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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged on all weights in New York. In all other locations, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was mixed following the holiday. Supplies were sufficient to available for current requirements. Breaking stock demand remained light for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Breaking schedules were generally normal. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the moderate demand.

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 warehouse delivered prices were sharply lower from last week. Other reported prices were mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand remained mixed with some sellers reporting it as very good while others said it was mostly moderate and not up to their previous expectations. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to still available in some areas. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	81-83	LARGE	60-67	62
LARGE	77-85	79-82	MEDIUM	45-49	47
MEDIUM	62-68	65-67	SMALL	31-33	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was mixed following the holiday. Supplies were adequate for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were generally more than sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82-96	85-89
LARGE	79-93	84-88
MEDIUM	63-76	68-70

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower from last week. Trade sentiment remained steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times very good but still below previous expectations in some areas. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-92	85-88
LARGE	82.5-91	84-87
MEDIUM	66.5-75	68-71

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies ranged sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-107.25	85-88
LARGE	82-106.25	83-86
MEDIUM	65.5-84.25	66-70

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** Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Postholiday demand was mixed. Supplies were sufficient for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	93-97
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	75-79

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were sharply lower. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-91	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-86
MEDIUM	67-76	70-72

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 10-11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 44% lower than last Monday with California down 49% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 32%. Retailer demand irregular. Offerings easily covered immediate needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 49% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand spotty. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 83. Easter ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 199, large dozen 2 for \$3, 18 pack 2 for \$5, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 128.

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	128
EXTRA LARGE	127
LARGE	119
MEDIUM	103

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	279-399	JUMBO	279-429
EXTRA LARGE	269-359	EXTRA LARGE	269-419
LARGE	239-269	LARGE	269-399
MEDIUM	199-229	MEDIUM	219-339

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 16, 2004 will decrease by 30 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 09, 2004 were 326,318 cases which was 14 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	284,779	41,539	326,318

% change from the prior week..... +14 +16 +14

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light as many breakers assess current inventories and further needs. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	57-63	61-63
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	48-54	48-50

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 higher when compared to week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were generally adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal to normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.75-9.5	9.12
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** Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-12	9-9.75	9.55

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 12, 2004**

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.7	18.4	5.2	13.2	8.5	53.0
	Change	-4.0	-8.2	-3.4	-3.0	-4.5	-30%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.3	30.9	11.3	17.9	18.4	95.8
	Change	-9.9	-18.8	-1.0	-6.6	-28.0	-40%
Large	Curr Wk	39.3	90.1	65.4	76.7	100.6	372.1
	Change	-24.3	-54.2	-42.2	-47.5	-80.3	-40%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.8	45.4	11.4	17.4	25.0	109.0
	Change	-3.3	-9.0	-5.8	-7.6	-17.3	-28%
Small	Curr Wk	1.5	6.2	2.7	5.9	4.0	20.3
	Change	-1.8	-1.8	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	30.4	11.6	13.3	6.9	66.2
	Change	-0.4	3.4	-0.8	-3.1	-0.1	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.8	37.0	16.8	32.2	20.6	118.4
	Change	-4.3	-9.9	-2.6	4.8	-11.7	-17%
Total	Curr Wk	91.4	258.4	124.4	176.6	184.0	834.8
	Change	-34%	-28%	-31%	-26%	-44%	-33%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	834.8	-33%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	258.0	5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,092.8	-27%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who 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 eggspacked 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 MARCH 29, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197	185	181	116

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 29, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 09, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							18.00	FUTURE LOADS							17.00	TOTAL LOADS							35.00
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 1	62.00	—	63.00	64.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	68.00	—	—	—	—	—	76.00	2.00							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	63.00	—	67.00	—	—	—	72.00	3.00							
GL W XL	—	—	75.00	77.00	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W LG	—	—	72.00	74.00	62.50	—	3.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	60.00	—	—	65.00	6.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00																
GL W SM	—	—	—	43.50	41.00	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	13.00																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/05/04-04/09/04

CURRENT LOADS							87.50	FUTURE LOADS							82.00	TOTAL LOADS							169.50
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	66.50	68.00	67.33	67.43	70.00	71.00	14.50	GL W J	68.00	—	—	—	—	—	75.26	6.00							
GNR W 3	—	—	—	53.33	—	55.00	2.00	GL W XL	—	73.50	—	—	—	—	75.50	11.75							
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	87.00	1.00	GL W LG	63.00	72.00	67.00	—	—	—	72.81	21.75							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	4.25	GL W MD	—	—	52.75	—	—	—	60.00	3.00							
GL W XL	—	75.75	78.79	79.69	65.71	72.31	45.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00								
GL W LG	—	82.57	70.36	76.85	62.32	72.67	32.25	NRBS - 45	—	—	60.00	—	—	—	65.00	6.00							
GL W MD	62.00	—	60.33	61.33	—	56.00	9.25	NRBS - 39	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	1.00							
GL W SM	—	—	50.25	48.83	41.00	—	3.00																
NRBS - 48	58.00	—	—	—	60.00	64.39	73.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	5.00																

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.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/05/04	03/29/04	04/07/03
PACIFIC COAST	142	170	185
LOS ANGELES	78	105	148

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

UNAVAILABLE

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on all sizes. The supply is adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

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

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.63
LARGE	99.63
MEDIUM	83.63
SMALL	69.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 250	225 – 240
1/2 doz.	123 – 151	125 – 134
Large doz.	200 – 250	217 – 227
1/2 doz.	120 – 142	128 – 133

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