



USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

MONDAY
MAY 13, 2002
VOL. 49 NO. 38

U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Programs Market News Branch

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in most locations were unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good and was best where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available with the larger sizes in the best position. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient for the slow to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, although somewhat better where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were at mostly fully adequate for the slow to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all reported areas. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with feature activity moving some extra product. One feature noted was 2 dozen large for one dollar in Eastern Ohio. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with the larger sizes in the closest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings continuing adequate to about adequate. Graded loose product was adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were generally unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums in the longest position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending May 10, 2002 was 45.57 cents, 3.19 cents less than a week earlier and 3.25 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient for the slow to fair demand.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand mainly moderate, best where features planned. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail demand was light to moderate, usually better where features were in progress. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs.

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

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-89	76-78	66-68
New York	50-54	48-52	44-48
Philadelphia	48-53	47-51	43-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-44	38-41	34-37
Jackson (1)	49-51	46-48	42-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	49-59	46-56	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	33-37
Detroit (2)	37-42	36-41	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-43	38-41	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	40-47	39-45	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-64	56-59	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	79	74	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, large brown dozen 199. California Egg Marketing Association and other 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	82
EXTRA LARGE	79
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	69

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	239-299	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 17, 2002 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 10, 2002 were 260,323 cases which was 17 percent above the prior week and 14 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	218,121	42,202	260,323
% change from the prior week.....	+21	-1	+17

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings continuing adequate to about adequate. Graded loose product was adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time to overtime. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Finished product supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAY-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.63
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past trading period. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished product sales were fair with scheduling providing fully adequate supplies for both immediate and future needs. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-MAY-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	8.90
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 13, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO Northeast	SO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	14.8	5.0	9.0	10.5	48.0
	Change	-0.2	-2.2	-0.6	-3.0	-0.3	-12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.6	36.3	16.7	22.8	27.6	125.0
	Change	-5.9	-7.4	-2.3	-3.3	-1.1	-14%
Large	Curr Wk	40.9	108.0	73.3	53.1	105.0	380.3
	Change	0.5	-1.5	-0.1	-38.4	12.6	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.7	41.7	20.7	25.0	27.3	125.4
	Change	2.1	-6.1	-4.3	-3.3	-3.2	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	5.4	3.0	3.5	3.1	20.1
	Change	0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-1.7	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	22.1	8.4	12.2	6.1	52.5
	Change	-0.1	3.1	1.6	1.2	-0.1	12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	50.1	20.1	26.9	23.8	139.6
	Change	0.7	-6.1	-9.4	-4.0	-3.4	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	109.4	278.4	147.2	152.5	203.4	890.9
Percent	Change	-2%	-7%	-10%	-25%	1%	-9%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	890.9	-9%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.8	8%	38

Total Shell Egg 1171.7 -5% 212
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. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but 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.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 29, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 10, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		11.50		FUTURE LOADS		10.25		TOTAL LOADS		21.75					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	32.00	33.00	24.50	26.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.50	49.50	1.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	38.50	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	42.00	—	43.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	33.00	35.50	32.50	—	6.00								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	34.17	—	3.25								
GL W MD	—	—	28.00	30.00	—	—	3.00								
GL W SM	22.75	24.00	23.00	24.00	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/06/02-05/10/02

CURRENT LOADS		73.00		FUTURE LOADS		50.25		TOTAL LOADS		123.25					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.67	29.00	24.70	26.00	31.25	32.00	16.00	GNR W 1	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	49.50	50.50	2.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	1.00	GL W XL	34.70	37.63	—	—	—	41.33	12.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	24.00	26.00	1.00	GL W LG	33.38	35.20	—	42.00	—	40.31	12.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	26.88	35.00	—	—	—	31.50	9.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.25	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	26.67	29.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	32.44	31.80	34.29	32.93	45.00	42.00	NRBS - 45	26.00	29.00	—	—	26.75	29.00	6.00
GL W LG	—	32.55	29.33	32.47	31.94	—	20.50	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	30.00	30.22	27.56	23.83	26.75	12.25								
GL W SM	22.75	24.00	22.00	23.00	20.50	21.33	5.50								
NRBS - 50	—	30.00	25.85	26.00	—	29.00	4.25								
NRBS - 48	26.00	27.67	—	28.00	31.07	28.36	42.50								
NRBS - 45	24.50	26.00	—	25.50	25.00	—	5.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	23.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	17.50	18.00	5.50								

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/28/02 - 05/04/02

State	Number Cases		Number Cases		Total State
	Shipped To Northern CA	Shipped To Central CA	Shipped To Southern CA	Shipped To Southern CA	
Arkansas	664	0	0	664	
Colorado	0	2,430	2,600	5,030	
Georgia	0	0	840	840	
Iowa	4,620	17,835	25,021	47,476	
Michigan	0	854	3,210	4,064	
Minnesota	0	0	3,001	3,001	
Missouri	0	0	1,590	1,590	
New Hampshire	0	1,450	850	2,300	
Ohio	850	1,630	5,010	7,490	
Oregon	411	0	0	411	
Pennsylvania	0	0	800	800	
Utah	846	2,990	5,782	9,618	
Wisconsin	0	0	770	770	
TOTAL	7,391	27,189	49,474	84,054	

NEW ENGLAND

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	68-71	57-60	47-50	25-28

DETROIT EGGS

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-53	36-40	34-39	30-34	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-23	14-18	6-9

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>05/06/02</u>	<u>04/29/02</u>	<u>05/07/01</u>
PACIFIC COAST	451	437	281
LOS ANGELES	423	425	243

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 4/28/02-5/04/02
 30-dozen cases 5,399
 Receipts from the mainland: 4/21/02-4/27/02
 30-dozen cases 5,509

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
61.96	59.65	55.65	46.27

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
 POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter (Chief)
	Fax	(202)720-2403	
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman (Officer-In-Charge)
	Fax	(404)562-5875	
Jackson, MS	Recorded	(404)562-5856	Gary Brown (Southern States Area Supervisor)
	Voice	(601)965-4662	
Des Moines, IA	Fax	(601)965-4661	Mary L. Adkins (Officer-In-Charge)
	Voice	(515)284-4471	
Bell, CA	Fax	(515)284-4468	Jim Derby (Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
	Voice	(323)269-4154	
	Fax	(323)269-5926	
	Recorded	(323)260-4676	