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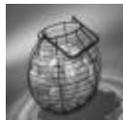
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 1 cent higher on all weights when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good, best where holiday features were in progress. Supplies were balanced to occasionally available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light to moderate 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 higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail was moderate to good where featured. Loose egg demand was light to at times fairly good for the upcoming holiday weekend. Supplies were in balance to adequate. Central States breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with continued confidence. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	22-31	26
MEDIUM	17-23	21
SMALL	5-9	

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	44-47
LARGE	40-49	42-45
MEDIUM	35-44	37-40

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand into all outlets was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-61	47-52
LARGE	41-55	46-50
MEDIUM	38-51	43-45

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good where featured. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Central states breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with continued confidence. Demand was light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady with a firm undertone.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	38.5-47	40-43

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were trending higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to generally sufficient for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-50	47-50
LARGE	43.5-51	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 one cent higher on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were sufficient to at times available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-61
LARGE	55-59
MEDIUM	52-56

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-56	49-51
LARGE	46-54	47-49
MEDIUM	41-49	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 2 higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, best to planned features. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 61.

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	102
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	81

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
EXTRA LARGE	249-309
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	
LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 26, 2006 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 19, 2006 were 338,618 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	297,800	40,818	338,618
% change from the prior week.....	+4	+8	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate and held with continued confidence. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady with a firm undertone.

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	22-26	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-17	11-13

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 were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14.75 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	11.97
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-MAY-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.43
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 22, 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	7.2	13.4	7.8	12.5	10.3	51.2
	Change	0.2	-1.5	0.0	-5.4	0.0	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	31.8	11.3	24.5	31.1	121.6
	Change	-2.9	-12.9	-1.8	-1.9	-3.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.9	102.2	65.7	101.2	95.0	401.0
	Change	1.9	-51.3	-2.8	-10.0	1.2	-13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	48.8	13.6	19.2	31.7	125.7
	Change	1.1	-15.0	-8.7	-0.7	3.3	-14%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	8.3	2.5	1.9	4.7	21.4
	Change	-0.3	0.6	0.9	-1.0	1.0	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	35.4	10.1	13.1	5.4	66.5
	Change	-0.1	0.7	0.0	1.7	0.8	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.7	48.5	18.1	39.5	23.9	142.7
	Change	-2.0	-8.0	-10.7	-1.1	-0.1	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	98.6	288.4	129.1	211.9	202.1	930.1
	Change	-2%	-23%	-15%	-8%	1%	-12%
TOTAL				Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	930.1	-12%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	227.2	-13%	35

Total Shell Egg 1157.3 -12% 201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY	
	100.7	375.8	152.2	230.3	199.5	1058.5

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 MAY 08, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.76	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 08, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 19, 2006

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
18.25								13.00				31.25			
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	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	5.00	GL W J	45.50	—	—	—	—	58.00	.25
GL W XL	—	—	41.00	43.50	41.67	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	55.25	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	38.50	—	—	—	—	51.00	3.00
GL W MD	—	—	34.00	36.00	—	—	2.00	GL W SM	18.25	18.00	—	—	—	26.00	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	24.50	26.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	23.00	26.00	11.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/15/06-05/19/06

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
95.25								65.50				160.75			
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	18.50	23.33	21.88	22.70	—	37.33	23.00	GNR W 1	29.50	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	45.50	—	—	—	54.50	58.24	4.25
GL W J	—	—	35.50	37.00	43.50	—	4.00	GL W XL	36.71	40.73	—	—	—	47.53	14.25
GL W XL	—	33.00	35.80	40.42	34.63	34.00	33.00	GL W LG	32.33	39.00	—	48.18	—	45.89	36.25
GL W LG	—	34.43	34.25	32.67	30.17	32.50	45.50	GL W MD	24.00	—	27.00	34.00	—	32.86	8.00
GL W MD	37.33	28.77	26.10	29.17	22.88	22.00	23.50	GL W SM	18.25	18.00	—	—	—	26.00	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.63	25.38	18.00	20.00	8.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	61.00	64.00	.25
GL BR LG	—	—	42.00	—	—	—	4.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	52.00	60.00	63.00	1.50
GL BR MD	—	35.50	—	—	29.00	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	16.00	—	—	22.50	23.00	26.00	27.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	13.50	15.00	6.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00								

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	05/15/06	05/08/06	05/16/05
PACIFIC COAST	102	102	190
LOS ANGELES	98	98	183

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large, large and medium sizes. Steady on small. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is fair to good.

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	67.86
LARGE	62.86
MEDIUM	59.86
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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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 04/02/2006 - 04/08/2006

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	322	322
Arkansas	0	840	1,440	2,280
Colorado	0	0	1,764	1,764
Iowa	6,152	1,460	57,939	65,551
Maine	0	0	940	940
Michigan	0	2,431	5,615	8,046
Minnesota	3,295	1,310	12,211	16,816
Missouri	0	0	3,930	3,930
Nevada	0	0	1,305	1,305
North Carolina	2,909	0	5,724	8,633
Ohio	0	0	2,630	2,630
Oregon	3,277	0	0	3,277
Texas	0	0	2,275	2,275
Utah	720	3,690	5,648	10,058
Washington	1,511	1,501	0	3,012
Wisconsin	0	0	1,485	1,485
Grand Total	17,864	11,232	103,228	132,324
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	17,864	11,232	103,228	132,324

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 04/09/2006 - 04/15/2006

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	1,776	1,776
Arkansas	0	0	2,160	2,160
Colorado	0	0	2,424	2,424
Illinois	0	0	406	406
Iowa	6,213	0	47,621	53,834
Maine	0	0	1,570	1,570
Michigan	0	810	8,271	9,081
Minnesota	3,759	3,235	10,025	17,019
Missouri	0	0	7,825	7,825
Nevada	0	0	810	810
North Carolina	3,391	1,420	1,650	6,461
Ohio	0	780	3,413	4,193
Oregon	2,736	0	0	2,736
South Dakota	0	0	615	615
Texas	0	0	7,036	7,036
Utah	1,440	720	2,894	5,054
Washington	2,449	218	0	2,667
Wisconsin	0	0	1,425	1,425
Grand Total	19,988	7,183	99,921	127,092
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	19,988	7,183	99,921	127,092

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 04/16/2006 - 04/22/2006

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	4,008	4,008
Arkansas	0	840	2,430	3,270
Colorado	0	0	3,230	3,230
Illinois	0	0	880	880
Iowa	5,420	1,380	52,225	59,025
Maine	0	0	750	750
Michigan	0	750	5,585	6,335
Minnesota	4,400	1,725	16,387	22,512
Missouri	0	0	6,256	6,256
Nevada	0	0	144	144
North Carolina	650	225	3,027	3,902
Ohio	0	0	2,400	2,400
Oregon	1,672	0	0	1,672
Texas	0	0	4,150	4,150
Utah	0	1,440	8,541	9,981
Virginia	0	1,500	810	2,310
Washington	894	737	0	1,631
Wisconsin	0	0	1,500	1,500
Grand Total	13,036	8,597	112,323	133,956
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	13,036	8,597	112,323	133,956

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Period: 04/23/2006 - 04/29/2006

State	# Cases			Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	5,472	5,472
Arkansas	0	830	0	830
Colorado	0	0	3,403	3,403
Illinois	0	0	210	210
Indiana	0	0	660	660
Iowa	3,120	2,388	51,621	57,129
Maine	0	0	912	912
Michigan	0	0	7,190	7,190
Minnesota	4,820	1,065	8,879	14,764
Missouri	0	0	6,230	6,230
Nevada	0	0	2,120	2,120
New Hampshire	0	0	2,490	2,490
North Carolina	2,853	0	2,748	5,601
Ohio	0	0	1,520	1,520
Oregon	4,735	0	942	5,677
South Dakota	0	0	615	615
Texas	0	750	14,057	14,807
Utah	2,220	0	7,715	9,935
Washington	739	361	0	1,100
Wisconsin	0	780	780	1,560
Grand Total	18,487	6,174	117,564	142,225
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY	18,487	6,174	117,564	142,225