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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. Asking prices for next week were trending higher for extra large and large, but unchanged for mediums. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand entering the extended Memorial Day weekend was mostly moderate to good aided by feature activity. Supplies were balanced to available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to fair demand. Spent hen offerings were at least adequate; processing schedules were normal to reduced.

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 and producer prices are steady. Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are 6 cents higher for extra large and large, and steady on medium. Cartoned and loose shell demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Market activity is moderate as buyers and sellers have positioned themselves for the Memorial Day weekend and now are in a wait and see mode for the extended weekend clearance. Central states breaking stock prices were steady. Supplies and offerings were light. Demand for additional breaking stock was light as most off-line processors were observing the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	72-81	75-78	LARGE	57-67	61	
LARGE	71-80	73-76	MEDIUM	36-40	38	
MEDIUM	54-63	56-59	SMALL	33-39		

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to occasionally fairly good. Distributive demand was moderate. Supplies were sufficient for needs. Eastern region breaking stock floor stocks were usually adequate for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type hen demand was at least moderate for fully sufficient offerings.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76-96	81-85
LARGE	70-84	75-79
MEDIUM	55-68	60-62

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were steady. Next week's asking prices were trending 5 cents higher for extra large, 6 cents higher for large, and steady for medium. Cartoned shell egg demand remained moderate to good. Loose shell egg demand was light to slightly improved. Supplies ranged moderate to light. Market activity was moderate. Central states breaking stock prices were steady. Demand and offerings were light.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-92	85-88
LARGE	76.5-85	78-81
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand entering the extended Memorial Day weekend was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for immediate trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock floorstocks were sufficient for normal to reduced schedules. Spent hen offerings were fully sufficient; demand was at least moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	75-78
LARGE	65-79	73-76
MEDIUM	57.5-65	58-62

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. Trade sentiment was steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to cover trading requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	90-94	-
LARGE	88-92	-
MEDIUM	67-71	-

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	79-87	80-82
LARGE	77-85	78-80
MEDIUM	60-68	61-63

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices were steady. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large, 6 cents higher for large, and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Demand was light to moderate with offerings moderate to heavy for medium and moderate for the balance of sizes.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 2 cents higher for jumbo, 5 cents higher for extra large, 6 cents higher for large and unchanged for medium and small. Offerings were light to moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to heavy for medium. Demand was light to moderate as most buyers were content with current inventories and previous purchases for next week's needs. Small benchmark price 73 cents.

CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketers 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	134
EXTRA LARGE	123
LARGE	113
MEDIUM	93

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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	126-130
EXTRA LARGE	112-117
LARGE	107-110
MEDIUM	84-87

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION Prices were steady. Supplies and offerings were light. Demand for additional breaking stock was also light as off-line processors were observing the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	50-56	50-52
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	33-40	33-37
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to fair. Floor stocks were usually sufficient for less than normal to normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 22-May-2010 were 9 percent less than last week and 11 percent less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	49-55	50-53
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-39	30-37
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 22-May-2010	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,304,182	31,714	13,211	6,387	2,554	4,374
PW	1,388,579	34,220	13,243	6,575	3,296	4,437
LY	1,303,034	31,309	13,027	6,606	3,084	4,282
% PW	-6%	-7%	0%	-3%	-23%	-1%
% LY	0%	1%	1%	-3%	-17%	2%
2010	25,499,148	623,038	250,273	124,041	52,021	86,778
2009	25,263,810	619,183	241,504	122,261	53,043	85,409
% YTD	1%	1%	4%	1%	-2%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.70	42.11	42.38
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	39.34	38.92	39.09

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	706,539	54.2%	19,470	61.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	727,906	52.4%	20,249	59.2%
LAST YEAR	701,207	53.8%	18,370	58.7%

*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

NATIONAL LIQUID Prices trended steady for whole egg and whites and higher for yolk. Offerings were moderate for all products. Demand was moderate to good for whole egg and yolk and light to moderate for whites. Interest in yolk was reported as continuing to improve. Processing schedules were full-time to reduced for next week.

Trade Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	18	41-46	42.00	.98
WHITES	5	40-41	40.40	-.15
YOLKS	4	63-66	64.63	

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were higher on whole, unchanged to higher on yolks and albumen. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged sufficient to short current trading purposes. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 22-May-2010 were 23% less than last week and 17% less than last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 2% less than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	2.25-2.65	MOSTLY	2.30-2.50
YOLKS	1.50-1.78	MOSTLY	1.54-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.75-4.10	MOSTLY	3.90-4.00
BLEND (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.05-2.15		

NATIONAL FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white prices were steady with sugared and salted yolk prices higher. Offerings were moderate while supplies were light as many processors were comfortable with maintaining light frozen inventories. Demand was light to moderate for whole egg and whites and moderate to good for frozen yolk products.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	59-65	60-64	66-70	66
WHITES	55-64	58-60	61-66	61-64
SUGARED YOLKS	79-84	81-83	85-89	85-87
SALTED YOLKS	75-78	77-78	80-85	80-82

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 21, 2010 – MAY 27, 2010

CURRENT LOADS 78.75								FUTURE LOADS 53.50				TOTAL LOADS 132.25			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	57.50	59.00	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	63.68	--	--	--	--	35.00
GNR W 1	54.17	--	54.75	56.60	67.93	65.00	48.00	GL W J	82.00	87.00	--	--	90.80	92.80	3.25
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	63.33	3.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	78.57	7.50
GNR BR 1	--	--	55.25	--	--	55.00	1.25	GL W LG	--	69.60	--	--	78.00	75.07	21.25
GL W J	--	--	72.50	74.00	87.00	88.00	3.00	GL W MD	40.00	--	40.75	--	--	48.88	2.50
GL W XL	--	--	73.36	76.69	68.85	--	27.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	70.00	74.00	.50
GL W LG	--	--	63.50	71.88	69.21	--	36.75	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	71.14	75.43	1.75
GL W MD	55.00	--	43.50	45.33	44.17	48.00	7.00	NRBS - 48	--	53.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	46.50	--	46.33	49.25	45.00	48.00	9.00	NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	40.00	42.00	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	60.00	--	--	66.50	1.00								
NRBS - 50	--	55.00	--	--	--	--	3.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	53.60	51.00	56.00	12.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	38.00	41.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	39.00	39.50	42.00	44.00	36.63	38.97	9.75								

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.

LIVE 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was at least moderate for the fully sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Trading of light hens is TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of leghorns. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good with offerings light to moderate. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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	83.00	77.00	61.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	60.00
MIDWEST	76.50	74.50	57.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	86.50	79.50	60.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	80.95	76.53	59.75

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate with trading reduced due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 22-MAY-10

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,380	1,490	2,870
Last Week	1,403	1,468	2,871
Same week yr ago	1,431	1,396	2,827
To-date/2010*	29,322	27,023	56,345
To-date/2009*	25,484	29,958	55,442

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	387	15	402
Last Week	426	12	438
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2010*	7,256	153	7,409
To-date/2009*	5,512	11	5,523

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

Thousands	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,767	1,505	3,272
Last Week	1,829	1,480	3,309
Same week yr ago	1,431	1,396	2,827
To-date/2010*	36,578	27,176	63,754
To-date/2009*	30,996	29,969	60,965

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 15, 2010		Year-To-Date		
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	0	338	1,841	3,207
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	156	222
Total	0	338	1,997	3,429

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

Week Ending May 15, 2010		Year-To-Date		
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	382	318	7,790	6,265
Frozen	42	5	183	155
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	424	323	7,973	6,420

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending May 15, 2010		Year-To-Date		
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,330	1,260	19,536	17,573
Large	1,320	3,310	39,235	49,679
Medium	2,970	900	19,005	19,650
Ungraded	3,157	10,482	76,819	100,802
Misc	0	0	0	2,575
Total	10,777	15,952	154,595	190,279

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Proc. Turkeys lbs.	Proc. other Poultry lbs.
AM 05/24/10	3,097	140,516	52,052
AM 05/01/10	3,158	127,146	49,456
CHG	-61	13370	2596
PCT CHG	-2%	11%	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 22-May-2010	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	188.4	-1	7
East North Central	696.3	0	8
West North Central	330.0	4	11
South Atlantic	144.8	-2	-10
South Central	53.9	-2	11
West	147.9	-2	-2
Total	1561.3	0	5

Matched plants reporting 82 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, 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 22-May-2010

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	14.1	15.2	-7	-45
Boston	3.6	3.2	13	20
Chicago	64.8	65.6	-1	43
Los Angeles	53.9	70.6	-24	0
New Orleans	6.1	5.7	7	17
New York	32.6	33.0	-1	-6
St. Louis	87.3	85.4	2	11
San Francisco	20.0	22.8	-12	14
Total	282.4	301.5	-6	7
4 Week Moving Avg.	289.7			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT May 25, 2010

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	132	121	98	78
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	124-128	113-117	91-95	71-75
MOSTLY	126-127	115-116	93-94	73-74
RHODE ISLAND	131-135	120-124	97-101	77-81
MOSTLY	131	120	97	77
VERMONT	131	120	98-100	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 4 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 172 million dozen during April 2010, up 4 percent from April a year ago, and 4 percent above the 165 million broken last month.

April 2010 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. April 2009 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2010 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 646 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2009. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2010 was 842 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2009.

Source: USDA/NASS