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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was generally steady beginning the week. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, instances available in spot locations. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for the light demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for mostly regular processing schedules.

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 prices were 8 cents lower for the larger sizes and down 2 cents for medium from last week's reported prices. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to very good, usually moderate. Loose egg demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand mostly light. Supplies balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-78	73-75
LARGE	69-77	71-74
MEDIUM	60-66	63-65

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	52-59	54
MEDIUM	43-47	45
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 lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the fair demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-91	77-80
LARGE	71-85	76-80
MEDIUM	60-73	66-67

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were down 8 cents for the larger sizes and were 2 cents lower for medium when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand mostly light. Supplies balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78.5-87	80-83
LARGE	74.5-83	76-79
MEDIUM	64.5-73	66-69

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were more than adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-94.75	77-80
LARGE	63-92.75	75-78
MEDIUM	53-76.75	62-66

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

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices for larger sizes were sharply lower, mediums declined 2 cents for the week. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	75-83	77-79
LARGE	74-82	75-78
MEDIUM	65-74	68-70

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for present requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	85-89
LARGE	83-87
MEDIUM	72-76

WESTERN Prices 7-8 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 14% higher than last Monday with California up 17% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 17% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 80. No new ads noted in Northern California.

	RANGE
JUMBO	121
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	100

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	279-349	JUMBO	279-429
EXTRA LARGE	259-309	EXTRA LARGE	269-419
LARGE	239-249	LARGE	249-399
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	219-339

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 23, 2004 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 16, 2004 were 236,639 cases which was 27 percent below the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	194,097	42,542	236,639

% change from the prior week..... -32 +2 -27

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate with demand mostly light. Supplies balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. 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	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	59-63	59-61
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 LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were generally adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 19-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.25	8.75-9.5	9.18
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 slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 19-APR-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.39

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-APR 19, 2004

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

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	16.7	3.5	11.0	9.2	48.4
	Change	0.4	-1.7	-1.7	-2.2	0.7	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.6	47.5	15.7	24.1	30.8	138.7
	Change	3.3	16.6	4.4	6.2	12.4	45%
Large	Curr Wk	43.8	115.2	87.3	96.1	112.5	454.9
	Change	4.5	25.1	21.9	19.3	11.9	22%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	42.8	13.3	18.9	21.4	107.9
	Change	1.7	-2.6	1.9	1.4	-3.6	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	3.9	3.1	5.5	5.4	20.0
	Change	0.6	-2.3	0.4	-0.4	1.4	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	22.0	8.5	16.6	5.7	57.5
	Change	0.8	-8.4	-3.0	3.3	-1.2	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.5	54.0	16.3	28.6	25.0	136.4
	Change	0.7	17.0	-0.5	-3.6	4.4	15%
Total	Curr Wk	103.2	302.1	147.7	200.8	210.0	963.8
	Change	13%	17%	19%	14%	14%	15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	963.8	15%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	275.7	7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1239.5	13%	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 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 QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 05, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.94	1.85	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 05, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.51	1.51	1.41	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 16, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							22.50			FUTURE LOADS			11.00			TOTAL LOADS			33.50		
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	—	—	56.00	57.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	65.50	71.43	—	—	—	—	74.25 7.75						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	49.00	46.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	64.50	—	—	—	—	—	70.33 3.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	70.00	72.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	68.00	—	—	—	—	.75						
GL W XL	—	—	68.50	70.00	68.41	102.50	11.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GL W LG	—	—	66.00	67.00	70.67	100.00	4.00														
GL W MD	—	—	58.00	60.00	59.00	—	2.75														
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00														

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/12/04-04/16/04

CURRENT LOADS							74.25			FUTURE LOADS			89.00			TOTAL LOADS			163.25		
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	57.50	61.00	59.80	59.90	—	—	12.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	82.89 2.25						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	57.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	65.19	71.43	67.00	—	—	—	73.62 16.25						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	49.50	50.00	53.00	2.00	GL W LG	63.93	—	—	—	—	—	70.45 15.50						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	48.60	45.50	—	5.00	GL W MD	58.75	68.00	—	—	—	—	62.80 3.50						
GNR BR 1	—	—	70.00	72.00	—	—	1.00	GL BR MD	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	71.00	—	2.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.00						
GL W XL	—	66.67	71.50	72.03	66.23	85.00	46.75	NRBS - 39	46.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GL W LG	—	66.67	67.78	69.61	63.10	77.09	23.75														
GL W MD	58.00	54.00	57.92	59.25	57.00	58.00	12.25														
GL W SM	44.00	46.22	46.00	48.00	42.00	45.00	7.75														
NRBS - 48	—	61.00	—	—	63.00	62.90	94.75														
NRBS - 45	—	—	55.00	57.20	—	—	1.25														
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	56.50	2.00														

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	04/12/04	04/05/04	04/14/03
PACIFIC COAST	143	142	124
LOS ANGELES	78	78	85

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

UNAVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. 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	95.63
LARGE	91.63
MEDIUM	79.63
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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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 04/13/2004

Report Period: 03/21/2004 - 03/27/2004

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern CA	Shipped to Central CA	shipped to Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	1,010	1,010
Colorado	0	1,620	4,056	5,676
Iowa	6,100	8,560	40,197	54,857
Maine	0	0	820	820
Michigan	0	870	1,590	2,460
Minnesota	2,130	2,370	7,070	11,570
Missouri	0	0	4,385	4,385
Montana	0	0	752	752
Nevada	0	0	830	830
New Hampshire	810	0	840	1,650
North Carolina	0	0	8,840	8,840
Oregon	1,463	1,382	640	3,485
Texas	0	0	2,130	2,130
Utah	0	350	8,680	9,030
TOTAL	10,503	15,152	81,840	107,495
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	10,503	15,152	81,840	107,495

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 04/13/2004

Report Period: 03/28/2004 - 04/03/2004

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern CA	Shipped to Central CA	shipped to Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	2,320	2,320
Arkansas	0	0	600	600
Colorado	0	810	4,748	5,558
Iowa	4,710	8,700	32,162	45,572
Maine	0	0	810	810
Michigan	0	1,450	5,510	6,960
Minnesota	3,050	3,210	8,670	14,930
Missouri	0	0	720	720
Montana	0	0	610	610
Nevada	0	0	1,590	1,590
New Hampshire	0	0	830	830
North Carolina	0	0	7,242	7,242
Ohio	0	0	810	810
Oregon	2,474	6	1,860	4,340
South Dakota	750	0	0	750
Texas	0	0	2,960	2,960
Utah	1,743	0	10,047	11,790
Washington	0	0	300	300
TOTAL	12,727	14,176	81,789	108,692
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,727	14,176	81,789	108,692