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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steadier entering the holiday weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good with features providing the best interest. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate, occasionally available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for fully sufficient offerings. Schedules were mixed. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI 2 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales light to fairly good with features providing the best interest. Loose egg demand light to moderate. Supplies usually adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	95-97	LARGE	70-77	72	
LARGE	91-99	93-96	MEDIUM	54-58	56	
MEDIUM	77-83	80-82	SMALL	36-38		

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was mixed entering the holiday weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate, slightly better where features were planned for next week. Supplies adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock supplies fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules mostly normal to instances less than normal. Spent hen offerings about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99-112	100-105
LARGE	94-109	99-103
MEDIUM	80-95	84-87

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. The trade sentiment about steady. Retail demand light to to fairly good with the best movement in areas with planned feature activity. Food service movement light to mostly moderate. Supplies generally adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock mostly prices lower with other reported prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate and included heavy graded loose shell eggs. Demand was light to moderate with buyers bidding slightly lower prices for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks at desirable levels. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99.5-108	101-104
LARGE	97.5-106	99-102
MEDIUM	81.5-90	83-86

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged, however asking prices for week's deliveries trending lower on all sizes. The market tone barely steady to steady entering the weekend. Demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings fully sufficient for the light demand. Spent hen availability about adequate to adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	99.5-124	101-104
LARGE	98-122	99-102
MEDIUM	81.5-106	82-86

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 on all sizes. The market tone was at best steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	104-108
LARGE	102-106
MEDIUM	86-90

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good with features providing the best interest. Food service movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-105	99-101
LARGE	96-105	97-100
MEDIUM	82-91	85-87

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 4-6 cents lower on jumbo, 5-7 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4-6 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 6 cents lower on jumbo, 7 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 99. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 2 for \$3, large 20 pack 197.

CALIFORNIA 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	147
EXTRA LARGE	143
LARGE	133
MEDIUM	119

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	124-136
EXTRA LARGE	122-131
LARGE	120-123
MEDIUM	106-109

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-399
EXTRA LARGE	259-349
LARGE	239-339
MEDIUM	199-279

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were lower on breaking stock with all other reported prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate and included heavy graded loose shell eggs. Demand was light to moderate with buyers bidding slightly lower prices for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks had steadily increased throughout the week as prices reach more desirable levels and liquid prices hold. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	75-78	75-77
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	63-69	63-65
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 Mostly prices were unchanged on checks, but lower on breaking stock when compared to early week trading. Demand was light for the fully adequate offerings. Most buyers were limiting purchases to regular commitments and bidding lower for other offers. Breaking schedules were mostly normal to occasionally less than normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07 February 2004 were 3% less than last week and 2% lower than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	74-79	76-78
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-69	64-69
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 07-FEB-04
(Lbs in thousands) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,150,257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
PW	1,118,124	25,723	11,045	6,112	2,584	3,906
LY	1,124,687	26,376	10,950	6,086	2,893	4,147
% CHG PW	3	0	9	8	10	5
% CHG LY	2	-2	10	8	-2	-1

2004	5,684,035	132,219	56,089	30,975	13,588	20,485
2003	5,684,373	132,603	54,311	30,285	14,225	21,138
% CHG YTD	0	0	3	2	-4	-3

	AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		42.19	41.84	42.29
		38.62	38.35	38.6

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 76 to 78 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 60 to 65 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for all products. Demand was fairly good for whole egg, good to very good for whites, and mostly moderate to instances fairly good for yolk. Spot offerings were tight to adequate, mostly tight for all liquid products. Processing schedules varied, generally full-time. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to the previous week.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	65-67	65.31	-.28
WHITES	14	69-70	69.29	.06
YOLKS	10	58	58.00	.00

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on salt yolks, but unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady on yolks, steady on whole and fully steady on whites. Demand and trading was generally light. However, orders when placed usually had to be filled quickly. Supplies were tight on whites, mostly balanced on whole, and irregular on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 07 February 2004 were 1% more than the previous week, but 9% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	71-80	75-77	83-88
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		84-105
WHITES	79-85	82-83	86-91
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-80	75-77	81-88
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-76	70-74	77-87
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, whites and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged with sugared yolk 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate while demand was reported as seasonally light. Breaking stock prices were lower than the previous week's trading.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	76-78	76
WHITES	81-85	82-85
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-79	75-77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-74	72

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/7 was 6% less than the previous week. Frozen demand and freezer stocks light.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	82-85
WHITES	86-89
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	81-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-81

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower on yolks, unchanged on blends, but unchanged to higher on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot trading was not active and only reported as fair. However, increased trading was noted on most all items. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on albumen, generally steady on whole, and irregular on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 07 February 2004 were 10% more than the previous week, but 2% less than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced were 4% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.95-3.45	MOSTLY 3.05-3.15
YOLKS	1.63-2.10	MOSTLY 1.68-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.97-6.60	MOSTLY 6.10-6.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.98-2.30	MOSTLY 2.00-2.05

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 6, 2004-FEB 12, 2004**CURRENT LOADS** 86.00**FUTURE LOADS** 41.25**TOTAL LOADS** 127.25

		SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	76.00	—	77.25	78.14	—	—	7.00	GNR BR 1	—	93.00	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	70.00	71.50	78.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	83.00	87.50	—	—	90.34 18.50
GNR BR 1	—	95.00	—	—	—	—	2.75	GL W LG	—	82.00	—	—	86.69 13.25
GL W J	—	—	93.67	94.67	—	—	3.00	GL W MD	67.29	—	65.00	—	71.15 4.25
GL W XL	—	—	89.38	89.97	79.85	84.00	45.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W LG	—	89.00	80.50	87.50	76.20	77.00	22.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	75.00 4.00
GL W MD	78.00	—	67.56	69.51	65.00	70.00	16.25						
GL W SM	—	—	49.48	50.98	—	—	5.75						
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	112.00	1.50						
NRBS - 50	—	—	75.00	78.00	—	—	.25						
NRBS - 48	—	77.00	76.00	77.00	75.24	77.33	49.00						
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	65.00	67.00	.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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

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 REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** 0-12 8.5-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was selective for fully adequate offerings of spent leg-horn fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Opinions of value remained constant. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs continued unchanged. Demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings were adequate to slightly short of current needs. Opinions of value were steady. **RANGE MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** 0-7 5.5-7

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

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	102.50	101.00	85.50
SOUTHEAST	102.50	100.50	84.00
MIDWEST	96.00	94.50	81.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	102.50	100.50	84.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.93	99.17	83.77

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Trading was very light. Available offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5	31.5-37.5 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-29 MAJORITY 26-27	33-39 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 7-Feb-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,117	1,273	2,390
LAST WEEK	1,274	1,255	2,529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,689	1,377	3,066
TO-DATE/2004	6,604	6,346	12,950
TO-DATE/2003	8,591	7,030	15,621

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	220	0	220
LAST WEEK	221	0	221
SAME WEEK YR AGO	277	14	291
TO-DATE/2004	1,439	18	1,457
TO-DATE/2003	1,805	43	1,848

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,337	1,273	2,610
LAST WEEK	1,495	1,255	2,750
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,966	1,391	3,357
TO-DATE/2004	8,043	6,364	14,407
TO-DATE/2003	10,396	7,073	17,469

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending January 31, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	0	206	392	1,253
FROZEN	0	0	0	0
DRIED	0	0	9	44
TOTAL	0	206	401	1,297

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

	Week Ending January 31, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	168	233	512	636
FROZEN	9	79	12	211
DRIED	120	0	315	40
TOTAL	297	312	839	887

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

	Week Ending January 31, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	0	150	0	150
LARGE	800	200	2,893	1,105
MEDIUM	750	360	780	380
UNGRADED	0	0	0	1,470
MISC	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,550	710	3,723	3,105

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.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)				
	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS	
AM 02/09/04	3,216	145,816	40,130	
AM 02/01/04	3,118	141,357	40,964	
CHG	98	4459	-834	
PCT CHG	3%	3%	-2%	

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 4 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 158 million dozen during December 2003, up 4 percent from December a year ago.

December 2003 contained 23 weekdays including 1 holiday, and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays, 1 holidays and four Saturdays in December 2002.

During calendar year 2003, shell eggs broken totaled 1.83 billion dozen, down 3 percent from the 1.88 billion dozen broken in 2002. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2003 was 2.33 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2002.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-Feb-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.9	25.8	0	9
BOSTON	3.4	3.3	3	10
CHICAGO	62.0	62.0	0	31
DETROIT	28.9	26.8	8	8
KANSAS CITY	10.4	7.3	42	121
LOS ANGELES	90.8	87.0	4	8
NEW ORLEANS	8.7	7.5	16	-46
NEW YORK	28.1	31.1	-10	-6
ST. LOUIS	20.2	17.0	19	29
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	22.2	4	5
TOTAL	301.4	290.0	4	10
4 WK MVG AVG	295.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 07-Feb-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.0	0	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	541.0	-3	5
W.N. CENTRAL	281.0	-4	2
S. ATLANTIC	168.5	-5	-4
S. CENTRAL	100.3	-4	6
WEST	190.0	5	2
TOTAL	1491.8	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	154	148	112	70
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	149-153	143-147	107-111	65-69
	151-152	145-146	109-110	67-68
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	153-157	147-151	111-115	69-73
	153	147	111	69
VERMONT MOSTLY	155-157	150-151	115	-
	157	151	-	-

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