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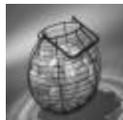
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed beginning the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings were fully sufficient to at times ample for the fair to fairly 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 lower for extra large and large and unchanged for mediums when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where featured. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers
EXTRA LARGE	37-46	40-43	
LARGE	36-45	38-41	
MEDIUM	33-42	35-38	
			RANGE MOSTLY
			LARGE 18-27 22
			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 Weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for full 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 were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-62	46-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
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 Large was 3 cents lower with extra large and medium unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	43.5-52	45-48
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to at times ample for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-53.25	47-50
LARGE	44-52.25	45-48
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 Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. The market tone was mixed entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to ample for immediate trade requirements.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-52	45-47
LARGE	42-50	43-45
MEDIUM	39-47	40-42

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN The market tone was steady to weak with prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, mediums and 2 cents lower on large. The Pacific inventory was up 17 percent with California up 17 percent, Oregon/Washington/Utah up 16 percent. Retailer demand was fair. Offerings were ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices were 2 cent lower on large and unchanged on balance of sizes. The California inventory was 17 percent higher than last Monday. Retailer demand was light. Offerings were ample. Small benchmark prices were 59.

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	82
MEDIUM	79

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	
LARGE	149-239	LARGE	NOT
MEDIUM	189-229	MEDIUM	AVAILABLE

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 05, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 28, 2006 were 300,623 cases which was 29 percent above the prior week and 26 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	256,756	43,867	300,623
% change from the prior week.....	-31	-11	-29

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 remain unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Floor stocks fully adequate 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

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels are unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was barely steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.91

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to no better than moderate for the generally adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal due to some expected work shortages by crew members. Sales of finished product was light to fair at best. The undertone was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.05
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- MAY 01, 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	9.3	18.6	10.6	14.9	13.7	67.1
	Change	-1.5	1.6	1.1	0.6	1.0	4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.9	83.2	13.8	27.3	43.8	194.0
	Change	4.8	16.8	-0.7	7.9	12.8	27%
Large	Curr Wk	31.7	214.4	94.3	115.2	133.6	589.2
	Change	-12.1	22.4	17.0	32.0	20.6	16%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.1	50.5	15.7	19.7	29.5	123.5
	Change	-3.9	10.2	2.3	0.8	4.3	12%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	6.1	1.1	2.5	5.4	18.4
	Change	-1.7	-5.5	0.6	-3.4	0.6	-34%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	29.1	10.0	10.4	4.5	57.3
	Change	-0.3	-5.1	1.2	-1.0	0.7	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.9	62.4	27.7	33.0	18.7	161.7
	Change	-4.0	9.8	2.8	4.8	-4.3	6%
Total	Curr Wk	101.5	464.3	173.2	223.0	249.2	1211.2
	Change	-16%	12%	16%	23%	17%	12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1211.2	12%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	256.4	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1467.6	10%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 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 APRIL 17, 2006

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.17

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2006 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 APRIL 28, 2006

CURRENT LOADS		9.00		FUTURE LOADS		20.25		TOTAL LOADS		29.25					
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	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	40.00	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	27.50	—	—	—	—	39.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	34.50	37.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	36.75	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	34.00	35.00	24.88	28.00	7.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	33.50	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	—	27.00	22.50	—	2.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/24/06-04/28/06

CURRENT LOADS		96.25		FUTURE LOADS		64.75		TOTAL LOADS		161.00					
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	22.50	33.00	24.80	26.17	—	—	8.00	GL W J	40.83	—	—	—	47.00	51.25	5.00
GNR W 3	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	32.31	38.60	—	—	—	43.20	20.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	29.20	32.00	—	—	—	38.41	20.50
GL W J	—	—	37.00	38.50	35.25	—	3.00	GL W MD	22.13	—	—	—	—	31.70	6.00
GL W XL	—	37.38	35.36	36.06	31.59	—	59.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	37.75	35.25	35.00	26.05	28.00	26.50	NRBS - 48	22.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	37.00	34.00	31.13	31.33	21.50	—	13.75								
GL W SM	22.00	26.00	21.38	23.00	17.00	—	7.00								
GL BR XL	—	—	31.00	—	—	—	1.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	19.76	21.00	—	23.44	21.33	24.74	73.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	19.00	4.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/24/06	04/17/06	04/18/05
PACIFIC COAST	85	72	201
LOS ANGELES	80	67	201

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on large, steady on balance. Supplies are available. Retail demand is seasonably average.

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	68.86
LARGE	61.86
MEDIUM	58.86
SMALL	46.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	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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