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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was usually in a range of barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were normal to heavy.

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 4 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample and continued to build. Central states breaking stock prices ranged lower. Offerings were ample with demand fair as breakers bid lower prices for outside product. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-72	67-69	LARGE	37-44	39
LARGE	63-71	65-68	MEDIUM	17-21	19
MEDIUM	38-44	41-43	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 lower on all sizes. The market tone was mixed entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-82	68-74
LARGE	60-74	65-69
MEDIUM	37-50	42-44

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 was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate at best. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample and the larger sizes continued to build due to a lack of buyer interest. Central states breaking stock prices ranged lower. Offerings were ample with demand fair as breakers bid lower prices for outside product. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76.5-85	78-81
LARGE	71.5-80	73-76
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak entering the weekend. Demand remained slow to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal to heavy.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.25-76	70-73
LARGE	58.25-74	68-71
MEDIUM	37.25-45	38-42

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. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	71-73
LARGE	68-76	69-72
MEDIUM	45-52	46-48

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

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone remained barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	46-50

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak. Asking prices for next week 10-11 cents lower on large, extra large and jumbo, 4-5 cent lower on mediums. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good best where features in progress. Offerings were fully adequate overall, for current trade needs.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best to cover features. Offerings were adequate to ample. Small benchmark price 58. Ads noted in Southern California: major chains - 18 count large 99 and 2 for 3 dollars; smaller outlets - extra large 20 count 2 for 4 dollars, extra large 12 count 99, large 18 count 2 for 3 dollars, medium brown 20 count 2 for 3 dollars.

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	122
EXTRA LARGE	114
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	78

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	95-111
EXTRA LARGE	93-102
LARGE	91-94
MEDIUM	65-68

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 Breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices ranged lower. Offerings were ample with demand fair as breakers bid lower prices. Most sellers showed little confidence in holding current breaking stock prices and were releasing product as soon as possible. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample and building. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

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	34-36	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	22-28	22-24
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were sharply lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone was unsettled as buyers and sellers were closely monitoring further market developments. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged sufficient to fully adequate with additional graded loose noted as available. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 31, 2004 was 2% less than the previous week, although 3% higher 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	33-38	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-28	22-27
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 31-JUL-04 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,267,144	30,660	11,871	6,195	2,722	4,310
PW	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
LY	1,196,517	29,736	10,527	5,677	2,396	4,420
% CHG PW	1	-2	6	7	-5	0
% CHG LY	6	3	13	9	14	-3
2004	36,532,709	867,651	350,681	192,100	83,592	125,267
2003	34,374,460	837,793	313,710	171,914	69,616	124,782
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	12	20	0
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)				41.85	41.77	42.09
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)				38.45	38.36	38.39

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 47 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and yolk and weak for whites. Opinions varied on the strength of whole egg pricing as many felt whole egg was stronger than current markets were reflecting. Offerings were adequate or otherwise available for all liquid products with demand seasonally average with most last minute orders readily filled. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower than last week with breaking schedules full-time or better.

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	15	39-42	40.40	-1.10
WHITES	13	46-48	46.38	-.50
YOLKS	15	46-51	48.90	.72

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolk, with majority prices lower on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled and in a range of steady to weak. Demand was moderate to light. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 31 July 2004 were 2% lower than the previous week, but 2% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-54	48-51	55-59
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		67-80
WHITES	55-64	57-61	64-69
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-64	59-61	65-69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-61	57-59	62-67

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites ranged lower with sugared and salted yolk unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg and sugared yolk with whites weak. Salted yolk was reported as barely steady to weak with discounting required to move additional product as users leaned towards liquid salt yolk useage and more favorable prices. Offerings were fully adequate for all products with demand mostly moderate. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
TRUCKLOTS		
WHOLE	48-50	
WHITES	59-61	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	59-61	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	57

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN The market tone was weak with prices for wholes and yolks 1 cent lower and whites 3 cents lower. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/31 was 3 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand was fair and freezer stocks at least adequate.

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

	RANGE
TRUCKLOTS	
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	64-67
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchange on yolks, unchanged to slightly lower on blends, lower on whole, and sharply lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was fair but buyers were cautious. Supplies were fully sufficient for trade need Trade sentiment was usually steady to about steady on yolks, irregular but usually barely steady on whole, and soft to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 31 July 2004 were 5% less than the previous week, but 14% 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	1.79-2.25	MOSTLY 2.00-2.10
YOLKS	1.34-1.60	MOSTLY 1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.05-5.00	MOSTLY 4.30-4.65
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.58-1.90	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 30, 2004-AUGUST 5, 2004

CLASS	CURRENT LOADS 102.00			FUTURE LOADS 43.75			TOTAL LOADS 145.75							
	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW	SE	NE	MW	SC	NW	SW		
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	45.00	53.00	47.00	47.20	--	--	10.00	GNR W 1	--	51.83	--	--	--	8.00
GNR W 4	--	29.00	27.00	--	--	--	1.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	52.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	72.00	72.00	--	71.00	--	79.25
GL W J	--	--	--	70.00	62.33	--	6.00	GL W XL	--	50.00	--	--	61.00	61.60
GL W XL	--	62.67	57.33	59.67	51.40	--	40.25	GL W LG	52.50	66.14	--	69.00	64.00	54.00
GL W LG	--	60.86	53.50	55.00	50.30	--	37.75	GL W MD	30.25	34.00	--	--	--	33.75
GL W MD	33.00	33.00	30.56	32.00	24.00	34.00	17.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--
GL W SM	27.50	29.00	26.13	28.50	--	--	9.00	NRBS - 42	31.00	31.50	--	--	--	--
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25							
NRBS - 50	--	39.00	--	--	--	--	1.00							
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	38.67	37.39	52.00							
NRBS - 45	--	--	35.00	36.00	--	--	1.00							
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	29.00	--	1.00							
NRBS - 39	--	24.00	26.33	28.00	21.40	--	8.00							
NRBS - 36	--	--	21.00	22.00	--	--	.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. 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was fair to moderate with offerings of spent hens 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 Costs required to dispose of spent hens were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate supplies of leghorns. Schedules were as desired. Finished sales were fair. Values were expected to remain steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged. Demand was good as previous agreements with alternative users absorb many spent fowl while traditional processors reach out and work less than full schedules. Offerings were adequate to short. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-10	5-8

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate overall. Offerings were generally 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	71.00	67.00	43.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	40.00
MIDWEST	68.00	66.50	42.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	79.50	74.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.86	69.63	42.20

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 were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for lights; fair to fairly good on heavy canners with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared, and were generally 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)
25-32 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 31-Jul-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,395	1,450	2,845
Last Week	1,438	1,484	2,922
Same week yr ago	1,133	1,499	2,632
To-date/2004	40,505	39,349	79,854
To-date/2003	47,240	41,479	88,719

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	273	0	273
Last Week	336	0	336
Same week yr ago	196	0	196
To-date/2004	7,272	91	7,363
To-date/2003	7,795	104	7,899

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	1,668	1,450	3,118
Last Week	1,774	1,484	3,258
Same week yr ago	1,329	1,499	2,828
To-date/2004	47,777	39,440	87,217
To-date/2003	55,035	41,583	96,618

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)**

TYPE	Week Ending July 24, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	352	256	7,691	9,140
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	0	434	325
Total	352	256	8,136	9,561

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

TYPE	Week Ending July 24, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	312	127	3,946	3,154
Frozen	64	0	1,013	1,589
Dried	40	4	1,687	821
Total	416	131	6,646	5,564

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

TYPE	Week Ending July 24, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Jumbo	0	17	272	273
Extra Large	1,035	180	53,520	12,887
Large	4,235	2,340	127,634	58,154
Medium	3,762	0	57,920	34,953
Ungraded	3,936	2,880	175,200	50,846
Misc	780	0	15,504	3,432
Total	13,748	5,417	430,050	160,545

/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	08/02/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
AM	07/01/04	3,364	197,449	57,329
CHG		-30	93	-2420
PCT CHG		-1%	0%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of June 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on August 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	592 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	753 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 12 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 170 million dozen during June 2004, up 12 percent from June a year ago.

June 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and four Saturdays in June 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 940 million dozen, up 7 percent from the 882 million dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 1.21 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2003.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 31-Jul-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.7	28.2	-5	23
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	-2
CHICAGO	59.7	60.2	-1	-7
DETROIT	35.8	28.4	26	38
KANSAS CITY	4.0	5.8	-31	83
LOS ANGELES	87.4	89.5	-2	-9
NEW ORLEANS	9.0	9.0	-1	-6
NEW YORK	28.8	29.0	-1	-9
ST. LOUIS	16.6	13.8	20	-5
SAN FRANCISCO	19.4	18.8	3	-9
TOTAL	290.8	286.4	2	-1
4 WK MOVING AVG	292.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 31-July-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	227.6	2	8
E.N. CENTRAL	564.2	-1	6
W.N. CENTRAL	272.1	-3	-1
S. ATLANTIC	212.3	3	2
S. CENTRAL	65.7	-9	-2
WEST	185.9	1	-6
TOTAL	1527.9	-1	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING PREVIOUS WEEK 85
LAST YEAR 85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,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

Aug 03, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	117	112	74	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	109-113	104-108	67-71	49-53
MOSTLY	111-112	106-107	69-70	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	116-120	111-115	73-77	55-59
MOSTLY	116	111	73	55
VERMONT	117-120	112-115	77-79	-
MOSTLY	120	115	77	-

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