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Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Retail demand was moderate to at times very good, best where promotions were a factor. Supplies were adequate to occasionally close for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate to fully adequate for at least normal slaughter 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 Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Loose egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample, 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 unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress or planned for the week. Supplies were adequate for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to adequate for schedules that were reported as normal. Offerings of spent hens were generally adequate to fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as at least normal entering the week.

	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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fairly good to very good with feature activity still providing a high degree of customer interest. Distributive movement was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in good balance to at times close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample, 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 generally unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Retail demand improved and was noted as moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for at least normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-56	50-53
LARGE	47-54	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 on all sizes were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was moderate to occasionally good, best where feature activity was present. Supplies were sufficient for current needs.

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

CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

	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 unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon- Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings generally adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was **7%** lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings adequate. 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 September 03, 2004 will increase by 20 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 27, 2004 were 195,794 cases which was 22 percent below the prior week and 6 percent below estimates. **CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**

Cases purchased			
present week.....	161,054	34,740	195,794
% change from the prior week.....	-23	-17	-22

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 unchanged to 2 cents lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample, mostly 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	30-35	32-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-24	18-20

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the 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 mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.25-11.25	10.33
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings of spent hens were generally adequate. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-AUG-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.5	9.5-10.75	10.57

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 30, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	23.7	6.7	12.5	10.4	62.4
	Change	-2.4	-4.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	58.5	21.8	27.2	25.0	155.4
	Change	-1.4	-11.9	2.6	2.7	-7.9	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	47.0	115.3	68.8	91.7	101.7	424.5
	Change	0.9	-6.3	3.7	-1.2	7.7	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.4	46.3	10.6	28.3	43.0	145.6
	Change	0.3	6.6	-2.7	2.9	3.0	8%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	10.9	3.4	9.2	13.9	42.6
	Change	-1.0	3.1	-0.7	-5.9	1.7	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	36.9	8.5	19.0	6.0	75.3
	Change	1.3	3.8	0.2	2.7	-1.1	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.8	44.0	21.0	32.0	27.3	151.1
	Change	4.2	-17.2	0.9	1.7	-2.5	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	133.3	335.6	140.8	219.9	227.3	1,057.0
Percent	Change	2%	-7%	3%	1%	0%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,057.0	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.0	-9%	35

Total Shell Egg 1,321.0 -3% 206

1/ Information 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

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2004

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	2.03	2	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 16, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL 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 27, 2004

CURRENT LOADS			12.00			FUTURE LOADS			9.25			TOTAL LOADS			21.25		
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	SW	LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.00	—	30.00	31.00	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	46.00	—	—	—	48.50	4.75		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.00	31.00	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50		
GL W J	—	—	—	55.00	51.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	33.50	34.38	2.00		
GL W XL	—	—	40.50	42.50	38.00	—	9.75										
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50										
GL W MD	25.00	26.00	22.75	—	—	—	4.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/23/04-08/27/04

CURRENT LOADS			91.25			FUTURE LOADS			67.00			TOTAL LOADS			158.25		
CLASS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS	CLASS	SC	NW	MW	LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.00	32.40	30.00	31.00	—	—	18.00	GL W J	—	—	—	56.00	—	55.00	3.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	26.50	29.38	2.00	GL W XL	39.00	43.17	—	48.00	—	48.51	21.75		
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	50.00	52.00	1.50	GL W LG	40.50	44.62	—	46.80	44.00	45.69	25.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	55.00	46.33	—	4.00	GL W MD	25.00	26.00	—	—	33.50	32.89	6.25		
GL W XL	—	42.10	40.39	42.25	38.28	—	61.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W LG	—	42.00	32.33	33.50	35.24	37.20	31.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W MD	25.33	26.00	22.04	23.60	29.00	24.70	18.25										
GL W SM	26.00	27.50	14.50	17.00	—	—	1.25										
NRBS - 48	—	31.00	31.50	32.67	33.45	32.85	44.50										
NRBS - 45	—	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	1.25										
NRBS - 42	21.00	23.00	23.00	25.60	21.33	25.00	7.25										

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/23/04	08/16/04	08/25/03
PACIFIC COAST	144	159	122
LOS ANGELES	95	107	59

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 unchanged 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	66.63
LARGE	64.63
MEDIUM	47.63
SMALL	42.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 8/27/2004

Report Period: 7/25/2004 - 7/31/2004

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	3,923	3,923
Colorado	0	0	2,556	2,556
Indiana	0	0	807	807
Iowa	8,012	10,627	52,790	71,429
Michigan	0	0	820	820
Minnesota	2,880	780	7,140	10,800
Missouri	0	0	11,460	11,460
Montana	0	0	888	888
Ohio	0	0	780	780
Oregon	2,856	6	0	2,862
Pennsylvania	0	780	0	780
South Dakota	768	0	1,512	2,280
Texas	0	197	903	1,100
Utah	1,663	0	7,651	9,314
Wisconsin	0	0	710	710
TOTAL	16,179	12,390	91,940	120,509
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	16,179	12,390	91,940	120,509

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 8/27/2004

Report Period: 8/01/2004 - 8/07/2004

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	90	90
Colorado	0	0	731	731
Indiana	780	0	546	1,326
Iowa	3,582	8,153	50,029	61,764
Michigan	0	0	900	900
Minnesota	2,985	1,605	11,325	15,915
Missouri	0	0	9,073	9,073
Montana	0	0	950	950
Ohio	0	0	2,542	2,542
Oregon	2,479	24	0	2,503
Pennsylvania	0	0	1,700	1,700
South Dakota	670	0	557	1,227
Utah	0	568	9,216	9,784
TOTAL	10,496	10,350	87,659	108,505
SHIPPED TO				
MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO				
NONMILITARY	10,496	10,350	87,659	108,505