

Here is this week's Retail Market Survey.

On the south side of the twin cities, we see retail spreads on white large 12 CT eggs more compressed this week and staying in the \$2.30-\$2.59 range among all retailers. Walmart was at \$2.30 & Target at \$2.49. We are expecting more retails to drop with next weeks pricing and should see sub \$2 retails.

Market Update:

The market kept dropping this week. After dropping 15 cents last Friday, it slowed down to 10 cents on Monday and 7 cents a day Tuesday thru Thursday for a total decline of 46 cents for the week. Today's decline was only 5 cents. My dirty crystal ball thought we would have hit bottom this week but it looks like it will be bottoming out next week. Typically, May is a dog month for egg sales, thus the reason they made May National Egg Month. We should start to see the market increase a bit in June.

Even though we haven't heard of breakouts in layer facilities, we are still seeing Turkey farms testing positive with bird flu. In fact, we are seeing more cow farms coming up positive with the bird flu in their unpasteurized, raw milk. The danger here is that many of these dairy farms are located near layer facilities. This has the potential to put layer facilities in a "controlled zone" or, worse case scenario, they could pass the virus onto the hens.