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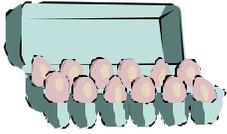
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mixed in a full range from light to good, however, best movement was mostly reported through retail channels in the East as winter weather continued to stimulate consumer buying activity. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was fair to good and improved in some locations due to snowy weather. Supplies were adequate to instances available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to ample for the usually light demand. Light type hens were adequate for current slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices remained unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was slightly improved in some areas due to snow and ranged from fair to good. Supplies were adequate to at times available.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas compared to Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fair to fairly good with the best movement coming from planned feature activity and in areas where winter weather increased consumer interest. Food service demand was slow to moderate due to fully adequate offerings and extreme weather. Supplies were mixed, but for the most part adequate to in good balance with large long in some areas. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower compared to Tuesday's reported price. Trading and demand were usually light with current offerings of heavy nest runs in excess of needs. Floor stocks were closely balanced to mostly adequate. The trade sentiment was mixed from steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to fully adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was moderate to good entering the weekend, with retail movement seeing active consumer interest as extreme winter weather lingered throughout the Southeast. Supplies were generally adequate to balanced, with mediums usually in the better position. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from the current week. Breaking stock supplies were more than adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand just fair, best where features ran. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| NORTHEAST CITIES | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Boston (Brown) | 95-97 | 85-87 | 59-61 |
| New York | 57-59 | 54-57 | 48-51 |
| Philadelphia | 55-60 | 53-58 | 47-50 |

SOUTHERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 47-48 | 45.5-47 | 42-43 |
| Jackson (1) | 57-58 | 54-55 | 51-52 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 54-67 | 51-65 | 45-59 |

MIDWEST CITIES

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Chicago | 46-51 | 45-50 | 40-45 |
| Detroit (2) | 43-46 | 42-45 | 36-39 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 44-51.5 | 43-50 | 37-43 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 47-54 | 45-52 | 40-47 |

WESTERN CITIES

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Houston (1) | 62-64 | 56-59 | 49-53 |
| Southern California(Grade AA)(4) | 83 | 76 | 73 |
| California (Grade AA) (1) (3) | 67-79 | 66-73 | 63-69 |

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand just fair overall. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 69 with coupon; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89-99, large dozen 59-99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 96 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 83 |
| LARGE | 76 |
| MEDIUM | 73 |

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 | 83-93 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 67-79 |
| LARGE | 66-73 |
| MEDIUM | 63-69 |

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

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 229-289 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 219-279 |
| LARGE | 199-209 |
| MEDIUM | 187-199 |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading and demand was usually light with current offerings of heavy nest runs in excess of needs. Supplies were closely balanced to mostly adequate. Trade sentiment was mixed from steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|----------------------|-------|
| NEST RUN | 24-26 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 9-12 |

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 ranged from 1 - 2 cents lower than early week trading. Demand was generally light for adequate to ample offerings. The undertone was unsettled but usually no better than steady. Cases broken under Federal Inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 22, 2000 were 7 % less than last week, and 5 % less than a year ago. Plant schedulers were irregular.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 24-27 | 25-27 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 9-13 | |

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 22-Jan-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED. |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|--------|
| CW | 1,149,555 | 25,566 | 11,777 | 6,403 | 3,523 | 3,821 |
| PW | 1,149,885 | 25,477 | 12,180 | 6,673 | 2,985 | 3,748 |
| LY | 990,263 | 21,694 | 9,804 | 5,729 | 2,783 | 3,474 |
| % PW | 0 | 0 | -3 | -4 | 18 | 2 |
| % LY | 16 | 18 | 20 | 12 | 27 | 10 |
| 2000 | 3,464,767 | 78,197 | 34,811 | 19,459 | 9,377 | 11,662 |
| 1999 | 3,103,687 | 70,688 | 29,082 | 16,822 | 8,336 | 9,995 |

Dried To Date 2000 - total adjusted

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 41.38 | 41.81 | 41.10 |

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites or salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly barely steady for whole egg and firm for whites. Liquid yolk was too few to report. Additional product offerings of yolk were fully adequate to ample and very difficult to move. Offerings of whole egg were adequate to fully adequate with whites tight to about adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 28 January, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 25 | 19-24.5 | 21.84 | -1.71 |
| WHITES | 25 | 28-30 | 29.11 | .37 |
| YOLKS | | TFEWR | | |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were generally unchanged to higher on whites, balance of items were unchanged to lower. Demand was mixed for irregular offerings. The undertone was firm on whites, barely steady on whole, and weak on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 22, 2000 were 6% less than last week, and 1% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were fully adequate for current trade needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS/SLTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY | RANGE |
| WHOLE | 36-40 | 36-38 | 44-52 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | | 50-60 |
| WHITES | 36-41 | 38-41 | 42-54 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 46-51 | 46-49 | 54-63 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 43-48 | 43-46 | 54-61 |

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices ranged lower for whole egg and yolk with whites ranging higher. Trade sentiment was mixed for whole egg, fully steady for whites and weak for yolk. Additional product offerings were adequate for whole egg and whites and adequate to fully adequate for frozen yolk. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate for current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | TRUCKLOTS | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | 36-39 | 36-37 |
| WHITES | 38-41 | 39-41 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 46-49 | |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 43-46 | |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 1 cent higher on whites, 1 cent lower on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/22 was 4% more than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

| | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | RANGE | |
| WHOLE | 42-45 | |
| WHITES | 43-46 | |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 52-55 | |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 49-52 | |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices on whole were unchanged to lower, yolks and blends unchanged, and albumen unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was barely steady to weak on yolks about steady on whole, steady on blends, and firm on albumen. Offerings were irregular for a mixed demand. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending January 22, 2000 were 18% more than the previous week, and 27% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| WHOLE | 1.40-1.65 | MOSTLY | 1.42-1.50 |
| YOLKS | 1.18-1.37 | MOSTLY | 1.20-1.25 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.90-3.15 | MOSTLY | 2.95-3.05 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.15-1.25 | MOSTLY | 1.15-1.20 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 21 - JAN 27, 2000

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | 152.25 | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | 51.50 | | | TOTAL LOADS | | | 203.75 | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|-------------|--|--|--------|--|--|
| SE | | | NE | | | MW | | | SC | | | NW | | | SW | | | | | | | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 1 | 31.00 | 34.29 | 31.13 | 33.40 | 32.27 | 39.00 | 40.50 | GNR W 1 | — | 38.44 | — | — | — | — | 9.00 | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 2 | — | 31.00 | 28.00 | 29.50 | 29.00 | — | 2.50 | GNR W 2 | — | 32.00 | — | — | — | — | .50 | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 3 | — | 30.00 | — | — | 22.22 | 24.00 | 15.00 | GNR W 3 | — | 30.00 | — | — | — | — | 4.00 | | | | | | | |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 23.00 | 25.00 | — | — | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GNR BR 1 | 61.00 | — | 55.00 | 62.00 | — | — | 4.00 | GL W J | — | — | — | — | 52.44 | 2.25 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W J | — | — | — | — | 41.89 | — | 2.25 | GL W XL | 34.29 | 38.80 | — | — | 40.00 | 44.52 | 14.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL W XL | — | 38.00 | 38.00 | 39.00 | 35.35 | 38.00 | 15.50 | GL W LG | 28.64 | — | — | — | 34.00 | 38.29 | 16.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL W LG | — | 37.43 | 26.32 | 29.50 | 30.73 | — | 26.00 | GL W MD | 26.57 | — | — | 34.00 | 28.00 | 32.38 | 11.50 | | | | | | | |
| GL W MD | — | 29.25 | 25.67 | 29.08 | 27.39 | 31.50 | 21.75 | GL W SM | 18.25 | — | — | — | — | 24.75 | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 20.00 | 21.50 | 20.50 | 22.25 | — | — | 7.00 | GL BR LG | 58.00 | — | — | — | — | 62.00 | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL BR XL | — | 60.00 | 64.00 | 68.00 | — | — | 1.50 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | 34.75 | — | — | 6.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | — | 66.00 | 62.00 | 68.00 | — | — | 4.25 | NRBS - 39 | 16.33 | 18.33 | — | — | — | — | 3.00 | | | | | | | |
| GL BR MD | — | — | — | — | — | — | .50 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 27.25 | 29.25 | 24.78 | 24.52 | 35.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | — | — | — | 17.50 | 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.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were irregular. Undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few sales to report prices. Demand was moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Schedules were irregular but about normal for next week. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Processors ran mostly full-time schedules with spent fowl offerings fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady at best.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules mixed. Offerings adequate.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

| LIGHT | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (1) |
| Eastern Light | 0-0 | (2) |
| So. Central Light | TFEWR | (2) |
| No. Central Light | TFEWR | (1) |
| No. Central Light | 0-5 | (2) |
| | | 0 |

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 57.88 | 55.50 | 49.25 |
| SOUTHERN | 53.73 | 51.82 | 47.18 |
| MIDWEST | 47.59 | 42.88 | 40.78 |
| WESTERN | 75.27 | 70.31 | 66.61 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 61.43 | 57.51 | 53.41 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority trading on heavy canners trended slightly higher, and unchanged to occasionally higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally good for limited offerings of heavies. However, interest was usually moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings of light canners. Undertone was fully steady on heavies and mostly steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-27 MAJORITY 32-37 MAJORITY 35-36

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-30 MAJORITY 26-28 33-38 MAJORITY 37-37.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-JAN-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**
(THOUSANDS)

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 2,149 | 1,283 | 3,432 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,007 | 1,626 | 3,633 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,252 | 1,470 | 3,722 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 4,156 | 2,909 | 7,065 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 4,388 | 2,860 | 7,248 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 432 | 0 | 432 |
| LAST WEEK | 429 | 0 | 429 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 436 | 0 | 436 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 861 | 0 | 861 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 915 | 0 | 915 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

| (THOUSANDS) | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 2,581 | 1,283 | 3,864 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,436 | 1,626 | 4,062 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,688 | 1,470 | 4,158 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 5,017 | 2,909 | 7,926 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 5,303 | 2,860 | 8,163 |

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

NOT AVAILABLE

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-Jan-00

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW | PW THOUSANDS | PCT CHG PW | LY |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 29.8 | 26.4 | 13 | 0 |
| BOSTON | 3.4 | 3.1 | 10 | -60 |
| CHICAGO | 41.3 | 39.8 | 4 | -27 |
| DETROIT | 30.5 | 27.6 | 11 | 15 |
| KANSAS CITY | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | 94.7 | 94.1 | 1 | 20 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 10.4 | 9.3 | 12 | -24 |
| NEW YORK | 38.0 | 36.7 | 4 | -5 |
| ST. LOUIS | 14.2 | 17.3 | -18 | -1 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 20.7 | 21.9 | -5 | -1 |
| TOTAL | 283.1 | 276.3 | 2 | -2 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 287.7 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 22-Jan-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| N. ATLANTIC | 242.7 | 0 | 3 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 480.1 | -1 | 16 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 243.3 | -1 | 8 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 192.1 | -3 | -4 |
| S. CENTRAL | 72.5 | -5 | -8 |
| WEST | 192.3 | -7 | -15 |
| TOTAL | 1423.0 | -2 | 3 |

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 93 93

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED,
USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS
LOOSE.

| JUMBO | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 51-54 | 42-48 | 40-45 | 34-39 | 25-29 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS,
LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

| LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|--------|-------|
| 26-28 | 22-24 | 15-17 |

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

| JUMBO | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 112-115 | 76-79 | 66-69 | 40-43 | 11-14 |

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-

SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AM 24-Jan-00 | 4,982 | 84,278 | 77,236 |
| AM 1-Jan-00 | 4,288 | 65,047 | 75,162 |
| CHG | 694 | 19231 | 2074 |
| PCT CHG | 16 | 30 | 3 |

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, JANUARY 25, 2000.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| MAINE MOSTLY | 109 - | 99 - | 73 - | 44 - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY | 102-106 104-105 | 92-96 94-95 | 66-70 68-69 | 37-41 39-40 |
| RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY | 105-109 105 | 95-99 95 | 69-73 69 | 40-44 40 |
| VERMONT MOSTLY | 114-120 114 | 103-110 103 | 70-75 70 | - - |

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