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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady on mediums and fully steady to firm on the larger sized eggs. Demand was light to good, best where featured. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to close, but the lighter weight eggs continued sufficient to ample. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate offerings. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents higher for large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail sales were light to good with features noted. Food service sales continued moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate for current needs. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	55-57	LARGE	42-49	44
LARGE	51-59	53-56	MEDIUM	16-20	18
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38	SMALL	10-12	

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY & western PA .

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on the larger sizes. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close, with mediums remaining in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Schedules were noted as normal. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-73	59-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

Northeast Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were fairly good to good with loose egg sales moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were tight to adequate on the larger sizes and adequate on the lighter weights. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Schedules full-time. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
LARGE	57.5-66	59-62
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

South Central Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however mediums were trending slightly higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to available on the lighter weights while the larger sizes ranged sufficient to close for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal schedules. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderately good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64.25	57-60
LARGE	54-61	55-58
MEDIUM	35.5-43	36-40

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, eastern TN & southern VA.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Offerings were mixed, larger sizes are close and lighter weights are adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	57-65	59-61
LARGE	56-64	57-60
MEDIUM	40-47	41-43

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to close balanced for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	47-51

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes, steady on medium, with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8-9 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm on the large sizes with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large. Medium and small were steady with asking prices unchanged. Retailer demand moderate. Large offerings held confidently, mediums ample. Small benchmark price 53. Ads noted in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, medium dozen 2 for \$1.

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	109
EXTRA LARGE	101
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	73

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	82-98
EXTRA LARGE	80-89
LARGE	78-81
MEDIUM	60-63

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	199-205

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices continued unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment 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	39-41	41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-32	26-28
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 unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Offerings were sufficient of lighter weights and nest run breaking stock for normal schedules. Demand was moderate, but unaggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17 July 2004 were 2% higher than a week earlier and 5% more than a year ago.

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	37-41	39-41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-31	26-30
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 17-JUL-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,255,737	30,191	11,732	6,115	3,207	4,285
PW	1,219,174	29,380	12,065	6,202	3,280	4,029
LY	1,227,765	29,053	11,792	5,956	2,847	4,190
% CHG PW	3	3	-3	-1	-2	6
% CHG LY	2	4	-1	3	13	2
2004	34,006,673	805,712	327,596	180,110	77,995	116,662
2003	31,946,302	778,850	291,891	159,962	64,770	116,021
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	13	20	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.67	42.39	41.53
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.26	39.08	38.12

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 45 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg with the balance of products reported as mostly steady. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites with yolk adequate to instances tight. Contractual agreements consumed most available whole egg while demand for whites and yolk improved from the previous period. Breaking stock prices were unchanged compared to the past week's reported prices.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	8	39-42.5	40.63	1.38
WHITES	19	45.5-48	46.87	.04
YOLKS	7	48-49	48.71	-.09

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolks, unchanged to slightly lower on sugar yolk, lower on whites, and irregular on whole when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady on yolks, about steady on whites, and unsettled on whole. Demand was light to moderate, mostly light. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 17 July 2004 were 4% less than the previous week, but 6% more than a year ago. According to NASS the total stocks in cold storage of frozen eggs for June 2004 were 10% less than the previous month, but 3% more than last year.

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

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	48-56*	49-55	56-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-85
WHITES	58-66	60-64	67-72
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-63	60-63	66-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	57-59	63-69

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\

*July 16, 2004 - Correction on whole : 50-*56*

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 to 3 cents lower with whites and salted yolk 1 cent lower and sugared yolk unchanged to 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady for all products with most participants reporting steadily increasing orders and larger volume sales than previously seen. Offerings were adequate or available with floor stocks in good balance to instances fully adequate. 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	49-52	49-51
WHITES	60-64	60
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-63	61-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-59	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/17 was 21% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	55-58
WHITES	67-70
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-67

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged on yolks, unchanged to slightly lower on whole, lower on blends, and sharply lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair, although some limited trading was developing. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade need Trade sentiment was mostly steady on yolks, barely steady to steady on whole, and unsettled to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 17 July 2004 were 2% less than the previous week, but 13% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 20% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.97-2.30	MOSTLY 2.05-2.17
YOLKS	1.40-1.60	MOSTLY 1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.49-5.35	MOSTLY 4.70-5.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.60-1.85	MOSTLY 1.60-1.70

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 16, 2004-JULY 22, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 82.75				FUTURE LOADS 65.75				TOTAL LOADS 148.50					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	43.00	44.46	41.00	43.00	--	--	24.00	GL W J	--	86.00	--	90.00	2.50
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	36.00	38.00	1.00	GL W XL	62.00	--	--	57.00	15.75
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	30.00	32.50	1.00	GL W LG	53.75	56.19	--	61.00	52.75
GNR BR 1	--	51.00	--	--	--	--	3.00	GL W MD	--	40.50	--	38.75	6.50
GL W J	--	--	66.00	67.50	74.00	--	4.50	GL W SM	31.00	32.00	--	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	63.00	57.83	54.51	57.48	49.29	55.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	4.00
GL W LG	--	--	48.36	51.12	54.23	46.00	58.50						
GL W MD	32.00	--	30.13	31.59	31.67	33.28	21.00						
GL W SM	29.75	32.75	28.00	30.00	--	--	4.00						
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	115.00	118.00	1.00						
NRBS - 48	38.00	39.00	--	--	40.60	40.88	22.00						
NRBS - 45	--	--	34.00	35.00	--	--	1.00						
NRBS - 42	26.00	28.50	--	--	30.44	34.25	5.00						
NRBS - 39	--	27.00	25.00	--	--	--	1.00						
NRBS - 36	--	23.00	--	--	20.00	--	1.00						

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed 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 last week. Demand ranged fair to moderately good. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-12	9-10.5

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Bookings of light fowl were of insufficient volume to reveal definite pricing. Demand was light from primary users. Schedules were set to supply a slow call for finished product. Costs of disposal were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly good with offerings adequate to instances tight with reports of increased competition for available spent hens. Schedules varied due to current supplies. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	6-8

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

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	61.00	60.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	58.50	56.50	38.00
MIDWEST	56.00	54.50	37.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	60.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	60.22	57.99	39.76

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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for light; and generally fair on heavy canners with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were clearing and ranged about adequate to adequate. 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) **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

25-31.5 MAJORITY 27-28 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) **HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)**

27-34 MAJORITY 30-30.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-Jul-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,614	1,420	3,034
Last Week	1,361	1,229	2,590
Same week yr ago	1,141	1,642	2,783
To-date/2004	37,672	36,415	74,087
To-date/2003	45,002	38,521	83,523

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	301	8	309
Last Week	215	11	226
Same week yr ago	366	8	374
To-date/2004	6,663	91	6,754
To-date/2003	7,323	104	7,427

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,915	1,428	3,343
Last Week	1,576	1,240	2,816
Same week yr ago	1,507	1,650	3,157
To-date/2004	44,335	36,506	80,841
To-date/2003	52,325	38,625	90,950

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	453	198	6,629	8,522
Frozen	0	33	11	96
Dried	0	0	394	270
Total	453	231	7,034	8,888

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

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	286	112	3,306	2,879
Frozen	50	46	949	1,559
Dried	80	0	1,647	800
Total	416	158	5,902	5,238

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

Week Ending July 10, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Jumbo	50	0	272	256
Extra Large	1,150	950	60,355	11,957
Large	5,970	3,410	131,439	52,986
Medium	2,586	1,770	52,265	32,632
Ungraded	1,440	3,600	169,644	46,566
Misc	780	0	14,724	3,432
Total	11,976	9,730	428,699	147,829

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

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
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 07/19/04	3,285	198,922	54,709	
AM 07/01/04	3,364	197,449	57,329	
CHG	-79	1473	-2620	
PCT CHG	-2%	1%	-5%	

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	31-May 2003	31-May 2004	30-Jun 2003	30-Jun 2004
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,664	2,717	2,659	2,764
Yolks	815	1,143	897	1,099
Whole & Mixed	10,548	12,517	10,725	10,967
Unclassified	3,672	4,177	3,670	3,601
Total Frozen Eggs	17,699	20,554	17,951	18,431

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 17-Jul-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	29.8	28.3	5	36
Boston	3.6	3.3	9	3
Chicago	61.3	62.0	-1	-30
Detroit	34.0	25.5	33	34
Kansas City	9.0	3.9	131	143
Los Angeles	91.0	92.9	-2	2
New Orleans	8.6	8.0	8	-26
New York	28.5	28.4	0	1
St. Louis	14.8	18.1	-18	-4
San Francisco	21.3	20.3	5	-4
Total	301.9	290.7	4	-2

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 17-July-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	221.9	-1	6
East North Central	598.0	9	10
West North Central	317.8	17	11
South Atlantic	205.4	1	0
South Central	81.0	12	11
West	190.7	0	6
Total	1614.8	7	8
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

Jul 20, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	111 -	106 -	74 -	56 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	104-108 106-107	99-103 101-102	67-71 69-70	49-53 51-52
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	110-114 110	105-109 105	73-77 73	55-59 55
VERMONT MOSTLY	114-115 114	109-110 109	77-79 77	- -

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