trade sentiment was unsettled, but usually reported as about steady to steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 22-Apr-2006 were 8% more than last the previous week, but 12% lower than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)

RANGE MOSTLY RANGE

WHOLE	34-43	35-41	42-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	34-46	34-42	45-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-53	48-52	56-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-49	45-48	51-64

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole, unchanged on blends, irregular on yolks, and unchanged to higher on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to light with offerings adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was usually steady on albumen, some what cautious on yolks, and steady to about steady on whole. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22-Apr-2006 were 3% more than the previous week, and 25% higher than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 3% above a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.35-1.54	MOSTLY	1.35-1.45
YOLKS	1.20-1.50	MOSTLY	1.25-1.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.00	MOSTLY	2.80-2.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.35	MOSTLY	1.25-1.35

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 30 to 32 cents fob, mostly 30 cents fob. Pasteurized whites were reported at 34 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and mostly steady for whites and yolk. Demand was good for whole egg at lower trending prices, fair for whites, and quiet for yolk. Offerings were fully adequate for whole egg, tight to short for whites, and adequate for yolk. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous 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	56	17.5-21.75	20.66	-1.04
WHITES	14	27-27.75	27.21	-.01
YOLKS	7	32	32.00	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 21, 2006-APR 27, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								102.25		FUTURE LOADS		49.75		TOTAL LOADS		152.00	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	23.50	33.00	25.30	26.57	—	—	9.00	GL W J	41.25	—	—	—	47.00	51.25	5.00		
GNR W 3	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	32.86	38.60	—	44.50	—	43.50	22.00		
GL W J	—	—	37.00	38.50	36.63	—	4.00	GL W LG	29.41	32.00	—	44.00	—	39.04	24.00		
GL W XL	—	37.76	36.17	35.64	31.41	—	64.75	GL W MD	22.13	—	—	—	—	31.25	5.00		
GL W LG	—	38.50	36.50	—	27.03	—	24.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	61.00	—	—	.75		
GL W MD	—	32.86	31.10	32.33	22.33	—	13.25	NRBS - 48	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W SM	22.83	26.17	21.50	23.75	17.00	—	10.00										
GL BR XL	—	—	31.00	—	—	—	1.00										
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 48	19.76	21.00	—	23.50	22.00	24.80	61.75										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	3.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate volume of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged irregular. Demand was fair to good with offerings fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time at most locations. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-9.5	

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked reduced slaughter schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were 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	49.50	49.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	43.00
MIDWEST	43.50	41.50	36.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	49.50	38.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.37	47.44	39.97

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 fully sufficient for the generally light to fair at best demand; heavier canners were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand ranged light to fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
18-28 MAJORITY 23-24	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)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-Apr-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,208	1,385	2,593
Last Week	1,018	1,333	2,351
Same week yr ago	1,651	1,466	3,117
To-date/2006	19,174	22,922	42,096
To-date/2005	24,380	21,289	45,669

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	160	0	160
Last Week	107	3	110
Same week yr ago	232	0	232
To-date/2006	3,813	10	3,823
To-date/2005	4,673	18	4,691

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,368	1,385	2,753
Last Week	1,125	1,336	2,461
Same week yr ago	1,883	1,466	3,349
To-date/2006	22,987	22,932	45,919
To-date/2005	29,053	21,307	50,360

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 April 15, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	97	352	2,911	4,330
Frozen	4	21	84	21
Dried	0	25	146	107
Total	101	398	3,141	4,458

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

Week Ending April 15, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	41	68	809	2,652
Frozen	14	8	278	324
Dried	0	16	41	316
Total	55	92	1,128	3,292

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

Week Ending April 15, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	3,750	922	23,070	70,692
Large	1,790	9,483	28,185	179,784
Medium	2,070	2,130	21,035	23,475
Ungraded	864	6,480	21,944	25,384
Misc	0	0	1,800	3,793
Total	8,474	19,015	96,184	303,161

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.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 22-APR-2006

CASES

(Receipts From Producers)

PERCENT CHANGE FROM

REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	211.5	-2	-1
East North Central	584.7	-10	6
West North Central	295.1	-9	6
South Atlantic	187.5	-6	-1
South Central	53.3	-1	-24
West	181.3	-19	-14
Total	1513.4	-9	0
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 22-APR-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE LW	LY
Atlanta	25.4	40.9	-38	9
Boston	3.2	3.7	-14	3
Chicago	62.5	110.3	-43	0
Detroit	25.1	23.3	8	31
Kansas City	7.7	5.4	43	-9
Los Angeles	113.2	137.2	-17	-17
New Orleans	6.0	7.3	-18	-15
New York	29.4	33.1	-11	-3
St. Louis	14.6	17.5	-17	-6
San Francisco	17.3	21.6	-20	-5
Total	304.4	400.3	-24	-6
4 Week Moving Avg.	353.5			

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 04/24/06	3,376	79,674	66,464
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	-17	-1359	1583
PCT CHG	-1%	-2%	2%

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Apr 18, 2006

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	95	92	70	48
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	88-92	85-89	63-67	41-45
MOSTLY	90-91	87-88	65-66	43-44
RHODE ISLAND	94-98	91-95	69-73	47-51
MOSTLY	94	91	69	47
VERMONT	95-100	92-95	70-75	-
MOSTLY	95	92	70	-

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