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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, instances good. Supplies were mixed and ranged adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate and better into limited features. Loose egg demand was reported as seasonally moderate. Supplies were balanced to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light as most breakers watched current inventories and purchased for reduced schedules. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers. | |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | 61-70 | 65-67 | LARGE | 44-51 46 |
| LARGE | 61-69 | 63-66 | MEDIUM | 24-28 26 |
| MEDIUM | 41-47 | 44-46 | SMALL | 12-14 |

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's prices. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the week. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings ranged adequate to fully adequate and demand was reported as light to moderate. Schedules were at least normal. Spent hen supplies were at least sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to less than normal.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 68-82 | 68-72 |
| LARGE | 62-76 | 67-71 |
| MEDIUM | 43-56 | 48-50 |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement was generally moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light as most breakers closely watching inventories for the upcoming reduced schedules. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 72.5-81 | 74-77 |
| LARGE | 68.5-77 | 70-73 |
| MEDIUM | 48.5-57 | 50-53 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices entered the week unchanged on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady, however caution was noted. Retail demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for normal to reduced processing schedules.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 68.5-76 | 70-73 |
| LARGE | 67-74 | 68-71 |
| MEDIUM | 43.5-51 | 44-48 |

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 beginning the week. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, better where sporadic promotional activity was in progress. Supplies were fully sufficient for current trade needs.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 76-80 |
| LARGE | 74-78 |
| MEDIUM | 55-59 |

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, instances good when features are planned or in progress. Offerings were adequate on all sizes.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 67-75 | 69-71 |
| LARGE | 66-74 | 67-70 |
| MEDIUM | 48-55 | 49-51 |

[see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons](#)

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 61. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

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 | 118 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 109 |
| LARGE | 101 |
| MEDIUM | 81 |

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 | |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-309 | EXTRA LARGE | Not |
| LARGE | 199-239 | LARGE | Available |
| MEDIUM | 199-205 | MEDIUM | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 02, 2004 will increase by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 25, 2004 were 204,887 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

| | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 164,618 | 40,269 | 204,887 |

% change from the prior week..... -10 +0 -8
 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 most breakers watched current inventories and purchased for reduced schedules. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully 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 | 47-48 | |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 33-39 | 33-35 |
| 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 at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 28-JUNE-04

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB. | 9.5-10.25 | 9.98 |

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 mixed, but slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Seasonal reductions in flock size have begun in some areas. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 Final Price, generally for slaughter the week of 28-JUNE-04

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 6.25-13 CENTS/LB. | 10-10.5 | 10.05 |

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JUNE 28, 2004

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

| | | No | So | So | 5-Area | | |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| | | Cent | Cent | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 13.5 | 22.6 | 6.6 | 14.0 | 10.9 | 67.6 |
| | Change | 0.0 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 12% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 27.3 | 52.2 | 14.1 | 21.1 | 34.1 | 148.8 |
| | Change | 3.1 | 6.8 | 1.3 | -2.4 | 2.2 | 8% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 52.6 | 124.9 | 68.8 | 112.2 | 95.1 | 453.6 |
| | Change | 8.1 | 14.0 | 11.5 | 13.4 | -5.9 | 10% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 20.5 | 41.6 | 12.5 | 29.0 | 39.6 | 143.2 |
| | Change | 4.7 | -1.2 | 0.1 | -2.9 | 4.5 | 4% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 7.8 | 7.2 | 2.3 | 4.7 | 9.3 | 31.3 |
| | Change | 1.0 | -1.5 | 0.8 | -1.7 | 4.9 | 12% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 6.6 | 26.8 | 9.3 | 13.3 | 5.7 | 61.7 |
| | Change | 0.5 | -3.6 | -2.2 | 0.8 | -0.3 | -7% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 17.9 | 38.6 | 24.6 | 37.8 | 25.8 | 144.7 |
| | Change | -4.9 | -0.6 | 0.9 | 0.8 | -3.5 | -5% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 146.2 | 313.9 | 138.2 | 232.1 | 220.5 | 1050.9 |
| | Change | 9% | 6% | 10% | 5% | 1% | 6% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1050.9 | 6% | 170 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 226.5 | -11% | 35 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1277.4 | 2% | 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.

 Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
 North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
 South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
 CANADIAN EGGS, QUEBEC MONITORIALS WITH THE MA AVERAGE PRICE PER DOZEN IN DOLLARS PER DOZEN
 Pacific- AZ, CA, HI, IL, IN, OH, PA, WA, WY
 REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2004

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | 2.03 | 2.00 | 1.91 | 1.16 |
| MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JUNE 14, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD. | | | | |
| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
| | 1.57 | 1.57 | 1.47 | .77 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 25, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS | | 14.50 | | FUTURE LOADS | | 9.00 | | TOTAL LOADS | | 23.50 | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 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 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GL W J | — | — | — | 80.00 | — | — | .25 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | 74.00 | 70.80 | — | 1.25 | GL W XL | 56.00 | — | — | 68.00 | — | 64.67 | 3.50 |
| GL W XL | — | — | — | 62.00 | 57.07 | — | 9.50 | GL W LG | 55.00 | — | — | 65.00 | — | 63.33 | 5.50 |
| GL W LG | — | — | — | — | 53.86 | — | 4.50 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | — | — | 35.00 | 37.00 | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | 28.00 | — | — | 26.00 | — | 1.25 | | | | | | | | |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/21/04-06/25/04

| CURRENT LOADS | | 123.00 | | FUTURE LOADS | | 48.00 | | TOTAL LOADS | | 171.00 | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 | 49.50 | 52.67 | — | 51.50 | 48.50 | 50.25 | 27.00 | GNR W 1 | 46.00 | — | — | — | — | — | 3.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | 74.00 | 67.08 | — | 3.25 | GL W J | — | 73.00 | — | 80.00 | — | — | 2.25 |
| GL W XL | — | 64.08 | 60.23 | 60.90 | 58.73 | 60.97 | 55.00 | GL W XL | 58.00 | 64.11 | — | 68.60 | — | 68.03 | 12.50 |
| GL W LG | 56.00 | — | 55.50 | 57.56 | 56.20 | 55.89 | 35.75 | GL W LG | 56.93 | 66.15 | — | 66.30 | — | 65.58 | 33.75 |
| GL W MD | 40.00 | 38.00 | 36.12 | 37.60 | 39.67 | 38.00 | 25.00 | GL W MD | 38.22 | 46.76 | — | 50.00 | 43.50 | 45.67 | 8.25 |
| GL W SM | 31.33 | 33.00 | 29.83 | 31.67 | 28.25 | 29.50 | 8.00 | GL W SM | 28.00 | 29.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | 50.00 | 49.14 | 49.00 | 25.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 46.00 | 1.00 | NRBS - 45 | 37.00 | — | — | — | — | 39.00 | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 42 | 33.33 | 35.00 | — | — | 34.00 | 37.25 | 4.00 | NRBS - 39 | 34.00 | 34.25 | — | — | — | — | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 39 | 32.00 | — | 33.67 | 35.33 | 32.00 | 36.00 | 7.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 36 | — | 28.00 | 26.00 | 28.00 | 25.52 | — | 7.25 | | | | | | | | |

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 | 06/21/04 | 06/14/04 | 06/23/03 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 397 | 542 | 78 |
| LOS ANGELES | 347 | 491 | 63 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market unchanged on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand. 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 | 88.63 |
| LARGE | 84.63 |
| MEDIUM | 61.63 |
| SMALL | 50.00 |

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 222 – 260 | 239 – 240 |
| 1/2 doz. | 123 – 151 | 130 – 134 |
| Large doz. | 217 – 250 | 225 – 230 |
| 1/2 doz. | 125 – 142 | 128 – 133 |

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 6/23/2004

Report Period: 6/6/2004 - 6/12/2004

| State | # Cases | # Cases | # Cases | Total State |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Shipped To | Shipped To | Shipped To | |
| | Northern CA | Central CA | Southern CA | |
| Arizona | 0 | 0 | 2,503 | 2,503 |
| Arkansas | 0 | 0 | 1,732 | 1,732 |
| Colorado | 0 | 0 | 1,307 | 1,307 |
| Florida | 0 | 882 | 0 | 882 |
| Indiana | 0 | 0 | 750 | 750 |
| Iowa | 4,500 | 4,840 | 47,671 | 57,011 |
| Michigan | 0 | 0 | 1,746 | 1,746 |
| Minnesota | 2,520 | 780 | 2,400 | 5,700 |
| Missouri | 0 | 0 | 3,666 | 3,666 |
| North Carolina | 0 | 810 | 0 | 810 |
| Oregon | 2,981 | 332 | 0 | 3,313 |
| Pennsylvania | 0 | 0 | 525 | 525 |
| South Dakota | 788 | 0 | 0 | 788 |
| Texas | 0 | 0 | 6,030 | 6,030 |
| Utah | 750 | 0 | 5,201 | 5,951 |
| TOTAL | 11,539 | 7,644 | 73,531 | 92,714 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| MILITARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SHIPPED TO | | | | |
| NONMILITARY | 11,539 | 7,644 | 73,531 | 92,714 |