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

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Producer prices in Iowa-Minnesota were 2 cent higher on large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with features helping move product. Loose egg sales were moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Regular commitments and existing inventories satisfy needs. Schedules full-time to overtime. Trade sentiment steady.

EXTRA LARGE	59-68	63-65
LARGE	59-67	61-64
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38

IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers.		
	Range	Mostly
LARGE	46-53	48
MEDIUM	21-25	23
SMALL	10-12	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, although asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged steady to instances fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules were reported as normal. Spent hen offerings were fully adequate for the only fair demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal to heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-80	66-72
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand moderate to fairly good with feature activity in progress or planned providing the best interest. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to in close balance on larger sizes, adequate on balance of sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Regular commitments and existing inventories are supplying current breaking needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69.5-78	71-74
LARGE	66.5-75	68-71
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to good, best where features were active. Large eggs were advertised as buy one dozen, get one free. Supplies were in close balance to adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings were fully adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	68-71
LARGE	55.25-72	66-69
MEDIUM	35.5-43	36-40

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 EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	74-78
LARGE	72-76
MEDIUM	49-53

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to mostly moderate, best where features are a factor. Offerings are balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	67-69
LARGE	64-72	65-68
MEDIUM	40-47	41-43

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 5 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 53. Ads noted in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79, large 18 pack 149, medium dozen 67.

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	118
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	100
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	91-107
EXTRA LARGE	89-98
LARGE	87-90
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 unchanged. Trading and demand moderate for the adequate offerings. Lighter weight product continues readily available. Regular commitments and existing inventories satisfy current breaking needs. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to overtime. 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
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. The undertone was steady at current levels. Demand was active and ranged moderate to good, although buyers were unaggressive. Trading of lighter weight eggs continued to be prevalent in the Eastern area. Supplies were sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region was 3% less than last week, however 4% more than the same week 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 24-JUL-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
PW	1,255,737	30,191	11,732	6,115	3,207	4,285
LY	1,231,641	29,207	11,291	6,275	2,451	4,341
% CHG PW	0	4	-4	-5	-10	0
% CHG LY	2	7	-1	-8	17	-1
2004	35,265,565	836,990	338,809	185,905	80,870	120,958
2003	33,177,943	808,057	303,183	166,237	67,220	120,361
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	12	20	0
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.77	41.67	41.50	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.36	38.26	37.98	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 46 to 48 cents fob, pasteurized whites reported at 50 cents fob. 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 barely adequate. Contractual agreement production for all products continued fairly good. Additional spot inquiry for yolk noted later week. On breaking stock, regular commitments and existing inventories satisfy current needs. Schedules fulltime to overtime. Breaking stock prices unchanged from last week.

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	14	40-43	41.50	.87
WHITES	22	45.5-49	46.88	.01
YOLKS	11	47-50	48.18	-.53

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whole eggs, but unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was improving on yolks, about steady to steady on whites, and generally steady on whole. Demand was moderate to light. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24 July 2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 5% more than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	48-55	49-54	56-60
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	59-64	60-64	67-72
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	57-64	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.\			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN All frozen prices ranged unchanged from last week's prices. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all products. Demand was moderate to fairly good and overall noted as improved. Floor stocks of frozen products adequate for current needs. Breakers needing breaking stock were able to secure needs at unchanged prices from last week.

	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 unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/24 was 1% less 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 to slightly lower on whole, unchanged on blends and yolks, but lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but improved over a week earlier. Supplies remain sufficient for trade need Trade sentiment improved on yolks and was at least steady, whole was mixed but mostly steady, and steadier but still somewhat soft on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24 July 2004 were 10% less than the previous week, but 17% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 20% more than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	1.89-2.30	2.05-2.15
YOLKS	1.40-1.65	1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.50-5.43	4.60-4.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.58-1.90	1.60-1.70

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 23, 2004-JULY 29, 2004**CURRENT LOADS** 77.00**FUTURE LOADS** 94.25**TOTAL LOADS** 171.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	46.00	53.22	47.50	47.80	—	—	30.00	GNR W 1	—	55.60	—	—	—	—	8.00
GNR W 2	—	38.00	—	—	36.00	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	37.00	.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.50	35.50	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.00	—	.50	GL W J	—	88.00	—	86.50	—	75.05	4.25
GNR BR 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	73.00	—	71.00	—	71.21	6.25
GL W J	—	—	74.00	75.00	71.42	79.50	6.25	GL W LG	63.00	65.90	—	69.27	—	68.19	47.50
GL W XL	—	64.28	57.57	59.75	57.14	57.50	43.00	GL W MD	30.64	33.92	—	40.33	36.00	37.25	15.75
GL W LG	—	62.13	53.67	54.67	58.60	61.50	56.25	GL W SM	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	34.00	33.33	30.11	31.50	31.60	33.50	20.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	29.75	31.50	28.00	29.50	—	—	6.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	—	40.90	33.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.50	35.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 42	25.00	—	—	29.00	—	—	.75								
NRBS - 39	25.00	26.25	—	—	23.00	—	4.00								

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 last week. Demand was only fair as offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5.00-12.00 9.00-10.50

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Costs of disposal were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances short for the good demand. Schedules continued to vary due to available supplies. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-10 6-8

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants 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	69.00	65.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	69.50	67.50	38.00
MIDWEST	64.00	62.50	37.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	72.50	69.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	68.91	66.27	39.76

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners. Light canners prices ranged unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for lights; and fair to good on heavy canners with most supplies still being used internally. Offerings were clearing easily, and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. 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 30-31.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 30-Jun-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,438	1,484	2,922
Last Week	1,614	1,420	3,034
Same week yr ago	1,105	1,459	2,564
To-date/2004	39,110	37,899	77,009
To-date/2003	46,107	39,980	86,087

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	336	0	336
Last Week	301	8	309
Same week yr ago	276	0	276
To-date/2004	6,999	91	7,090
To-date/2003	7,599	104	7,703

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	Head	1,774	1,484
Last Week	1,915	1,428	3,343
Same week yr ago	1,381	1,459	2,840
To-date/2004	46,109	37,990	84,099
To-date/2003	53,706	40,084	93,790

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

TYPE	Week Ending July 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	148	362	7,090	8,884
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	55	434	325
Total	148	417	7,535	9,305

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

TYPE	Week Ending July 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	367	148	4,705	3,027
Frozen	0	30	949	1,589
Dried	0	17	3,218	817
Total	367	195	8,872	5,433

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

TYPE	Week Ending July 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Jumbo	0	0	272	256
Extra Large	830	750	52,485	12,707
Large	4,650	2,828	123,399	55,814
Medium	4,338	2,321	54,158	34,953
Ungraded	3,876	1,400	171,264	47,966
Misc	0	0	14,724	3,432
Total	13,694	7,299	416,302	155,128

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week (s).

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	07/26/04	3,269	197,851	54,492
AM	07/01/04	3,364	197,449	57,329
CHG		-95	402	-2837
PCT CHG		-3%	0%	-5%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 24-Jul-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	28.2	29.8	-5	32
Boston	3.6	3.6	0	0
Chicago	60.2	61.3	-2	-28
Detroit	28.4	34.0	-16	14
Kansas City	5.8	9.0	-36	38
Los Angeles	89.5	91.0	-2	5
New Orleans	9.0	8.6	5	-45
New York	29.0	28.5	2	3
St. Louis	13.8	14.8	-7	-19
San Francisco	18.8	21.3	-12	-13
Total	286.3	301.9	-5	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 24-July-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	222.8	0	8
East North Central	571.9	-4	1
West North Central	281.6	-11	-3
South Atlantic	207.0	1	-2
South Central	72.4	-11	11
West	184.7	-3	-5
Total	1540.4	-5	0
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 27, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	116	111	74	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	108-112	103-107	67-71	49-53
MOSTLY	110-111	105-106	69-70	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	115-119	110-114	75-79	50-60
MOSTLY	115	110	75	50
VERMONT	116-119	111-114	77-79	-
MOSTLY	119	114	77	-

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