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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was in a full range of light to good and was best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally sufficient, instances ample in the West. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to instances tight in the Midwest and usually fully adequate in the Eastern region. Demand for additional product was light to good. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for current slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices remained unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate or available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually fully adequate for the light to mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for a slow demand. Processing schedules for next week were normal.

NEW YORK Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate, best into feature activity. Supplies were usually adequate on all sizes.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg demand had improved and was reported as moderate to good and best into features. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate to instances good and better into resort and vacation areas. Supplies were in close balance to adequate at most locations. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to instances tight. Demand was moderate to occasionally good with most breakers unwilling to pay higher values for additional heavy nest runs at this call. Floor stocks mixed, mostly adequate for current schedules. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail demand generally moderate instances good and best where features are a factor. Food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for all sizes.

SOUTHERN Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower when compared to current week price levels. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate and was best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were usually fully adequate and demand for additional product was light to mostly moderate. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady with asking prices for next week throughout the region unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings fully adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	94-96	81-83	63-65
New York	59-61	56-59	39-42
Philadelphia	57-62	55-60	38-43.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	54-55	52.5-54	36-37
Jackson (1)	61-62	58-59	41-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-71	55-69	37-51
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	31-36
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	27-30
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-53	46-51	28-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	48-55	31-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-73	59-70	43-53
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	72-84	69-76	56-62
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	87	79	66
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 46. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79-89, large dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA
PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	87
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	66

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	83-93
EXTRA LARGE	72-84
LARGE	69-76
MEDIUM	56-62

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-259
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to instances tight. Demand was moderate to occasionally good with most breakers unwilling to pay higher values for additional heavy nest runs at this call. Floor stocks mixed, mostly adequate for current schedules. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	6-10	

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 Prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher on nest run breaking stock, but unchanged to lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Demand was light to mostly moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Undertone was generally steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending June 02, 2001 were 11% less than the previous week, and 14% less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	22-25.5
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	7-14.5

EASTERN REGION 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 02-Jun-01

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,083,102	25,357	10,765	5,746	2,232	3,795
PW	*1,123,045*	*25,719*	11,451	6,119	2,285	*3,843*
LY	1,119,996	24,318	11,545	6,270	2,670	3,582
% PW	-4	-1	-6	-6	-2	-1
% LY	-3	4	-7	-8	-16	6

2001	*24,545,345*	*556,881*	249,976	135,705	52,638	*87,853*
2000	25,387,209	574,167	254,484	137,975	64,621	83,808

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.16	*41.97*	40.82
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.66	38.55	37.62

Please note adjustments to previous week & year to date.

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 65 to 69 cents fob, with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady for whole egg, about steady and attempting to settle on whites, and mostly steady for yolk. Offerings of all products were usually adequate for current needs. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and moderate for yolk. Breaking stock supplies were mixed, mostly adequate with prices unchanged. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 08 June, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	24	24.00	-1.22
WHITES	29	14-19	15.34	-.80
YOLKS	5	68	68.00	.00

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whole and whites, but usually ranged higher on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were limited on yolks, usually adequate on balance. Demand was light to good with increased orders noted for future deliveries. Trade sentiment was mixed as traders continue to watch further market developments. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending June 02, 2001 were 32% less than the previous week, and 53% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-45	41-43	49-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	27-33	28-30	34-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-81	77-80	80-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-79	74-78	77-78

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, whites, and sugar yolk mostly values were unchanged to 1 cent lower, with salt yolk unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for whole egg and whites and steady to fully steady on sugar and salt yolk. Demand was seasonally moderate to good. Offerings were tight to adequate, with the majority of processors reporting very close inventories on all frozen products. Breaking stock supplies were mixed, mostly adequate for current needs with prices unchanged when compared to last week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-44	41-42
WHITES	27-31	27-29
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-82	77-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-79	74-76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 1 cent lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 6/2 was 6% less than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks fully adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	34-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were lower on blends, other mostly values were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. However, the undertone was unsettled and mixed on most items. Demand was light to moderate with buyers usually unaggressive. Supplies were usually tight on yolks, adequate on whole and blends, and at least fully adequate on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending June 02, 2001 were 2% less than the previous week, and 16% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.50-1.80	MOSTLY 1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.70-2.00	MOSTLY 1.80-1.90
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.30-2.75	MOSTLY 2.35-2.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.19-1.30	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 25, 01-MAY 31, 01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
104.00				66.25				TOTAL LOADS				170.25			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	—	31.50	33.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	13.00
GNR W 1	30.75	—	31.13	32.52	29.25	31.33	48.75	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	30.00	31.00	30.50	32.00	3.50	GNR W 3	—	23.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	24.00	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.50	GL W XL	—	39.00	—	—	39.00	43.05	14.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.25	—	.25	GL W LG	—	39.00	—	—	—	37.06	9.00
GL W XL	—	37.00	38.25	40.29	33.44	—	34.75	GL W MD	17.33	—	—	—	25.00	29.29	8.25
GL W LG	—	38.25	36.67	38.00	27.78	—	21.50	NRBS - 39	17.00	—	—	—	20.00	25.00	4.00
GL W MD	22.33	—	19.75	21.71	21.81	24.50	19.00								
GL W SM	23.58	26.19	21.94	24.10	22.00	—	9.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	25.00	—	27.00	3.25								
NRBS - 48	22.50	24.21	—	—	24.31	26.71	44.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	20.00	21.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	18.00	10.25								

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.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannery movement was fair with offerings adequate for needs. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report prices. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings. Schedules were normal. Finished product sales were only fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand continued mostly light to moderate as offerings of spent fowl far out weigh current production needs. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 08-JUN-01 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	59.88	57.51	40.56
SOUTHERN	59.24	57.33	40.04
MIDWEST	50.39	49.14	31.92
WESTERN	79.86	73.79	60.11
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.84	61.41	45.59
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular on light canners and generally unchanged to lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were in a full range of barely adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light to moderately good. The undertone was cautious and usually no better than steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

24-25 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

24.25-27.5 MAJORITY 24.25-25.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

31.5-38 MAJORITY 32-33

HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

32-40 MAJORITY 32-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-Jun-01

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,461	1,184	2,645
LAST WEEK	1,595	1,568	3,163
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,393	1,277	2,670
TO-DATE/2001	39,492	29,488	68,980
TO-DATE/2000	44,117	30,361	74,478

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	525	17	542
LAST WEEK	210	0	210
SAME WEEK YR AGO	494	0	494
TO-DATE/2001	10,854	160	11,014
TO-DATE/2000	11,012	50	11,062

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,986	1,201	3,187
LAST WEEK	1,805	1,568	3,373
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,887	1,277	3,164
TO-DATE/2001	50,346	29,648	79,994
TO-DATE/2000	55,129	30,411	85,540

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending May 26, 2001	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	132	153	4,723	2,303
Frozen	0	4	40	44
Dried	0	0	22	213
Total	132	157	4,785	2,560

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending May 26, 2001	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	165	101	2,014	2,449
Frozen	21	8	601	263
Dried	14	12	240	575
Total	200	121	2,855	3,287

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

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending May 26, 2001	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	58	87	463
Extra Large	2,198	900	17,079	13,662
Large	4,157	3,248	46,823	61,065
Medium	1,560	1,160	18,378	14,163
Ungraded	10,416	2,190	116,420	74,190
Misc	3,360	900	33,138	6,210
Total	21,691	8,456	231,925	169,753

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

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

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

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	27-29	9-11	8-10

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-57	45-51	43-48	25-30	24-28

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	75-78	62-65	44-47	17-20

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04-Jun-01	4,199	155,116	63,545
AM 1-May-01	3,238	143,310	63,064
CHG	961	11,806	481
PCT CHG	30	8	1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2001 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2001 are:

FROZEN EGGS	22	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
TURKS	427	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
POP	663	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 02-Jun-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.7	22.7	0	6
BOSTON	3.7	3.4	9	-12
CHICAGO	44.5	39.1	14	-10
DETROIT	27.5	33.1	-17	-18
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.8	13	30
LOS ANGELES	96.8	111.1	-13	0
NEW ORLEANS	7.4	11.2	-34	-28
NEW YORK	35.0	37.9	-8	-18
ST. LOUIS	19.7	18.0	9	58
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	20.2	3	-6
TOTAL	282.5	300.5	-6	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	292.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 02-Jun-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.4	1	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	474.8	-7	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	255.2	-5	1
S. ATLANTIC	173.2	0	-4
S. CENTRAL	78.4	1	15
WEST	204.0	4	5
TOTAL	1403.0	-3	0

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

90 90

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 3 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 145 million dozen during April 2001, up 3 percent from April a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 9 percent; North Central, up 6; South Atlantic, up 10 percent; South Central, down 10; and Western, up 9.

April 2001 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays compared to 20 weekdays and five Saturdays in April 2000.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

JUNE 05, 2001

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	108	95	77	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	89-93	68-72	43-47
MOSTLY	104-105	91-92	70-71	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	104-108	91-95	73-77	46-50
MOSTLY	104	91	73	46
VERMONT	110-117	100-104	79-87	-
MOSTLY	117	104	87	-

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