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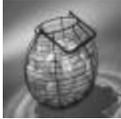
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, regional prices were lower on mediums and generally unchanged on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Demand into all outlets remained light to moderate. Supplies were mixed, usually fully adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to ample for the light to fair 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 lower for mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service demand usually light to at times moderate in areas with seasonal resort business. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to mostly weak.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers. |          |
|-------------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|----------|
|             |       |        | RANGE                              | MOSTLY   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 62-71 | 65-68  | LARGE                              | 43-52 47 |
| LARGE       | 61-70 | 63-66  | MEDIUM                             | 21-27 25 |
| MEDIUM      | 39-48 | 41-44  | 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 lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to at times ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as mostly normal.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 69-83 | 72-75  |
| LARGE       | 64-78 | 69-73  |
| MEDIUM      | 45-58 | 50-52  |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for medium and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment steady to instances weak. Retail and food service demand were light to usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to mostly weak.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 70.5-79 | 72-75  |
| LARGE       | 67.5-76 | 69-72  |
| MEDIUM      | 44.5-53 | 46-49  |

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices for mediums were irregular while the larger sizes were generally unchanged from the previous week. Trade sentiment was barely steady beginning the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to ample for a light to fair demand.

|             | RANGE    | MOSTLY |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 67.25-76 | 70-73  |
| LARGE       | 64.25-74 | 68-71  |
| MEDIUM      | 46.5-54  | 47-51  |

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 on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements.

|             | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 78-82 |
| LARGE       | 76-80 |
| MEDIUM      | 57-61 |

### MIDWEST REGIONAL

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 69-77 | 70-72  |
| LARGE       | 67-75 | 68-70  |
| MEDIUM      | 45-53 | 46-48  |

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 19% higher than last Monday with California up 14% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 32%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 14% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 65.

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       | 122   |
| EXTRA LARGE | 117   |
| LARGE       | 108   |
| MEDIUM      | 85    |

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               | 279-329 | JUMBO               |           |
| LARGE               | 249-278 | EXTRA LARGE         | Not       |
| LARGE               | 199-239 | LARGE               | Available |
| MEDIUM              | 189-195 | MEDIUM              |           |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 16, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 09, 2006 were 312,433 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased                   |          |        |         |
| Cases purchased present week..... | 269,139  | 43,294 | 312,433 |
| % change from the prior week..... | -4       | +6     | -2      |

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light. Most potential buyers were taking a wait and see approach to the marketplace. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to mostly weak.

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       | 30-35 |        |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 20-26 | 20-22  |

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 lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

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

|                       | RANGE              | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 5.5-14.5 CENTS/LB. | 9.5-11   | 10.22      |

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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

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

|                       | RANGE          | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 6-12 CENTS/LB. | 9-11     | 10.07      |

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- JUNE 12, 2006**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

|          |         | NO        | SO    | SO    | 5-Area |         |        |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|--------|
|          |         | Northeast | CENT  | SO    | Atl    | Pacific |        |
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 7.8       | 12.5  | 5.7   | 10.1   | 12.6    | 48.7   |
|          | Change  | 0.4       | 0.5   | -2.3  | -1.7   | 0.9     | -4%    |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 27.4      | 55.6  | 11.2  | 21.8   | 45.3    | 161.3  |
|          | Change  | 10.5      | 16.5  | 0.4   | 1.0    | 2.8     | 24%    |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 39.5      | 147.5 | 76.0  | 80.2   | 119.8   | 463.0  |
|          | Change  | 4.9       | 30.3  | 9.1   | 4.3    | 21.5    | 18%    |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 14.4      | 64.3  | 21.4  | 18.6   | 39.4    | 158.1  |
|          | Change  | 2.5       | 2.8   | -9.7  | -5.2   | 10.4    | 1%     |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 4.1       | 7.9   | 1.7   | 2.5    | 4.8     | 21.0   |
|          | Change  | 1.4       | 1.8   | -0.1  | -0.8   | 2.2     | 27%    |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 3.4       | 22.5  | 11.0  | 10.6   | 5.2     | 52.7   |
|          | Change  | 0.0       | -9.2  | -1.7  | -1.9   | -2.2    | -22%   |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 13.6      | 49.3  | 20.3  | 40.8   | 29.8    | 153.8  |
|          | Change  | 0.8       | 0.0   | -0.4  | -4.2   | 5.7     | 1%     |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 110.2     | 359.6 | 147.3 | 184.6  | 256.9   | 1058.6 |
|          | Change  | 23%       | 13%   | -3%   | -4%    | 19%     | 9%     |

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

|                          |        |    |     |
|--------------------------|--------|----|-----|
| Shell Egg                | 1058.6 | 9% | 166 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 241.7  | 3% | 35  |

|                 |        |    |     |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1300.3 | 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

**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 29, 2006

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | 1.91   | 1.88  | 1.79   | 1.18  |

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 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 JUNE 09, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |     |       | 17.75     |     | FUTURE LOADS |     |       |       | 9.00  |     | TOTAL LOADS |       |       |  | 26.75 |  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-----|--------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-------|--|-------|--|
| SE            |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | SC  |       | NW        |     | SW           |     | CLASS |       | ORG   |     | DST         |       | LOADS |  |       |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST | LOADS | CLASS     | ORG | DST          | ORG | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST         | LOADS |       |  |       |  |
| GNR W 1       | —     | —     | 49.00 | 50.00 | —     | —   | 1.00  | GL W J    | —   | —            | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 64.75 | .25   |  |       |  |
| GL W J        | —     | —     | —     | —     | 50.00 | —   | .25   | GL W XL   | —   | 51.00        | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 57.87 | 5.25  |  |       |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | —     | 61.00 | 63.50 | 46.20 | —   | 8.25  | GL W LG   | —   | —            | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 47.60 | 2.50  |  |       |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | —     | —     | 61.00 | 41.43 | —   | 3.50  | GL W MD   | —   | —            | —   | —     | 31.33 | 33.86 | —   | —           | 1.75  |       |  |       |  |
| GL W MD       | 26.00 | 28.00 | —     | —     | 25.00 | —   | 2.25  | NRBS - 48 | —   | —            | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 5.00  |       |  |       |  |
| GL W SM       | 25.50 | 28.00 | 24.50 | 26.50 | —     | —   | 2.00  |           |     |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —   | 6.00  |           |     |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |       |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —     | 22.50 | 25.00 | —     | —   | 1.00  |           |     |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |       |  |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/05/06-06/09/06

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 98.00     |       | FUTURE LOADS |     |       |       | 65.25 |     | TOTAL LOADS |       |       |  | 163.25 |  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|--------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-------|-------|--|--------|--|
| SE            |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | SC    |       | NW        |       | SW           |     | CLASS |       | ORG   |     | DST         |       | LOADS |  |        |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | LOADS | CLASS     | ORG   | DST          | ORG | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST         | LOADS |       |  |        |  |
| GNR W 1       | 47.17 | 53.67 | 48.17 | 51.71 | 53.00 | —     | 33.00 | GNR W 1   | —     | 59.00        | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 2.00  |       |  |        |  |
| GNR BR 1      | —     | —     | 43.00 | 44.00 | —     | —     | 1.00  | GL W J    | 61.00 | 68.00        | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 64.75 | 1.25  |  |        |  |
| GL W J        | 40.00 | 41.50 | 63.88 | 65.75 | 50.00 | —     | 5.25  | GL W XL   | 49.50 | 55.75        | —   | 64.83 | —     | —     | —   | —           | 58.53 | 14.00 |  |        |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | 57.40 | 60.40 | 62.79 | 48.38 | 51.00 | 43.00 | GL W LG   | 54.33 | 58.15        | —   | 71.37 | —     | —     | —   | —           | 56.04 | 24.75 |  |        |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | 63.00 | 48.00 | 62.80 | 43.61 | —     | 25.50 | GL W MD   | 18.00 | —            | —   | —     | 31.33 | 33.86 | —   | —           | 3.00  |       |  |        |  |
| GL W MD       | 26.00 | 28.00 | 41.50 | 44.00 | 26.31 | 27.94 | 13.25 | GL W SM   | 16.00 | 17.00        | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 1.00  |       |  |        |  |
| GL W SM       | 25.13 | 27.38 | 23.31 | 26.31 | —     | —     | 6.00  | GL BR LG  | —     | —            | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 1.00  |       |  |        |  |
| GL BR LG      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 1.00  | NRBS - 48 | —     | —            | —   | —     | —     | —     | —   | —           | 5.00  |       |  |        |  |
| GL BR MD      | 35.00 | 38.50 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 1.00  |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |
| NRBS - 48     | 26.00 | 28.43 | —     | —     | 28.13 | 33.14 | 33.75 |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —     | 26.00 | 28.50 | —     | —     | 1.00  |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |
| NRBS - 42     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 32.43 | 35.00 | 7.00  |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —     | 22.50 | 25.00 | —     | 34.00 | 2.00  |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |
| NRBS - 36     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 20.50 | 22.00 | 7.00  |           |       |              |     |       |       |       |     |             |       |       |  |        |  |

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       | 06/05/06 | 05/29/06 | 06/06/05 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 81       | 95       | 281      |
| LOS ANGELES   | 78       | 92       | 281      |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady. Supplies are available. Retail demand is fair.

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 | 87.86  |
| LARGE       | 84.86  |
| MEDIUM      | 65.64  |
| 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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