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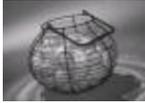
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were sufficient to close for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the light to good demand. Schedules were noted as less than normal to normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as reduced 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 2 cents higher for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's delivery trending higher on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate to at times good. Food service demand light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate with large eggs slightly more available than earlier in the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	56-65	59-62	LARGE	43-52	47	
LARGE	55-64	57-60	MEDIUM	24-30	28	
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47	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 higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to generally short for the fair to good demand. Schedules were reported as less than normal to normal. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as less than normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	66-67
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	47-60	52-54

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 with asking prices for next week's delivery trending higher for the larger sizes. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate with large eggs slightly more available than earlier in the week. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Current offerings were very tight to barely adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment firm with buyers and sellers anticipating a more steady undertone next week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	44.5-53	46-49

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. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for less than normal to normal schedules. Light type hen demand was fair to moderate for fully sufficient to ample offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44.25-70	64-67
LARGE	39.25-68	62-65
MEDIUM	36.25-56	49-53

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 yesterday's values. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to occasionally good entering the weekend. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	60-64

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-71	64-66
LARGE	61-69	62-64
MEDIUM	48-56	49-51

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large throughout the region. Mediums were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large. Medium and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 68.

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	116
EXTRA LARGE	111
LARGE	102
MEDIUM	88

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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	249-278
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	189

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	93-107
EXTRA LARGE	91-99
LARGE	89-92
MEDIUM	75-78

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher. Current offerings were still very tight to barely adequate. Demand light to moderate as breakers try to continue working from regular commitments. When extra breaking stock is needed buyers are forced into paying premiums for that product. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment firm with buyers and sellers anticipating a more steady undertone next week.

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	32-34	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-27	21-23
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 sharply higher when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was a little more cautious at the higher trending levels, but still in a range of fully steady to firm. Floor stocks were about adequate to generally short of anticipated needs. Overall, demand was in a range of fair to moderately good. Breaking schedules were less than normal to normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-May-2006 were 1% less than the previous week, and 9% lower than the same week 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	28-38	29-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-24	18-21
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 27-May-2006 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,275,079	31,521	11,847	6,419	3,027	4,084	
PW	1,322,905	32,273	12,428	6,566	3,257	4,441	
LY	1,356,875	30,692	14,296	7,974	3,398	4,490	
% PW	-4%	-2%	-5%	-2%	-7%	-8%	
% LY	-6%	3%	-17%	-20%	-11%	-9%	
2006	26,896,525	664,606	251,689	135,836	62,055	90,994	
2005	26,968,482	639,392	267,319	143,573	59,208	92,804	
% YTD	0%	4%	-6%	-5%	5%	-2%	
					CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.25	42.11	42.34				
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.05	38.75	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	556,301	43.6%	15,546	49.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	577,822	43.7%	15,955	49.4%
LAST YEAR	563,304	41.5%	13,827	45.1%

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 4 cents higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/27 was 1% less than the previous week. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-52
WHITES	47-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen prices were all higher. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites and steady to at times fully steady for frozen yolk products. Demand was light to usually moderate. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were sharply higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-45	43-45
WHITES	43-51	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	50-60	51-53
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-53	46-49

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices generally trended higher to sharply higher on all items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was light to fair, with offerings less available. However, supplies were generally sufficient for most trade needs. Trade sentiment remains mixed and unsettled on yolks, improving and was steady to firm on whole, and at least steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27-May-2006 were 4% more than the previous week, but 9% lower than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	34-46	40-45	43-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		
WHITES	34-51	41-45	47-52
SGRD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-59	50-57	57-64
SLTD YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-53	46-51	52-63

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

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on blends, unchanged to slightly higher on yolks, and higher on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair on yolks with still some product competitive priced. Whole egg movement was light to moderate with prices trending higher as raw cost increases. Offerings of albumen were limited and interest continues to improve to a full steady/firm undertone. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27-May-2006 were 7% less than the previous week, and 11% lower than last year. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced were 5% above a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.29-1.55	MOSTLY	1.40-1.50
YOLKS	1.12-1.50	MOSTLY	1.20-1.30
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.82-3.20	MOSTLY	2.90-3.05
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.14-1.40	MOSTLY	1.25-1.30

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk trading ranged from 31 to 34 cents fob with no pasteurized whites to report. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for all liquid products. Demand was fairly good to good for all liquid products. Current offerings of whites were adequate while whole egg and especially yolk offerings were tight to barely adequate as buyers bidding premiums continue to have trouble securing product. Central States breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past 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
				LAST WEEK
WHOLE	45	24.5-34	28.46	5.99
WHITES	16	28.5-35	31.08	4.30
YOLKS	4	33-37	34.94	3.19

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 26, 2006-JUNE 01, 2006

CURRENT LOADS		99.25		FUTURE LOADS		42.50		TOTAL LOADS		141.75		
SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	50.70	54.73	47.88	50.71	51.50	47.00	33.00	GNR W 1	—	57.44	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	2.00	GL W J	60.33	—	—	4.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	60.82	75.50	19.75
GL W J	—	—	70.00	71.00	55.33	—	2.50	GL W LG	—	60.64	68.60	42.50
GL W XL	—	62.22	60.00	63.84	52.83	56.25	42.25	GL W MD	28.09	—	39.00	12.50
GL W LG	—	61.00	58.00	62.29	54.00	56.00	50.50	GL W SM	16.50	17.50	—	2.00
GL W MD	45.00	39.63	42.00	44.40	28.54	32.00	13.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	24.25	27.25	25.25	28.75	—	—	5.00					
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	35.67	10.75					
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	29.50	28.00	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. 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 moderate, best for rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-13 9-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report trading. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate. Offers continued to exceed needs in most locations. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 4.5-10.25 4.5-6.5

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

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	66.50	65.00	53.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	51.00
MIDWEST	60.50	58.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	66.50	63.50	47.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.80	62.63	49.09

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were fully adequate for the mostly light to fair at best demand; heavy canners were at least adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. 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)
18-27 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)
20-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 27-May-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,076	1,539	2,615
Last Week	1,211	1,635	2,846
Same week yr ago	1,646	1,401	3,047
To-date/2006	24,918	30,591	55,509
To-date/2005	32,582	28,614	61,196

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	44	3	47
Last Week	130	3	133
Same week yr ago	247	0	247
To-date/2006	4,634	16	4,650
To-date/2005	6,095	26	6,121

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,120	1,542	2,662
Last Week	1,341	1,638	2,979
Same week yr ago	1,893	1,401	3,294
To-date/2006	29,552	30,607	60,159
To-date/2005	38,677	28,640	67,317

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 May 20, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	0	412	3,789	6,592
Frozen	0	0	125	21
Dried	0	0	187	107
Total	0	412	4,101	6,720

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

Week Ending May 20, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Liquid	81	86	1,197	3,259
Frozen	1	0	374	327
Dried	0	0	41	340
Total	82	86	1,612	3,926

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

Week Ending May 20, 2006		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2006	2005 1/	2006 2/	2005
Jumbo	0	0	150	33
Extra Large	3,900	6,700	34,786	98,312
Large	7,810	5,656	56,421	211,416
Medium	2,310	4,260	32,825	41,235
Ungraded	8,040	2,376	52,844	43,780
Misc	0	0	2,580	6,493
Total	22,060	18,992	179,606	401,269

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	05/29/06	3,345	95,847	65,966
AM	05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG		-36	20029	-10016
PCT CHG		-1%	26%	-13%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 27-MAY-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	193.3	3	-14
East North Central	626.2	2	9
West North Central	305.7	6	16
South Atlantic	181.9	-1	-6
South Central	62.1	4	0
West	176.9	0	-14
Total	1546.1	2	2
Matched Plants reporting		83	83
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 27-MAY-2006

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	31.1	28.8	8	28
Boston	3.0	3.1	-3	-6
Chicago	59.1	64.9	-9	-7
Detroit	18.1	18.2	-1	-25
Kansas City	4.2	5.8	-28	-83
Los Angeles	112.7	111.2	1	-6
New Orleans	6.4	5.9	8	3
New York	31.9	30.4	5	8
St. Louis	20.8	17.9	16	30
San Francisco	16.3	15.1	8	-9
Total	303.6	301.3	1	-8
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.3			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

May 30, 2006

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	115	112	80	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	108-112	104-108	72-76	43-47
MOSTLY	110-111	106-107	74-75	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	114-118	111-115	79-83	49-53
MOSTLY	114	111	79	49
VERMONT	116-118	113-115	81-83	-
MOSTLY	118	115	83	-

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