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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were lower on the larger sizes and were mostly unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally barely steady beginning the week. Demand improved and ranged light to at times fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand.



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 slightly lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was noted as slightly improved and was mostly moderate to at times fairly good where feature activity was a driving factor. Loose egg demand was moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was still on the lighter side although slightly improved. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Floor stocks were adequate to usually fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47	LARGE	24-31	26
LARGE	41-49	43-46	MEDIUM	10-14	12
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32	SMALL	3-5	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were slightly lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	51-55
LARGE	44-58	49-53
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were slightly lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was slightly improved from last Monday and was reported as moderate to at times fairly good. Distributive movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was still on the lighter side although slightly improved. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Floor stocks were adequate to usually fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.5-58	51-54
LARGE	47.5-56	49-52
MEDIUM	30.5-39	32-35

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to lower on mediums when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to at times barely steady beginning the week. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-60.25	50-53
LARGE	47-58.25	48-51
MEDIUM	29.5-37	30-34

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 entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	58-62
LARGE	56-60
MEDIUM	39-43

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were 3 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. The market tone was about steady at present levels. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-55	49-51
LARGE	46-54	47-50
MEDIUM	34-41	35-37

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 8% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 46. 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	98
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	66

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	269-347	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 27, 2004 will decrease by 17 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 20, 2004 were 252,268 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 3 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	210,377	41,891	252,268
% change from the prior week.....	+18	+28	+19

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was still on the lighter side although slightly improved. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments while those needing spot loads of breaking stock were paying higher prices to secure it. Floor stocks were adequate to usually fully adequate. 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	32-35	34-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-23	17-19
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 Prices were generally unchanged. Demand was moderate. Floorstocks were adequate on dressed product. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.29

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.25-11	10.39
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 23, 2004

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.5	28.2	7.0	12.5	10.7	69.9
	Change	-0.5	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.8	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	70.5	19.2	24.5	32.9	171.3
	Change	1.1	0.3	2.2	3.2	-6.3	0%
Large	Curr Wk	46.1	121.6	65.1	92.9	94.0	419.7
	Change	0.9	-13.0	-3.6	-2.4	-9.0	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	39.7	13.3	25.4	40.0	135.5
	Change	-6.7	-0.7	-4.4	-2.7	4.3	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	7.9	4.1	15.0	12.2	45.4
	Change	-2.0	1.9	1.2	5.0	0.8	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	33.0	8.3	16.3	7.1	68.3
	Change	-1.8	2.9	-2.6	0.6	2.3	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.6	61.1	20.1	30.3	29.8	163.9
	Change	5.9	0.9	-0.8	2.3	0.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	131.3	362.0	137.1	216.9	226.7	1074.0
Percent	Change	-2%	-2%	-5%	4%	-3%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1074.0	-1%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	289.9	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1363.9	-1%	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.

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 (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 09, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 09, 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 AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 20, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 16.50							FUTURE LOADS 8.50		TOTAL LOADS 25.00					
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	28.00	—	—	30.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	50.00	51.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	44.00	—	—	44.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	42.50	43.33	37.50	—	6.25							
GL W LG	—	40.60	36.00	—	37.21	—	6.50							
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.65	34.95	9.00							
NRBS - 42	21.00	—	—	26.00	—	—	1.00							

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/16/04-08/20/04

CURRENT LOADS 71.75							FUTURE LOADS 68.25		TOTAL LOADS 140.00					
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.80	32.90	31.50	31.67	—	—	17.00	GNR W 1	—	33.50	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.42	3.00
GL W J	—	—	51.17	52.33	44.00	—	6.00	GL W XL	36.00	42.40	—	48.00	47.41	17.75
GL W XL	—	41.64	40.61	41.90	37.20	—	55.25	GL W LG	40.00	42.18	—	47.00	43.84	16.50
GL W LG	—	41.88	33.33	34.00	35.16	—	24.25	GL W MD	24.13	—	23.00	—	28.38	5.75
GL W MD	26.00	25.00	23.26	25.29	23.00	25.00	11.25	NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	—	5.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.08	25.92	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 39	20.00	19.00	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	31.41	33.18	38.75							
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	28.10	25.00	29.29	9.50							
NRBS - 42	21.00	22.50	—	26.00	19.50	—	3.00							
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	15.00	—	1.00							

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	08/16/04	08/09/04	08/18/03
PACIFIC COAST	159	153	71
LOS ANGELES	107	107	39

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 8/16/2004

Report Period: 7/18/2004 - 7/24/2004

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern CA	# Cases Shipped To Central CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,840	1,840
Arkansas	0	0	780	780
Colorado	0	0	4,910	4,910
Indiana	0	0	780	780
Iowa	6,973	12,579	47,719	67,271
Michigan	0	0	1,532	1,532
Minnesota	3,000	0	7,110	10,110
Missouri	0	0	1,336	1,336
Ohio	0	0	1,572	1,572
Oregon	2,885	4	0	2,889
Pennsylvania	0	0	1,606	1,606
South Dakota	700	0	1,590	2,290
Texas	0	0	2,643	2,643
Utah	780	0	9,867	10,647
Wisconsin	0	0	750	750
TOTAL	14,338	12,583	84,035	110,956
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
NONMILITARY	14,338	12,583	84,035	110,956

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on larger sizes, steady on the balance. 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	66.63
LARGE	64.63
MEDIUM	47.63
SMALL	42.00

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

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