



**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Offers adequate to close for the moderate demand. Most buyers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. The occasional buyer needing breaking stock paying the high side of the range. Floor stocks were mostly adequate. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment at least steady

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	45-48	46-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	32-38	32-34
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 when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal to heavy breaking schedules. Demand was fair to fairly good at current levels. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15-May-2004 decreased 1 percent when compared to last week, however was 7 percent higher than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	44-48	45-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-37	31-35
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 15-May-04**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID			DRIED	INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK		
CW	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
PW	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
LY	1,241,568	30,113	11,856	6,225	2,545	4,178
% CHG PW	0	2	1	-6	3	-2
% CHG LY	5	2	9	14	25	4
2004	22,724,228	539,236	218,357	121,439	50,545	78,866
2003	21,395,800	520,945	195,262	107,678	42,711	78,919
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.15	41.83	42.18
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.81	38.44	38.82

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 48 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and yolk, steady to barely steady for whites. Liquid demand improved and was reported as moderate to good for all products, best on whole egg and yolk. During the period, the undertone improved on whole and yolk. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged. Supplies were adequate for the full time to extended schedules. Buyers needing additional product paying the high side of the range. Trade sentiment at least steady on breaking stock.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	25	41.5-45	44.00	.00
WHITES	11	60-66.5	63.45	-4.41
YOLKS	7	46-50	47.86	-6.4

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices were all lower when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was about steady on whites, unsettled on whole but slightly steadier on yolks. Demand was fair, although traders were closely watching further market developments. Offerings were usually sufficient for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 15 May 2004 were 6% less than the previous week, and 3% less than last year.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	53-66	57-59	64-72
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-85
WHITES	79-88	83-87	88-94
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-66	59-62	66-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-61	57-60	63-68
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg mostly 2 cents lower, whites decreased 4 cents, sugar yolk generally down 2 cents, and salt yolk ranged unchanged to 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and yolk products with whites irregular. The undertone improved on whole and yolk product during the period. Demand was moderate at best with most buyers purchasing only for nearby needs. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged when compared to last week's prices.

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	57-60	59
WHITES	84-87	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-64	61-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-61	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 2 cents lower on whole and yolks, 5 cents lower on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/15 was 33% less than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	63-66	
WHITES	88-91	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67	

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Majority prices were irregular on yolks, unchanged to lower on blends, and lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Activity was fair to occasionally good, but most buyers were cautious as they try and purchase at lower levels. However, trade sentiment was generally steady on yolks, mixed on whole, and very unsettled on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 15 May 2004 were 3% more than the previous week, and 25% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 18% more than a year ago.

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	2.25-3.00	MOSTLY 2.40-2.57
YOLKS	1.42-1.85	MOSTLY 1.45-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.05-6.90	MOSTLY 6.40-6.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.70-2.05	MOSTLY 1.70-1.90

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2004-MAY 20, 2004**

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	79.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	57.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	136.75
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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	46.25	52.50	45.30	46.75	48.75	51.50	20.00	GL W J	—	—	—	86.50	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	58.00	60.75	—	70.00	—	65.38	9.75
GNR W 4	—	36.50	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	55.00	60.00	—	67.00	65.75	65.72	18.00
GL W J	—	—	66.00	64.50	67.00	—	3.00	GL W MD	47.00	—	—	54.00	50.00	52.92	5.00
GL W XL	—	60.67	54.94	57.27	55.67	—	35.00	GL W SM	37.00	39.00	38.00	39.00	—	37.50	3.00
GL W LG	—	55.92	51.56	53.80	53.64	51.89	36.25	GL BR XL	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W MD	48.00	—	44.00	48.00	41.92	45.00	18.00	GL BR LG	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	.75
GL W SM	37.00	38.50	35.00	36.73	32.00	34.50	8.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 48	—	52.00	—	44.00	49.00	46.31	45.00								
NRBS - 45	—	42.00	—	—	—	43.60	7.00								
NRBS - 42	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	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. 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 prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Offerings of spent hens were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-12 8.5-10.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values required for disposal were too few to report. Interest for spent light hens was only fair. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were slow. Costs of disposal were expected to increase.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were reported as mostly unchanged from the previous week and were adequate to usually fully adequate. Demand was good with offerings of spent fowl still outweighing processing schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 5-6

**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	64.50	64.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	56.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.29	62.18	56.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with available supplies very limited. Offerings of light canners were in close balance; very light for heavies. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-32 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

27-33 MAJORITY 29-29.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 15-May-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,410	1,214	2,624
LAST WEEK	1,328	1,354	2,682
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,493	1,313	2,806
TO-DATE/2004	24,795	24,173	48,968
TO-DATE/2003	32,516	25,246	57,762

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	310	8	318
LAST WEEK	163	0	163
SAME WEEK YR AGO	211	0	211
TO-DATE/2004	4,519	61	4,580
TO-DATE/2003	5,248	64	5,312

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,720	1,222	2,942
LAST WEEK	1,491	1,354	2,845
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,704	1,313	3,017
TO-DATE/2004	29,314	24,234	53,548
TO-DATE/2003	37,764	25,310	63,074

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 08, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	49	411	2,758	4,703
FROZEN	0	0	0	63
DRIED	49	41	203	176
TOTAL	98	452	2,961	4,942

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

Week Ending May 08, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	34	141	1,284	1,860
FROZEN	87	42	612	1,267
DRIED	80	0	1,139	440
TOTAL	201	183	3,035	3,567

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

Week Ending May 08, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	33	45	83	166
EXTRA LAR	767	290	8,717	4,150
LARGE	3,340	2,825	22,673	20,848
MEDIUM	2,790	690	22,350	21,392
UNGRADED	15,216	5,250	90,575	17,706
MISC	30	30	8,814	3,432
TOTAL	22,176	9,130	153,212	67,694

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)				
		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	05/17/04	3,429	181,934	46,799
AM	05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		234	-1524	5040
PCT CHG		7%	-1%	12%

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT**

(In Units of 1,000)				
	31-Mar	31-Mar	30-Apr	30-Apr
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	2,519	2,860	2,433	2,840
Yolks	1,409	1,003	1,078	972
Whole & Mixed	9,765	11,895	8,883	13,203
Unclassified	3,262	3,489	3,349	3,914
Total Frozen Eggs	16,955	19,247	15,743	20,929

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

April Egg Production Up 2 Percent

**U.S. egg** production totaled 7.34 billion during April 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2004 averaged 342 million, up 1 percent from a year earlier. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2003.

**April 2004** and April 2003 both contained 22 weekdays, and four Saturdays.

**All layers** in the U.S. on May 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 57.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.49 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2004, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

**Laying flocks** in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.85 billion eggs during April 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during April, at 319 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 15-May-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.2	25.5	-1	19
BOSTON	3.6	3.4	6	-5
CHICAGO	62.1	62.8	-1	-4
DETROIT	26.6	28.1	-5	9
KANSAS CITY	10.9	4.3	153	36
LOS ANGELES	91.7	95.5	-4	10
NEW ORLEANS	7.2	8.8	-18	-39
NEW YORK	30.1	31.3	-4	0
ST. LOUIS	15.6	16.7	-7	-16
SAN FRANCISCO	23.3	20.9	11	10
TOTAL	296.3	297.3	0	3
4 WK MVG AVG	288.5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 15-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	215.2	1	4
E.N. CENTRAL	583.9	4	5
W.N. CENTRAL	286.5	3	-7
S. ATLANTIC	195.3	3	1
S. CENTRAL	68.8	-1	1
WEST	183.3	4	-1
TOTAL	1533.0	3	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)

WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

May 18, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>67</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>108-112</b>	<b>103-107</b>	<b>86-90</b>	<b>60-64</b>
MOSTLY	110-111	105-106	88-89	62-63
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>114-118</b>	<b>109-113</b>	<b>92-96</b>	<b>66-70</b>
MOSTLY	114	109	92	66
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>115-132</b>	<b>110-127</b>	<b>95-104</b>	-
MOSTLY	132	127	104	-

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