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Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady on the larger sizes, but barely steady to instances weak on the lighter weight eggs. Demand was in a full range of slow to good, but noted as mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reported as irregular to usually normal. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were normal.

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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending lower for medium. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and barely steady to weak for the lighter weight eggs. Carton egg sales were light to at times fairly good, usually light to moderate. Loose egg demand was slow to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for mediums and small.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	58-60
LARGE	54-62	56-59
MEDIUM	37-43	40-42
LARGE	37-44	39
MEDIUM	18-22	20
SMALL	5-7	

AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly lower on medium eggs. The market tone was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for schedules that were noted as irregular to mostly normal. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	62-67
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	37-50	42-44

NE AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, EASTERN NJ, EASTERN PA, RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with mediums in the weakest position. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Loose egg movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings were fully adequate with the majority of trading centering on lighter weight shell eggs. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-73	66-69
LARGE	60.5-69	62-65
MEDIUM	40.5-49	42-45

SC AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK AND TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress for next week. Supplies were sufficient to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54.25-69	63-66
LARGE	52.25-67	61-64
MEDIUM	33.25-47	40-44

SE 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

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices on all unchanged. The market tone was about steady on the larger sizes and barely steady to weak on mediums. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample.

	RANGE	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	60-68	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-63
MEDIUM	44-51	45-47

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	48-52

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings increased.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 59. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- medium dozen 2 for 98, 20 pack 97.

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	108
EXTRA LARGE	105
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	79

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	86-97
EXTRA LARGE	84-93
LARGE	82-85
MEDIUM	66-69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-347
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	99-205

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings were fully adequate with the majority of trading centering around lighter weight shell eggs. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb, minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen. **RANGE MOSTLY**

BREAKING STOCK 37-41 39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 24-30 24-26
 CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was moderate. Offerings of lighter weight eggs was prevalent. Supplies were adequate for irregular to mostly normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region were 2 percent higher than the previous week, however 2 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

RANGE MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK 34-38 36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES 21-28 22-27

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 25-SEP-04

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)					
	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
PW	1,280,565	31,056	12,115	6,189	2,935	4,317
LY	1,243,457	31,072	10,889	5,984	2,573	4,291
% CHG PWK	-2	-9	8	14	-17	0
% CHG LY	1	-9	20	17	-5	1
2004	46,795,448	1,110,670	449,714	243,247	104,979	160,187
2003	44,256,146	1,078,414	403,639	219,904	89,737	159,285
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	17	1
		CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST		
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		42.03	41.92	42.01		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.59	38.55	38.56		

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for whole egg, barely steady for whites and steady for yolk. Offerings were adequate for all liquid products while spot demand was mostly fair, although contractual pull for liquid continued good. Many observers felt spot purchases had slowed as buyers waited for short term market adjustments. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 09 May, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	34-35	34.73	- .48
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS	4	51.75-52	51.88	1.30

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady on yolk items, steady to full steady on whole, and unsettled to barely steady on whites. Supplies were balanced to available. Demand was light to moderate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 25-Sep-2004 were 6% more than the previous week, and 2% higher when compared to a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-46	43-44	50-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		61-80
WHITES	40-49	43-45	49-59
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-62	55-58	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-57	55-57	59-65

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices were irregular with whites unchanged to 2 cents lower while salted yolk was unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and whites, about steady for salted yolk and fully steady for sugared yolk. Demand continued fair to good, mostly fair with many sellers reporting slightly slowing buyer interest on all frozen products with the exception of sugared yolk which showed increasing demand. Offerings were adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	43-45	43-44
WHITES	43-46	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/25 was 4 percent more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks ample. wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	49-52	
WHITES	49-52	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to higher on yolks, unchanged on whole and blends, and lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. Demand was disappointing on albumen, but moderate on balance. Supplies were balanced to available. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady on yolks, generally steady on whole, and about steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Sep-2004 were 17% less than the previous week, and 5% less than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 17% more than a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.59-1.90	MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.36-1.80	MOSTLY 1.40-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.15-4.05	MOSTLY 3.28-3.40
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.47-1.70	MOSTLY 1.50-1.55

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT. 24, 2004-SEPT. 30, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 64.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 50.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 115.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.00	46.00	40.83	43.22	—	44.50	22.00
GNR W 2	—	—	38.50	40.00	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	20.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.50	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	49.00	50.00	—	—	48.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	62.25	64.00	48.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	57.58	49.50	56.14	51.60	—	33.25
GL W LG	—	—	37.25	39.00	56.50	53.00	14.75
GL W MD	32.00	35.00	—	36.00	26.50	31.00	21.00
GL W SM	25.50	28.00	25.08	27.33	22.00	26.00	8.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	41.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	37.00	38.00	39.00	13.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	35.67	—	—	.75
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	—	—	24.00	28.00	6.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.00	1.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	48.00	—	—	—	55.00	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	59.50	—	—	58.50	62.00	2.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	1.00
GL W XL	55.00	60.00	—	—	54.00	59.75	7.00
GL W LG	54.00	59.07	—	63.00	53.00	55.00	14.75
GL W MD	29.00	38.00	31.00	—	—	36.33	9.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 42	23.50	—	—	—	—	—	4.00

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 unchanged when compared to last week. Demand was at least moderate with offerings of spent hens more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 5-11 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST 0-9 0-5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light to moderate schedules. 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	64.50	63.00	43.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	42.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	41.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.03	61.68	42.42

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 moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were about adequate to adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-33 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-32	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-Sep-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,523	1,316	2,839
Last Week	1,443	1,561	3,004
Same week yr ago	1,280	1,611	2,891
To-date/2004	51,888	50,917	102,805
To-date/2003	56,528	53,531	110,059

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	256	0	256
Last Week	333	0	333
Same week yr ago	302	0	302
To-date/2004	9,046	91	9,137
To-date/2003	9,110	133	9,243

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,779	1,316	3,095
Last Week	1,776	1,561	3,337
Same week yr ago	1,582	1,611	3,193
To-date/2004	60,934	51,008	111,942
To-date/2003	65,638	53,664	119,302

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

Type	Week Ending September 18, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
	2004	2003/1	2004/2	2003
Liquid	508	359	11,762	11,952
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	0	492	388
Total	508	359	12,265	12,436

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

Type	Week Ending September 18, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	100	76	6,701	4,170
Frozen	3	188	1,325	2,564
Dried	0	0	1,813	903
Total	103	264	9,839	7,637

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

Type	Week Ending September 18, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Jumbo	60	32	378	322
Extra Large	5,250	1,140	136,176	20,507
Large	8,545	4,540	282,301	80,966
Medium	4,350	1,560	95,700	45,087
Ungraded	11,046	13,740	226,770	115,800
Misc	0	800	16,790	13,442
Total	29,251	21,812	758,115	276,124

/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 in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 09/27/04	4,178	195,672	56,905
AM 09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG	856	11,616	347
PCT CHG	26%	6%	1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-Sep-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
Atlanta	31.8	32.0	-1	37
Boston	3.4	3.4	0	-6
Chicago	54.0	65.6	-18	-16
Detroit	24.5	29.6	-17	-3
Kansas City	2.0	2.8	-29	-49
Los Angeles	87.9	83.8	5	4
New Orleans	6.1	5.3	15	-23
New York	27.6	30.7	-10	-8
St. Louis	20.2	16.7	21	20
San Francisco	18.1	20.5	-12	-16
Total	275.6	290.4	-5	-2
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.4			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 25-Sep-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	238.1	3	10
East North Central	568.3	0	8
West North Central	296.8	0	9
South Atlantic	215.8	1	9
South Central	64.4	-4	-8
West	191.8	6	4
Total	1575.2	1	7
Matched Plants reporting		85	85
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,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 SEPT 28, 2004

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	109	106	68	47
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	102-106	99-103	59-63	40-44
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	108-112	105-109	67-71	46-50
VERMONT MOSTLY	109-110	106	68-69	-

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