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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock offerings ranged balanced to occasionally fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient to fully sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as at least normal for the upcoming week.

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good where featured. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available at times.

EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
LARGE	41-49	43-46	
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32	
			LARGE 24-31 26
			MEDIUM 10-14 12
			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 unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal. Spent hens were generally adequate to fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as at least normal for the upcoming week.

EXTRA LARGE			RANGE MOSTLY
LARGE			48-62 51-55
MEDIUM			44-58 49-53
			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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good where featured. Distributive movement was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to about moderate for the usually adequate to at times fully adequate offerings. The majority of breaker's needs were still being met with regular sources of product with the very limited spot trades taking place within the quoted prices range. Floor stocks remained adequate to instances fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

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

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal. Light type fowl were sufficient to fully adequate for a mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as at least normal.

EXTRA LARGE			RANGE MOSTLY
LARGE			48.5-60.25 50-53
MEDIUM			47-58.25 48-51
			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. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs.

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

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

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

WESTERN REGION Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings held more confidently.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 46. Ads in Southern California: major - large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 2 for \$3, large dozen 99, medium dozen 39.

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	98
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	66

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	71-87
EXTRA LARGE	69-76
LARGE	67-70
MEDIUM	53-56

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 were unchanged. Demand was light to about moderate for the usually adequate to at times fully adequate offerings. The majority of breakers needs were still being met with regular sources of product with the very limited spot trades taking place within the quoted price range. Floor stocks remained adequate to instances fully adequate. 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	32-35	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-24	18-20
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment generally improved but was mostly steady. Supplies were balanced to adequate for normal breaking schedules. Demand was light to moderate, but still unaggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21 August 2004 were 3% lower than the previous week, but 10% 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	29-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	18-22
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 21-AUG-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,314,100	30,731	12,551	6,483	2,681	4,362
LY	1,226,600	30,193	10,939	5,900	2,367	4,246
% CHG PW	0	1	2	-1	4	0
% CHG LY	7	2	18	8	18	3
2004	40,451,123	959,997	388,375	211,305	91,580	138,592
2003	38,056,552	927,251	347,205	190,257	77,116	137,676
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	11	19	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	41.71	41.19	41.81
	38.36	37.87	38.34

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 47 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Prices for whole egg, whites, and yolk were trending lower to reflect changes in breaking stock prices in the previous couple of weeks. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and fully steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate for all products with yolk reported as instances tight. Demand was fairly good to good for all liquid products with yolk in the strongest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to last 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	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	10	29-32	30.63	-2.82
WHITES	31	37-39.5	38.03	-1.90
YOLKS	8	46-47	46.63	-1.58

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged on whole and sugar yolks, unchanged to lower on salt yolks, but lower on whites when compared to the previous week's trading. Sellers tone improved somewhat and were slightly steadier, but buyers were cautious and watching further market developments. Supplies were fully sufficient for full trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 21-August-2004 were unchanged from the previous week, but 6% more than a year ago. Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	42-48	42-46	49-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-75
WHITES	50-57	50-54	56-61
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-58	56-58	62-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-56	54-56	59-64

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites were lower with sugared and salted yolk unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg and whites and was reported as mostly steady for sugared and salted yolk. Demand was light to at times moderate for the fully adequate offerings of all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)		
TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-44	
WHITES	50-54	52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-59	56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-56	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whites, unchanged on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/21 was 3 percent 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)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	56-59
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	62-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-63

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged 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 very light on yolks, fair to mostly light on whole and albumen. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady on yolks, barely steady on whole, and barely steady to weak on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Aug.-2004 were 4% more than the previous week, and 18% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 19% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.73-2.05	MOSTLY 1.78-1.90
YOLKS	1.34-1.60	MOSTLY 1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.65-4.50	MOSTLY 3.85-4.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.50-1.80	MOSTLY 1.54-1.60

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 20, 2004-AUGUST 26, 2004

CURRENT LOADS	95.75	FUTURE LOADS	66.25	TOTAL LOADS	162.00
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		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	28.50	31.60	30.00	30.75	—	—	19.00	GL W J	—	—	—	56.00	—	55.08	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.75	1.00	GL W XL	39.00	42.33	—	48.00	—	48.42	22.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	50.00	52.00	1.50	GL W LG	40.50	44.75	—	46.86	44.00	45.06	28.00
GL W J	—	—	50.00	51.00	44.00	—	5.00	GL W MD	25.00	—	—	—	—	31.80	4.00
GL W XL	—	41.35	40.83	42.23	38.23	—	64.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	40.71	32.86	33.50	35.68	37.20	35.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W MD	26.00	26.00	21.90	23.60	29.00	24.70	14.00								
GL W SM	26.00	27.50	14.50	17.00	—	—	1.25								
NRBS - 48	—	31.00	31.50	32.60	32.56	33.17	52.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	28.00	28.63	—	29.00	3.00								
NRBS - 42	21.00	23.00	23.00	25.60	21.33	25.00	7.25								
NRBS - 39	21.00	—	—	26.00	—	—	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. 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 generally unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings of spent hens generally adequate to fully adequate for current needs trade needs. Processing schedules were at least normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
5-12 8-10

REMOVAL COST

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Demand was light for adequate supplies of light fowl. Schedules were matched with a slow call for dressed product. Salvage values were expected to remain steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT

REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Mostly prices unchanged to slightly lower. Offerings in close balance with the fairly good demand. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
4.5-10 4.5-7

REMOVAL COST

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	53.00	51.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	32.00
MIDWEST	46.00	44.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	50.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	50.79	48.92	32.42

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 were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; fair to instances good for heavy canners with most supplies being used internally. Offerings were clearing easily and ranged about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-33 MAJORITY 27-28.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

27-34 MAJORITY 30-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 21-Aug-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	1,657	1,298	2,955
Last Week	1,445	1,498	2,943
Same week yr ago	1,256	1,538	2,794
To-date/2004	44,931	43,552	88,483
To-date/2003	50,765	45,971	96,736

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
Head	123	0	123
Last Week	221	0	221
Same week yr ago	151	7	158
To-date/2004	7,808	91	7,899
To-date/2003	8,278	118	8,396

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,780	1,298	3,078
Last Week	1,666	1,498	3,164
Same week yr ago	1,407	1,545	2,952
To-date/2004	52,739	43,643	96,382
To-date/2003	59,043	46,089	105,132

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

Week Ending August 14, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	509	402	9,054	10,210
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	0	434	334
Total	509	402	9,499	10,640

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

Week Ending August 14, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	256	120	4,670	3,526
Frozen	0	129	1,084	1,894
Dried	40	42	1,764	863
Total	296	291	7,518	6,283

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

Week Ending August 14, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	0	289	273
Extra Large	3,720	870	63,240	15,067
Large	5,952	2,030	141,576	65,266
Medium	3,066	750	65,842	37,467
Ungraded	4,092	5,460	183,108	70,486
Misc	0	1,630	15,504	5,062
Total	16,830	10,740	469,559	193,621

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.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		Processed other	
	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM 08/23/04	3,279	192,739	61,943
AM 08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG	-55	-4803	7034
PCT CHG	-2%	-2%	13%

CHICKENS AND EGGS**July Egg Production Up 2 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during July 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.45 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 56.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2004 averaged 342 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,207 eggs, down slightly from July 2003.

July 2004 contained 22 weekdays, 5 Saturdays, 1 holiday compared to July 2003 which contained 23 weekdays, 4 Saturdays and 1 holiday.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2004, totaled 342 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 342 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.40 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2004, averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 7.05 billion eggs during July 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during July, at 319 million, was up 2 percent from a year ago.

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 21-Aug-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.9	26.5	-10	4
Boston	3.6	3.3	9	3
Chicago	59.0	60.9	-3	1
Detroit	29.3	27.7	6	-17
Kansas City	2.7	4.6	-41	-33
Los Angeles	90.3	93.2	-3	15
New Orleans	7.1	7.3	-3	-49
New York	27.7	26.9	3	-3
St. Louis	16.9	14.9	13	-2
San Francisco	19.3	20.9	-8	-6
Total	279.8	286.2	-2	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.6			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 21-Aug-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	221.5	-1	6
East North Central	566.0	0	2
West North Central	281.5	-1	-2
South Atlantic	213.7	2	-2
South Central	58.1	-12	-14
West	187.9	-1	7
Total	1528.7	-1	1
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 24, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	101	98	63	49
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	94-98	91-95	56-60	32-36
MOSTLY	96-97	93-94	58-59	34-35
RHODE ISLAND	100-104	97-101	62-66	48-52
MOSTLY	100	97	62	48
VERMONT	104-105	100-102	66-69	-
MOSTLY	104	102	66	-

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