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Prices began the week mixed, higher on the larger sizes, unchanged to higher on the smaller sizes except New York where all prices were unchanged. By late week prices in New York were lower on medium sizes, unchanged on larger sizes and unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was steady on larger sizes and barely steady to weak on mediums. Demand remained light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times ample with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrade prices unchanged. Demand was quiet with mostly fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were content to wait for further market adjustments and work from regular commitments. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to instances weak. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate and offerings exceed needs in most locations. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4.5-10.25 cents, mostly 4.5-6.5 cents per head.

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 mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for the larger sizes and weak for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were light to usually moderate. Food service demand light to seasonably moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate for the quiet demand. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to instances weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68
LARGE	61-70	63-66
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however mediums were trending lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady for mediums and cautiously steady on the larger sizes. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with medium eggs reported in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short for the light to good demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	48-61	53-55

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Jun 02, 2006
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.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	06-06-06	05-30-06	06-07-05
Large	43-52	37-46	14-23
Medium	24-30	24-30	5-9

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JUNE 05, 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	7.4	12.0	8.0	11.8	11.7	50.9
	Change	-0.3	-9.5	1.6	2.1	0.7	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.9	39.1	10.8	20.8	42.5	130.1
	Change	-6.1	4.9	-1.7	1.9	6.6	4%
Large	Curr Wk	34.6	117.2	66.9	75.9	98.3	392.9
	Change	2.9	13.1	1.6	1.9	1.8	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.9	61.5	31.1	23.8	29.0	157.3
	Change	1.3	18.2	6.8	6.9	-4.4	22%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	6.1	1.8	3.3	2.6	16.5
	Change	-1.0	-3.2	-2.5	-0.5	-0.7	-32%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	31.7	12.7	12.5	7.4	67.7
	Change	1.2	-1.0	2.3	-0.4	2.0	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	49.3	20.7	45.0	24.1	151.9
	Change	7.9	5.6	2.6	6.1	4.9	22%
Total	Curr Wk	89.7	316.9	152.0	193.1	215.6	967.3
	Change	7%	10%	8%	10%	5%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	967.3	8%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.5	5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1201.8	8%	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.

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 27-MAY-06

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)					
	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,184,850	29,129	10,436	5,634	2,239	4,046
PW	1,275,079	31,521	11,847	6,419	3,027	4,084
LY	1,317,918	30,407	13,558	7,156	3,036	4,200
% Chg PWK	-7%	-8%	-12%	-12%	-26%	-1%
% Chg LY	-10%	-4%	-23%	-21%	-26%	-4%
2006	28,081,375	693,735	262,125	141,470	64,294	95,041
2005	28,286,400	669,799	280,877	150,728	62,244	97,003
% Chg YTD	-1%	4%	-7%	-6%	3%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.56	42.25	41.98
(Inedible Excluded)	38.15	39.05	38.79

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	556,150	46.9%	15,751	54.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	556,301	43.6%	15,546	49.3%
LAST YEAR	561,718	42.6%	14,103	46.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	MAY 27	JUN 03	MAY 27	JUN 03
	Thousand			
AL	*31,605	31,618	*21,203	21,932
AR	30,428	30,051	24,546	22,812
DE	3,646	3,887	6,005	5,317
FL	1,392	1,346	1,452	1,403
GA	35,119	34,838	28,636	28,165
KY	*7,174	7,129	*6,013	6,293
LA	3,923	3,923	3,619	4,189
MD	8,544	8,893	4,553	5,261
MS	17,694	17,901	16,241	16,204
NC	*18,635	18,618	*15,357	15,699
OK	6,478	6,517	4,781	5,102
PA	*4,087	4,016	*2,960	2,940
SC	5,385	5,392	3,929	4,993
TX	14,884	14,923	12,832	12,760
VA	6,460	6,369	*5,206	5,202
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,857	17,676	*16,024	17,101
19 State Total	*213,311	213,097	*173,357	175,373
Previous Year Total	215,660	215,857	178,099	178,299
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	97	98

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 15-Jul-06 is estimated at 160.6 million head. This compares to 159.3 million head the previous week and to 166.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 170.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.93 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/01/06-06/07/06

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 137.25 FUTURE LDS 76.50 TOTAL LDS 213.75						
	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	48.38	54.13	49.00	52.06	53.00	—	43.00
GNR BR 1	—	49.00	43.00	44.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	40.00	41.50	63.75	65.50	57.67	—	3.75
GL W XL	—	57.40	61.38	64.56	52.57	57.83	46.00
GL W LG	—	64.00	48.00	64.80	46.00	—	34.75
GL W MD	45.00	—	42.88	45.00	28.76	30.88	30.00
GL W SM	24.38	26.88	22.92	26.25	—	—	5.00
GL BR MD	35.00	38.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	26.00	28.25	—	—	28.13	34.42	29.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	35.00	5.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	32.64	35.00	11.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	29.50	31.40	11.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	20.50	22.00	7.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 03-JUN-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	27.4	31.1	-12	9
Boston	3.6	3.0	20	9
Chicago	68.1	59.1	15	9
Detroit	15.5	18.1	-14	-3
Kansas City	3.6	4.2	-14	0
Los Angeles	109.1	112.7	-3	0
New Orleans	5.3	6.4	-17	-27
New York	27.4	31.9	-14	-6
St. Louis	18.0	20.8	-13	3
San Francisco	15.4	16.3	-6	-10
Total	293.4	303.6	-3	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 03-JUN-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,881	2,322	1	0	4,204
Avg Wt	17.22	38.25	14.16	0.00	28.83
Last week	2,016	2,688	2	1	4,707
Same wk yr ago	1,624	2,314	26	1	3,965
Avg Wt	16.48	37.81	27.50	61.16	29.01
To-date/2006	41,296	54,433	455	112	96,296
To-date/2005	35,837	55,658	487	63	92,045

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 03-JUN-06					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	717	-6	24.46	(A)	717	24.46
South Atlantic	643	-15	32.96	(A)	643	32.96
North Central	1,977	-12	32.24	(A)	1,977	32.24
South Central	520	-23	19.27	(A)	520	19.27
West	347	23	25.15	(A)	347	25.15
U.S. total	4,204(B)	-11	28.83	0	4,204	28.83
To-date						
2006	96,184(B)			112	96,296	
To-date						
2005	91,982(B)			63	92,045	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 1,000; for the current year to date 455,000; for last year to date 487,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 03-JUN-2006 **YOUNG CHICKENS** **LIGHT HENS** **HEAVY HENS** **TOTAL HENS** **DUCKS**
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	142,908	757	1,463	2,220	493
Avg Wt	5.41	3.23	8.26	6.54	6.42
Last week	171,120	1,076	1,539	2,615	500
Same wk yr ago	148,108	1,450	1,363	2,813	496
Avg Wt	5.30	3.34	7.23	5.53	6.88
To-date/2006	3,536,500	25,675	32,054	57,729	11,342
To-date/2005	3,472,011	34,032	29,977	64,009	11,081

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 144.6 million head, or 18.5 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jun-06
CW - 06/10/06(1) PW - 06/03/06

CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	168,873(2)	148,585
Light hens	1,138	840
Heavy hens	1,507	1,271
Total	171,518	150,696

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jun-06 is 165.4 million head compared to 169.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.2 million head or 3.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Jun-06 the estimated available is 166.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
April 29	169.2	166.2	102%	5.47
May 6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
June 3	144.6	163.1	89%	5.41
Year to date	3579.5	3604.3	99%	
June 10		165.4		
17		166.0		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 05-JUN-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	57.00-60.00	58.86	36	60.20	66
Los Angeles	76.00	74.35	65	69.12	150
New York	57.00-60.00	58.87	23	61.71	79

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
05-JUN-2006	29-MAY-2006	29-MAY-2006	06-JUN-2005	
64.81	.75	64.06	72.47	
NUMBER OF LOADS	582			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-74	74	74.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 06/05/06	3,204	97,664	65,612
AM 05/01/06	3,381	75,818	75,982
CHG	-177	21,846	-10,370
PCT CHG	-5%	29%	-14%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2006 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2006 are:

FROZEN EGGS	23	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	519	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	729	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 05-JUN-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	8-14 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.37
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.5-14.5 CENTS/LB.	11-12	11.35

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 02-JUN-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-13	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-10.25	4.5-6.5

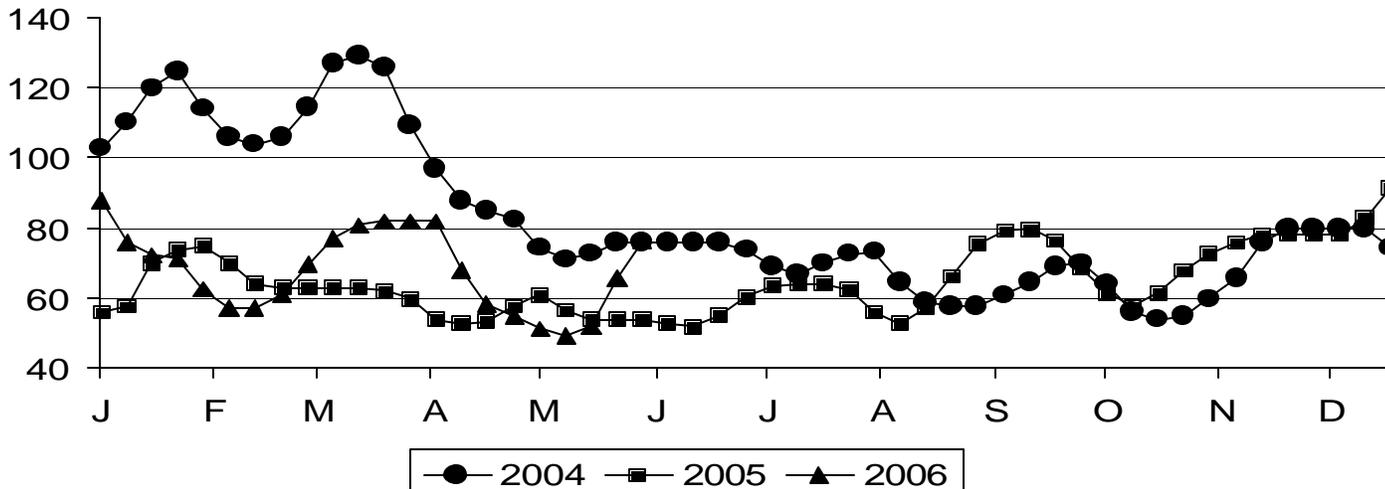
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

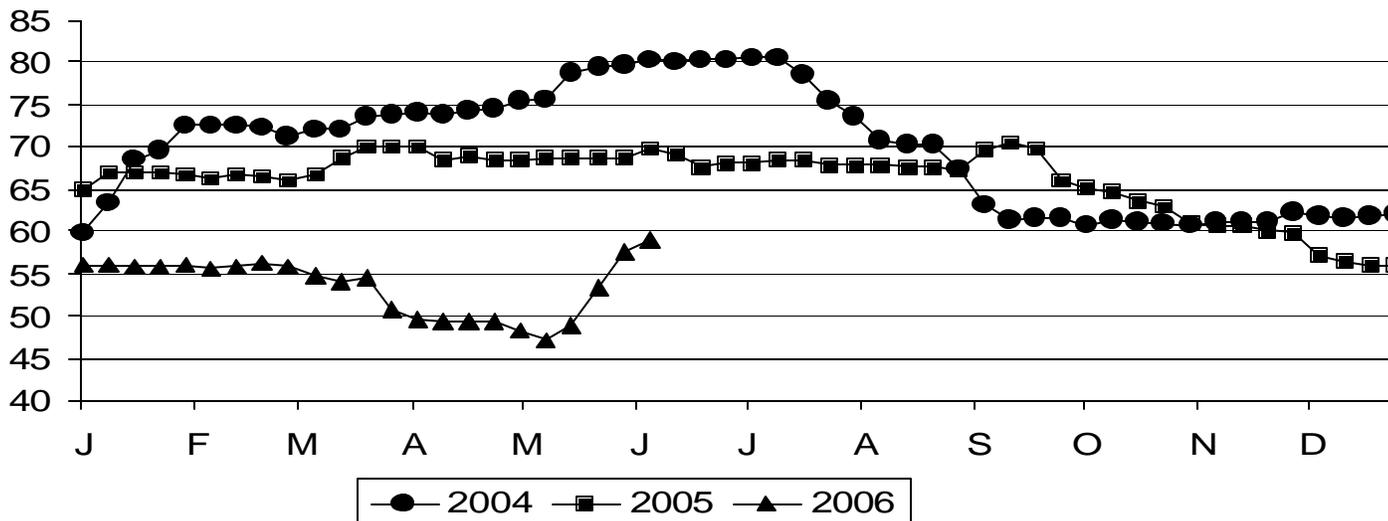
W/E 03-JUN-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	198.8	3	-11
East North Central	585.4	-7	4
West North Central	285.5	-7	-1
South Atlantic	182.1	0	-6
South Central	61.7	-1	0
West	181.0	2	-11
Total	1494.5	-3	-2
Matched Plants reporting		84	83

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)

New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound

