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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices declined 1 cent on all sizes. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all weights. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light to at times moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully sufficient for regular 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** Midwest warehouse delivered prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to at times moderate. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60	LARGE	37-44	39
LARGE	54-62	56-59	MEDIUM	17-21	19
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39	SMALL	10-12	

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for usually normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-78	64-67
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	34-47	39-41

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	62.5-71	64-67
MEDIUM	37.5-46	39-42

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62.5-73	64-67
LARGE	61-70	62-65
MEDIUM	36.5-46	37-41

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 began the week 1 cent lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak. Demand was reported as mostly light. Supplies ranged adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	71-75
LARGE	69-73
MEDIUM	45-49

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for larger sizes declined 9 cents, mediums dropped 4 cents. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-63
MEDIUM	41-48	42-44

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

**WESTERN** Prices 10-11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; 4-5 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 4% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 11%. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features wound down. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand good to features but light to moderate overall. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 53. 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	111
EXTRA LARGE	103
LARGE	93
MEDIUM	73

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	249-347	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not Available
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 13, 2004 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 06, 2004 were 189,709 cases which was 25 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	156,364	33,345	189,709
% change from the prior week.....	-28	-9	-25

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 quiet with offerings fully adequate while breakers bid lower prices and many breakers report increasingly heavier inventories. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were mixed. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.25-10.75	10.63

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.61
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 09, 2004**

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

		Northeast	Cent	No Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.7	21.6	6.5	10.0	10.8	61.6
	Change	0.7	3.1	-1.1	0.1	3.1	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.0	59.9	11.6	21.9	37.0	150.4
	Change	-0.7	15.8	-0.7	-1.4	3.2	12%
Large	Curr Wk	44.9	131.6	68.2	97.5	97.7	439.9
	Change	0.0	28.0	8.0	-0.3	-14.6	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.8	43.9	17.6	30.6	36.4	149.3
	Change	1.2	1.9	2.3	-0.6	-1.2	2%
Small	Curr Wk	7.9	5.1	2.9	9.0	8.2	33.1
	Change	-2.3	0.2	1.2	0.2	-1.5	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	26.1	7.6	15.3	6.1	60.5
	Change	0.0	4.0	-1.5	0.3	0.8	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.4	53.6	20.6	36.0	30.1	161.7
	Change	1.8	6.1	-1.6	6.8	0.9	9%
Total	Curr Wk	133.1	341.8	135.0	220.3	226.3	1056.5
Percent	Change	1%	21%	5%	2%	-4%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1056.5	6%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	280.0	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1336.5	5%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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.

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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  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (DOLLARS PER DOZEN) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 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 JULY 26, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 6, 2004

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	43.00	--	43.00	44.50	--	--	2.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	70.00	.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	60.50	--	.25	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	51.21	6.00
GL W XL	--	49.00	55.00	56.33	40.95	--	12.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	48.43	5.75
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	38.63	--	7.75	GL W MD	26.00	--	29.00	--	--	33.00	2.50
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	22.75	--	1.00								
GL W SM	27.00	29.00	26.00	28.00	--	--	3.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	25.38	28.25	2.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	32.50	33.50	25.50	28.25	1.50								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 2, 2004 -AUG 6, 2004

SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.00	50.00	45.00	46.00	--	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	45.50	--	--	--	--	5.00
GNR BR 1	--	52.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	--	68.00	61.17	--	5.25	GL W J	--	71.00	--	71.00	--	78.22	4.25
GL W XL	--	51.20	56.40	58.52	45.67	52.00	45.25	GL W XL	--	50.00	--	--	61.00	56.43	22.25
GL W LG	--	60.67	53.50	55.00	45.44	--	39.75	GL W LG	52.50	64.00	--	69.00	64.00	51.83	36.25
GL W MD	33.00	33.00	30.37	31.74	23.58	30.00	14.50	GL W MD	28.83	31.00	29.00	--	--	34.88	7.50
GL W SM	27.17	29.00	26.00	28.29	--	--	10.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25	NRBS - 42	31.00	31.50	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	33.35	36.75	53.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	32.50	33.50	25.50	28.25	1.50								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	29.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	24.00	26.33	28.00	21.40	--	8.00								

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.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/02/04	07/26/04	08/04/03
PACIFIC COAST	163	157	58
LOS ANGELES	116	110	39

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION** Report Date: 8/09/2004

Report Period: 7/11/2004 - 7/17/2004

State	# Cases Shipped to:			
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	2,106	2,106
Arkansas	0	0	1,560	1,560
Colorado	0	0	5,388	5,388
Florida	0	0	167	167
Iowa	6,820	7,790	46,328	60,938
Michigan	0	0	3,298	3,298
Minnesota	5,790	780	4,110	10,680
Missouri	0	0	3,696	3,696
Nevada	0	0	809	809
New Hampshire	0	0	812	812
New Jersey	0	0	730	730
Ohio	0	0	2,588	2,588
Oregon	2,733	60	0	2,793
South Dakota	780	0	1,008	1,788
Texas	0	0	1,300	1,300
Utah	780	0	13,264	14,044
Washington	8	12	0	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,911</b>	<b>8,642</b>	<b>87,164</b>	<b>112,717</b>
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NONMILITARY	16,911	8,642	87,164	112,717

**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	227 - 230
1/2 doz.	125 - 142	128 - 133

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good.

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	80.73
LARGE	78.18
MEDIUM	54.18
SMALL	47.38

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