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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



New York prices were two cents higher on large and extra large, but unchanged on mediums; regional prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were trending significantly higher on larger sizes, but unchanged on smaller sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Demand into all areas was moderate to good with best movement into retail channels. Supplies were available to tight. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight; schedules were full-time. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to ample with movement at least moderate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were 4 cents higher on large, while medium and small unchanged. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices next week 12 cents higher on extra large and large, and unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment is fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was fairly good to good. Loose shell egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fairly good for next week's needs with offerings tight to short. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

fully steady.	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to	
EXTRA LARGE	58-67	61-64	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	57-66	59-62	LARGE	51-61	55
MEDIUM	51-60	53-56	MEDIUM	36-40	38
			SMALL	33-39	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on larger sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good, best where promotions were in progress or planned. Distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to tight for trading requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were short to tight for the mixed demand. Light hen offerings were sufficient for the moderate to a least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-84	68-70
LARGE	59-73	64-68
MEDIUM	55-68	59-62

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. Next week's asking prices were trending 10 cents higher for extra large, 11 cents higher for large, and unchanged for medium. The trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm. Cartoned shell egg demand was moderate to good. Loose shell egg demand was light. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was fairly good with offerings tight to short. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
MEDIUM	57.5-66	59-62

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm on large and extra large, and steady on mediums. Demand into retail channels was moderate to good with active features. Distributive demand was fair. Supplies of larger sizes were tight, and mediums were adequate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to tight; demand was mixed with schedules for next week normal. Spent hen offerings were adequate for the at least moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64.5-72	66-69
LARGE	63-70	64-67
MEDIUM	57.5-65	58-62

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 EGGS Prices were 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large eggs, however unchanged on Medium. Trade sentiment remained firm on larger sizes, steady to full steady on Medium. Demand into all channels was fairly good to good. Supplies ranged at best adequate to tight for needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-90	-
LARGE	84-88	-
MEDIUM	67-71	-

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	66-68
LARGE	63-71	64-66
MEDIUM	57-65	58-60

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 13 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large with medium and small unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Offerings were tight to adequate. Demand ranged light to fairly good and better into planned features. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week were 13 cents higher for jumbo, extra large, and large with medium and small prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand ranging slow to fairly good and better into planned ads. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Small benchmark price 73 cents.

CALIFORNIA

Shell egg 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	121
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	93

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	113-117
EXTRA LARGE	99-105
LARGE	94-97
MEDIUM	84-87

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION All prices were higher. Demand was fairly good for next week's needs with offerings tight to short. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	46-49	46-48
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-36	29-33
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices were higher on breaking stock and on checks and undergrades. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Offerings were barely adequate to tight for the mixed demand. Next week's processing schedules were usually normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 15-May-2010 were 3 percent higher than the previous week, however 3 percent less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	43-49	45-47
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-35	26-33
EASTERN STATES 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 15-May-2010	(lbs. in thousands)	(Excludes Ingredients)				
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,388,579	34,220	13,243	6,575	3,296	4,437
PW	1,385,427	35,255	13,277	6,377	3,578	4,553
LY	1,364,345	32,050	14,070	7,040	3,110	4,402
% PW	0%	-3%	0%	3%	-8%	-3%
% LY	2%	7%	-6%	-7%	6%	1%
2010	24,194,966	591,324	237,062	117,654	49,467	82,404
2009	23,960,776	587,874	228,477	115,655	49,959	81,126
% YTD	1%	1%	4%	2%	-1%	2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)	42.11	42.92	42.19
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)	38.92	39.63	38.96

IN LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	727,906	52.4%	20,249	59.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	744,244	53.7%	19,740	56.0%
LAST YEAR	720,642	52.8%	18,444	57.5%

*Note: Year-to-date total reflects comparable time period.

NATIONAL LIQUID Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites, and fully steady to instances firm for yolk. Demand was fairly good to good for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and continued tight to short for yolk. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Processing schedules were full-time for next week.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	% FROM LW
WHOLE	22	38-45.5	41.02	2.89
WHITES	21	39-45	40.55	.14
YOLKS		TFEWR		

NATIONAL DRIED Prices were higher on albumen, unchanged to higher on yolks and whole. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to short for current trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 15-May-2010 were 8% less than last week and 6% higher than last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced was 1% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

WHOLE	2.20-2.60	MOSTLY	2.30-2.45
YOLKS	1.50-1.71	MOSTLY	1.60-1.71
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.75-4.05	MOSTLY	3.85-3.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.10	MOSTLY	2.00-2.06

NATIONAL FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 2 to 3 cents higher with whites 1 to 6 cents higher. Frozen sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady for all frozen products. Demand was moderate to fairly good for whole egg and light to moderate for whites. Salted and sugared yolk demand was reported as improving and was rated as mostly moderate. Offerings were tight to barely adequate in most instances while processors were not carrying much beyond previously ordered inventories. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	57-63	58-63	65-69	65
WHITES	57-66	57-60	61-66	61-64
SUGARED YOLKS	74-80	78-80	81-85	81-83
SALTED YOLKS	70-75	72-73	76-81	76-78

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2010 – MAY 20, 2010**CURRENT LOADS 91.50****FUTURE LOADS 57.75****TOTAL LOADS 149.25**

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	42.70	--	41.25	44.29	--	--	50.00	GNR W 1	--	52.00	--	--	--	--	39.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.25	GL W J	--	--	--	--	91.50	93.56	4.50
GL W J	--	--	65.00	67.00	80.12	84.00	4.25	GL W XL	--	72.00	--	--	--	76.25	5.25
GL W XL	--	--	64.00	72.29	64.58	70.05	16.25	GL W LG	60.00	64.00	--	--	--	67.78	38.00
GL W LG	--	--	55.17	57.70	59.90	65.75	58.00	GL W MD	45.00	--	--	--	--	53.16	5.50
GL W MD	55.00	52.00	43.17	45.00	43.26	47.67	13.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	47.00	50.13	--	--	4.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	59.50	63.00	.50
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	79.50	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	60.25	63.75	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	39.25	44.22	--	--	13.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
								NRBS - 45	--	42.00	--	--	39.50	42.00	2.00

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.

LIVE 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 Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for the generally sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL Prices unchanged. Demand was moderate to good with offerings adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

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	69.00	66.00	60.50
SOUTHEAST	67.50	65.50	60.00
MIDWEST	62.50	60.50	54.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	68.50	60.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	69.26	65.27	58.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate with limited trading due to the majority of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 15-MAY-10

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically			
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,403	1,468	2,871
Last Week	1,581	1,474	3,055
Same week yr ago	1,559	1,501	3,060
To-date/2010*	27,942	25,533	53,475
To-date/2009*	24,053	28,562	52,615

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada			
Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	426	12	438
Last Week	568	0	568
Same week yr ago	282	0	282
To-date/2010*	6,869	138	7,007
To-date/2009*	5,512	11	5,523

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,829	1,480	3,309
Last Week	2,149	1,474	3,623
Same week yr ago	1,841	1,501	3,342
To-date/2010*	34,811	25,671	60,482
To-date/2009*	29,565	28,573	58,138

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 08, 2010		Year-To-Date		
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	96	384	1,841	2,869
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	40	156	222
Total	96	424	1,997	3,091

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

Week Ending May 08, 2010		Year-To-Date		
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	410	315	7,408	5,947
Frozen	2	18	141	150
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	412	333	7,549	6,097

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

Week Ending May 08, 2010		Year-To-Date		
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,646	2,010	16,206	16,313
Large	2,345	3,610	37,915	46,369
Medium	1,965	1,350	16,035	18,750
Ungraded	2,412	9,960	73,662	90,320
Misc	0	0	0	2,575
Total	9,368	16,930	143,818	174,327

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (In Thousands)

	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Proc. Turkeys lbs.	Proc. other Poultry lbs.
AM 05/17/10	3,137	138,375	51,494
AM 05/01/10	3,158	127,146	49,456
CHG	-21	11229	2038
PCT CHG	-1%	9%	4%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2009	Apr 2010
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	2,735	4,100	2,927	3,568
Yolks	1,041	591	1,010	524
Whole & Mixed	8,152	5,535	7,410	5,943
Unclassified	8,415	11,397	6,894	12,505

Total Frozen Eggs 16,302 21,623 18,241 22,540

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from Producers)

W/E 15-May-2010	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
REGIONS		LW	LY
North Atlantic	191.0	1	5
East North Central	695.3	2	7
West North Central	315.8	3	3
South Atlantic	147.8	5	-9
South Central	55.2	2	10
West	151.2	3	-8
Total	1556.3	3	3

Matched plants reporting

82 81

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)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-May-2010

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	LW	% Change	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	15.2	13.4	13	-34
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	33
Chicago	65.6	65.1	1	44
Los Angeles	70.6	75.4	-6	-10
New Orleans	5.7	5.5	4	14
New York	33.0	32.7	1	4
St. Louis	85.4	73.9	16	14
San Francisco	22.8	17.7	29	30
Total	301.5	286.9	5	8
4 Week Moving Avg.	282.1			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT May 18, 2010

Prices paid per doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons dlvr'd store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
MAINE	119	108	98	78
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	113-117	102-106	91-95	71-75
MOSTLY	115-116	104-105	93-94	73-74
RHODE ISLAND	118-122	107-111	97-101	77-81
MOSTLY	118	107	97	77
VERMONT	119-120	108-110	98-100	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS**April Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2010 averaged 340 million, down slightly from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2009.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2010 totaled 338 million, down slightly from last year. The 338 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.99 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2010, averaged 73.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from May 1, 2009.

Source: USDA/NASS