

National Retail Egg Purchases

Atlanta, Ga.
April 26, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 3, 2002, will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 26 were 283,897 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

CASES PURCHASED: CARTONFD-237,064 — down 1%, LOOSE: 46,883 — unchanged, TOTAL: 283,897 — down 1%

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators, 30 dozen cases or equivalent

National Broiler Market At A Glance

Atlanta, Ga.
May 1, 2002

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Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with increased interest where ads were present. Food service covered the full range but strongest where fast food promotions and restaurant business was active. Supplies were mostly in balance with heavier weights more available in the Northeast. In the parts structure, boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were close to tight of full trade needs, and continued to clear well. Tenders were readily available, as well as dark meat and wings. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

New York Eggs

ATLANTA, GA.
April 30, 2002

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Prices were 2 cents lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Demand was usually light to at times moderate with scattered features stimulating the most movement. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs. The New York State shell egg inventory was 18% higher, but the New Jersey inventory was 9% lower than the previous week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN: RANGE: Extra Large 52-56, Large 50-54, Medium 46-50

Eastern Region Whole Young Turkeys

Des Moines, Iowa
April 30, 2002

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WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN, Consumer Sizes, Commodity Pack or Equivalent, US Grade A, cents per lb, delivered (minimum of 10,000 lb lots) for Apr. 30-

CURRENT SHIPMENTS, Eastern Region. HENS, 8-16 lb FROZEN: Offers 60-61, Sales 60.5, 280,000 lb. TOMS, 16-24 lb FROZEN. Offers 55-56, Sales 55-56, 200,000 lb.

FRESH TURKEYS, with timers or equivalent, US Grade A delivered first receivers, Eastern Region, cents per lb, week of Apr 29

SALES (Promotions included) HFNS: 8-16 lb 66.60, 100,000 lb. TOMS, 16-24 lb 61.60, 50,000 lb

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis.
May 1, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb butterfat, F.O.B. producing plants Northeast: 1.3860-1.5015. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta: 1.3745-1.5015 mostly 1.3745-1.4091.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: Class II, includes monthly formula prices: .9550-1.0250; Class III - spot prices - 7500-9600

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK, FLORIDA This week - In 0, Out 138, last week - In 0, Out 146; last year - In 0, Out 125. SOUTHEAST STATES: This week - In 0, Out 0; last week - In 0, Out 0; last year - In 0, Out 0.

Milk output throughout the region is steady to heavier. Weather conditions are varied. Winter conditions continue in the northern most areas with parts of New York and New England receiving measurable amounts of snow in the past week. Colder than normal temperatures continue in the Middle Atlantic area while Florida contacts reports that 90's are common. The heat in Florida has not had a marked impact on the milk flow. Bottlers have more than they need and Florida suppliers are shipping a large number of loads out of state for processing. However, these volumes are about the same as last year at this time.

In the Northeast, milk supplies remain excessive of the continued slow Class I demand. A strike at a milk-user's operation is forcing nearly 1.5 million pounds of milk into manufacturing channels on a daily basis. So far, the milk supplier is handling this milk internally, but they are taking in less "outside" milk which is having to find other outlets in the East and nearby Midwest plants. Most manufacturing plants in the East are operating at or near capacity. Contacts feel that this situation (heavy volumes of excess milk) will continue through the month and into June.

The condensed skim market is little changed, but there are more reports of low-priced wet solids looking for outlets. Spot buyers are more price-sensitive now that offerings are on the rise. More condensed skim is being dried and NDM stocks are growing.

The fluid cream market is steady. Offerings remain excessive and a higher percentage of the available supply is moving to churning facilities. Spot prices are slightly lower, but sales based on current-week trading levels are significantly lower than last week's prices. Butter makers are often purchasing cream based on the market, date-of-delivery, which is currently well below last week's CME average. A large number of loads continue to move to Midwestern butter plants. Ice cream demand is just fair as continued cold weather in the Northeast is impacting consumption. Most producers are taking contracted volumes and limiting spot purchases. Cream cheese output is also steady, but spot purchases are often taking place at lower multiples.

Dairy Products Prices Highlights

Washington, D. C.
April 26, 2002

Report Supplied By NASS/USDA

DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS: CHEDDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.23 per pound for the week ending April 20. The price per pound increased 1.4 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.21 per pound, up 0.8 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.15 per pound for the week ending April 20. The U.S. price per pound decreased 2.9 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT DRY MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 89.7 cents per pound for the week ending April 20. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 19.6 cents per pound for the week ending April 20. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.1 cents from the previous week.

Kutztown Produce Auction

Kutztown, Pa.
April 23, 25, 27

Report Supplied by Auction

APPLES: 4.50 1/2 BU.
ASPARAGUS: .90-1.50 I.B.
EGGS: .30-.75.
ONIONS: .10-.50 BUNCH.
RHUBARB: .45-.60 LB.
SWEET POTATOES: 3.50-4.00 1/2 BU.
SPINACH: 3.50-5.50 1/2 BU.
FLOWERS: BEDDING 2.50-7.50
FLAT, .25-1.50 POT, CALCELARIA .40-1.30 POT, GFRANIUMS .55-1.60, HANGING BASKETS 1.50-8.00, PERENNIALS LARGE .85-5.00 POT, PLANTERS 1.50-15.00, PANSY FLATS 2.00-4.00, MOUNTAIN PINKS 3.00-3.50.
VEGETABLE PLANTS: TOMATOES 1.00-1.80; VEGETABLE FLATS 1.00-10.50.
SHRUBS: ARBORVITAE 2.50-13.00, HOLLY 5.00-6.00, ALBERTA SPRUCE 5.00-6.50, JUNIPERS 2.50-6.50, RHODODENDRON 3.00-12.00.
TREES: 5.50-15.00.
AUCTION EVERY TUES. AND THURS., 10 A.M. HAY AND STRAW SAT. 9 A.M.

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