

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged for breaking stock with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were very tight to unavailable with demand mostly light. Breakers continued to adjust schedules against current inventories with many shortening their work weeks. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	91-94	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	80-86	80-82
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 were generally higher when compared to early week trading. The undertone was firm. Offerings were very limited and held with confidence for usually less than normal breaking schedules. Demand was moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 06-Mar-2004 was 2 percent less than the previous week, however 7 percent higher when compared to 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	90-94	91-93
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	76-83	78-82
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 06-MAR-04

	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,184,079	29,179	10,820	6,342	2,418	4,156
PW	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063
LY	1,092,767	27,579	9,310	5,396	2,094	4,029
% CHG PW	-2	2	-6	0	-15	2
% CHG LY	8	6	16	18	15	3
2004	10,428,723	244,974	101,312	56,746	24,287	36,744
2003	10,064,207	241,443	92,806	51,543	23,155	37,381
% CHG YTD	4	1	9	10	5	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.65	42.01	42.38
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.14	38.64	38.70

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites reported at 84 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 59 to 62 cents fob. Trade sentiment was firm for all products. Demand continued good to excellent for whole egg and whites and mostly good for yolk. Offerings were tight to barely adequate for whole egg and whites. Yolk offerings were adequate with sellers refusing many bids while showing much concern over separation values. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the prior 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	14	79-83	81.09	4.34
WHITES	11	76-79	77.70	3.34
YOLKS	5	60-64	62.40	3.22

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were irregular on yolks, but generally higher on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment improved on yolks and was usually steady. Whole and whites were steady to fully steady. Demand and trading was unaggressive to fair. Supplies were tight to short on whole, close balance on whites, and somewhat improved on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 06 March 2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 9% more than last year.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	75-94	87-89	96-100
BLENDS (/) TFEWR	96-110		
WHITES	81-92	87-92	94-99
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-78		81-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-75	71-75	78-83
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged sharply higher with whites ranging 2 to 4 cents higher. Sugared yolk ranged unchanged with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites and mostly steady on frozen yolk products. Offerings were in close balance to adequate for whole egg, tight to barely adequate for whites and adequate on frozen yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and whites, moderate and reported as slightly improved for sugared yolk while salted yolk was reported as lackluster. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	88-90	
WHITES	90-92	92
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-78	76-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	72-74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 6 cents higher on whole, 1 cent higher on whites and salt yolks, and unchanged on sugar yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/6 was 8% less than the previous week. Frozen demand good with freezer stocks light.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	95-98	
WHITES	94-97	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	81-84	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Prices generally ranged unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot trading was limited on albumen but still very firm; overall, LTL trading was reported from \$ 7.10 to 7.50. Demand was moderate although buyers were usually purchasing on an as needed basis. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on albumen and whole, and at least steady with improvement noted on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 06 March 2004 were 15% less than the previous week, but 15% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 5% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	3.21-3.65	MOSTLY	3.33-3.45
YOLKS	1.55-2.10	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.45-7.10	MOSTLY	6.55-6.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.55	MOSTLY	2.03-2.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 05, 2004-MAR 11, 2004

CURRENT LOADS	81.50	FUTURE LOADS	93.75	TOTAL LOADS	175.25
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SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	96.25	109.90	99.06	98.88	113.00	—	58.00	GNR W 1	101.33	102.33	—	—	—	—	18.00
GNR W 3	—	—	86.00	87.00	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	99.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	92.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W J	114.50	118.00	—	—	—	125.08	7.00
GL W J	—	—	109.00	110.00	111.70	—	6.00	GL W XL	115.75	—	—	—	—	124.67	12.75
GL W XL	—	119.84	111.00	112.92	113.41	106.50	35.75	GL W LG	112.00	114.27	—	—	—	123.09	22.25
GL W LG	—	118.22	108.50	112.15	112.04	105.50	41.00	GL W MD	—	101.00	—	—	—	107.36	18.25
GL W MD	100.00	103.50	89.80	96.15	97.00	102.00	24.50	GL W SM	65.00	—	—	—	—	74.00	1.00
GL W SM	—	60.50	57.89	60.40	—	69.50	3.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.38	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	94.00	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	92.00	—	95.00	5.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	78.50	80.75	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	69.50	72.00	.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.

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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12 9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand for spent hens was light. Offerings remained fully adequate. Schedules were sufficient to cover a fair call for finished product. Values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices were unchanged to higher. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good with offerings adequate to occasionally short of processor needs. Opinions of value were generally steady.

RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-10 6-8

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	114.50	113.00	101.00
SOUTHEAST	114.50	112.50	109.00
MIDWEST	108.00	106.50	97.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	113.50	112.50	100.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	112.64	111.17	101.73

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate on lights; fair to moderate on heavies. Trading was light on heavy canners. Available offerings were well cleared. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady on light canners; steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-30 MAJORITY 25-26	31.5-37.5 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
24-32 MAJORITY 27-27.5	33-39 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 06-Mar-04 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,129	1,250	2,379
LAST WEEK	1,139	1,252	2,391
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,465	1,255	2,720
TO-DATE/2004	11,393	11,481	22,874
TO-DATE/2003	15,069	12,288	27,357

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	78	0	78
LAST WEEK	95	0	95
SAME WEEK YR AGO	221	0	221
TO-DATE/2004	1,994	29	2,023
TO-DATE/2003	3,154	46	3,200

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,207	1,250	2,457
LAST WEEK	1,234	1,252	2,486
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,686	1,255	2,941
TO-DATE/2004	13,387	11,510	24,897
TO-DATE/2003	18,223	12,334	30,557

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	241	104	1,071	1,670
FROZEN	0	0	0	0
DRIED	48	0	97	84
TOTAL	289	104	1,168	1,754

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	118	108	851	1,217
FROZEN	8	116	158	532
DRIED	0	0	515	160
TOTAL	126	224	1,524	1,909

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	180	0	960	150
LARGE	800	750	7,593	4,723
MEDIUM	2,250	0	5,280	4,174
UNGRADED	1,632	0	11,280	1,470
MISC	0	0	0	12
TOTAL	4,862	750	25,163	10,529

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	03/08/04	3,103	169,031	39,627
AM	03/01/04	3,548	169,441	39,330
CHG		-445	-410	297
PCT CHG		-13%	0%	1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-Mar-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.5	27.9	6	38
BOSTON	3.3	3.2	3	-6
CHICAGO	82.5	61.3	35	51
DETROIT	27.8	46.5	-40	7
KANSAS CITY	5.3	4.8	10	20
LOS ANGELES	91.1	96.5	-6	7
NEW ORLEANS	6.5	8.0	-19	-41
NEW YORK	29.4	31.1	-5	-11
ST. LOUIS	17.9	16.7	7	21
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	19.5	12	-3
TOTAL	315.1	315.5	0	14
4 WK MVG AVG	302.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 06-Mar-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.7	7	3
E.N. CENTRAL	568.2	-4	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	278.5	-6	-2
S. ATLANTIC	176.0	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	100.1	-3	-1
WEST	199.4	4	19
TOTAL	1544.9	-2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Mar 09, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	156	150	122	78
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	149-153	143-147	115-119	72-76
	151-152	145-146	117-118	74-75
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	155-159	149-153	121-123	76-81
	155	149	121	76
VERMONT MOSTLY	156-159	150-153	122-125	-
	159	153	125	-

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PROCESSED EGGS: Monthly Inventory U.S. Dried Eggs (2nd Fri)

AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2004

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	896,525	-10	-39
FREE FLOWING	1,335,490	-25	-69
BLEND	1,170,142	-19	-40
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	3,763,857	-6	-62
BLEND	104,200	-8	-46
YOLK			
PLAIN	2,405,753	34	84
BLEND	40,737	-15	-53
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,541,606	16	-46
TOTAL	12,258,310	-1	-49

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
 FEBRUARY 1, 2004 - FEBRUARY 28, 2004
 TOTAL 11,116,000 POUNDS.

 Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
