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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weighted eggs. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were mixed for immediate trade needs. In the Southeast, adverse weather interrupted plant operations and delayed transportation schedules. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the 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** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good where featured. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to closely balanced for the mostly moderate demand. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47
LARGE	41-49	43-46
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32

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

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	24-31	26
MEDIUM	10-14	12
SMALL	3-5	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however, the larger sizes were trending higher. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were mixed for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate and demand was reported as moderate.

	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 moderate to fairly good, best for features. Food service movement was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to closely balanced for the mostly moderate demand. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. 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 unchanged when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady following the holiday. In Florida and Georgia, severe weather disrupted plant operations and delayed delivery schedules. Demand remained light to moderate. Supplies were irregular for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand.

	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 were one cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was generally steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were mixed.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	59-63
LARGE	57-61
MEDIUM	39-43

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was light to 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

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

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was at least steady. The Pacific region inventory was down 8 percent. California inventory was 2 percent lower and Oregon/Washington/Utah was down 17 percent. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good to cover feature activities planned or in progress. Offerings were adequate for immediate needs.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 2 percent lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings generally adequate. Small benchmark price 46. Ads in Northern California were not available.

**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

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	239-369
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	229-339
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	229-279
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	189-259

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 10, 2004 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 03, 2004 were 244,289 cases which was 25 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	208,413	35,876	244,289
% change from the prior week.....	+29	+3	+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 unchanged. Offerings were adequate to closely balanced for the mostly moderate demand. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. 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	30-34	32-34
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

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.75-10.5	10.19

\*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 the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal due to the holiday. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mostly steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-SEP-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-11.25	10.06
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-SEPTEMBER 07, 2004**

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

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.5	17.5	5.2	9.7	10.2	51.1
	Change	-0.6	-6.2	-1.5	-2.8	-0.2	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.4	43.4	14.4	33.0	33.5	144.7
	Change	-2.5	-15.1	-7.4	5.9	8.5	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	40.9	110.4	73.7	118.5	92.8	436.3
	Change	-6.1	-4.9	4.9	26.8	-8.9	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	57.5	12.7	26.9	37.5	147.2
	Change	-4.8	11.1	2.1	-1.4	-5.5	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	10.8	4.7	4.1	10.0	33.8
	Change	-1.1	-0.2	1.3	-5.1	-3.9	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	39.5	9.9	17.6	4.3	77.3
	Change	1.1	2.6	1.4	-1.4	-1.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	41.6	19.9	42.5	21.4	141.5
	Change	-10.7	-2.4	-1.1	10.5	-5.9	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	108.7	320.7	140.5	252.3	209.7	1031.9
	Change	-18%	-4%	0%	15%	-8%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1031.9	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	249.3	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1281.2	-3%	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 (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 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 23, 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 SEPTEMBER 03, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 21.75							FUTURE LOADS 9.75			TOTAL LOADS 31.50					
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	30.00	—	—	32.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.00	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	52.00	54.00	42.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	49.00	—	1.00	
GL W XL	—	—	41.00	43.33	40.00	—	4.00	GL W MD	26.38	—	—	—	29.50	32.71	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	36.00	42.00	3.00	GL W SD	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	
GL W MD	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	—	30.00	13.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	29.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	1.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/30/04-09/03/04

CURRENT LOADS 66.75							FUTURE LOADS 46.75			TOTAL LOADS 113.50					
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	29.67	32.88	30.00	32.38	—	31.00	17.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	41.00	2.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	28.25	31.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.00	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	52.50	54.00	42.00	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	45.00	—	51.43	—	49.17	
GL W XL	—	46.17	41.19	43.40	39.29	40.80	39.50	GL W LG	—	39.00	—	50.20	—	—	
GL W LG	—	42.00	38.25	39.75	36.00	40.75	11.50	GL W MD	26.90	22.00	—	—	30.50	32.59	
GL W MD	26.00	26.67	22.33	24.00	—	24.00	8.25	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	24.00	
GL W SM	26.13	27.88	23.00	25.00	17.75	20.50	7.00	GL BR XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	—	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	31.00	35.00	2.000								
NRBS - 48	29.00	30.00	—	32.89	32.06	30.88	38.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	29.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 42	—	23.00	—	—	20.00	26.00	5.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.50	20.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 36	—	15.00	—	—	12.00	—	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	08/30/04	08/23/04	09/01/03
PACIFIC COAST	168	144	105
LOS ANGELES	122	95	42

**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

**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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