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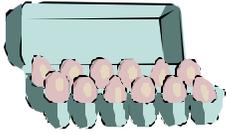
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was mostly light to moderate, at times fairly good, with increased feature activity often noted throughout next week. Supplies continued adequate to available, instances burdensome. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally limited as dealers assessed approaching needs. Light type fowl were fully adequate for current processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand improved and ranged from light to moderate, best where specials were planned or in progress for next week. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was slightly improved and ranged from light to moderate, best where features were planned or in progress for the upcoming week. Offerings were adequate to available on all sizes.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was fair to at times fairly good, best into feature activity. Features noted were one dozen large for 49 cents, one dozen large for 59 cents, four dozen large for \$2.00, and buy one dozen large get a second dozen for free. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were mixed, usually adequate to instances available for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the quiet demand. Floor stocks were in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to cautiously steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand continued fair to moderate entering the weekend, additionally, increased feature activity was noted throughout the Eastern Region for next week. Supplies were generally adequate to available. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the mostly fair demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processors' needs.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate with planned feature activity much increased. Offerings ample.

**EGG PRODUCTS** Shell eggs broken totaled 144 million dozen during January 2000, up 13 percent from January a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 4; North Central, up 19; South Atlantic, up 16, South Central, up 18; and Western, up 6. January 2000 contained 21 weekdays, two holidays and five Saturdays, the same as January 1999. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication was used.

**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)	89-91	82-84	59-61
New York	56-58	53-56	44-47
Philadelphia	54-60	52-58	43-48

### SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	37-38
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	41-55

### MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	46-51	45-50	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-51.5	43-50	32-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42

### WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	62-67	59-61	49-51
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	68-80	67-74	57-63
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	84	77	67

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice Prices (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 moderate with planned features increased. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, large dozen 79-99.

### CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	77
MEDIUM	67

### 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	84-94
EXTRA LARGE	68-80
LARGE	67-74
MEDIUM	57-63

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** Prices continue unchanged. Demand was quiet as breakers assess needs for next week. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks generally in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady. 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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-28	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	
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** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. However, a sale was noted in the NE at a higher price. Demand was light to fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. The undertone was about steady at prevailing price levels. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 26, 2000 were 10% more than last week, and 5% more than the same a year ago. Plants were running normal schedules. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-27	23-25
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 26-Feb-00  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,183,413	24,590	13,315	6,965	3,095	3,698
PW	1,068,696	23,696	11,260	5,961	2,805	3,449
LY	1,047,534	23,948	10,513	5,525	2,658	3,278
% PW	11	4	18	17	10	7
% LY	13	3	27	26	16	13
2000	8,981,769	199,773	92,119	50,438	25,211	29,720
1999	8,264,857	185,887	82,080	45,799	21,347	26,119

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.04	41.51	41.30

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment steady for whole egg and whites with yolk barely steady to weak. Offerings continue mostly adequate for whole egg and whites and fully adequate for yolk. Demand was light to fairly good for whites, fair for whole egg, and very quiet on yolk. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with floor stocks generally closely balanced. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 03 March, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

**CHANGE FROM**

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	22-27.5	24.93	-63
WHITES	26	27-34	30.48	-56
YOLKS	5	27-30.5	29.80	-76

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices were unchanged to lower on whole and whites, and irregular on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was generally light for the sufficient offerings. The undertone was cautious but slightly steadier. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 26, 2000 were 8% more than last week, and 1% more than a year ago. Shell egg supplies remain fully adequate for full trade needs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	36-43	40-41	46-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-60
WHITES	40-44	41-44	47-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-49	46-48	51-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-46		49-68

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

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** All prices were unchanged to slightly lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to cautiously steady for all frozen. Offerings were generally adequate for the current light demand. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with some breakers slowly increasing previously reduced schedules.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	39
WHITES	41-45	41-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	42-45	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 2 cents lower on whole, 1 cent lower on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 2/26 was 3% less than the previous week. Breaking stock ample. Frozen demand light with freezer stocks adequate.

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

LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	46-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-54
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-51

**NATIONAL DRIED** Blends prices ranged unchanged but the mostly values trended lower. Mostly prices were lower on albumen and generally ranged from unchanged to lower on whole and yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light with buyers continuing to access and watch further market developments. Offerings were usually sufficient for most needs. The undertone was mixed. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending February 26, 2000 were 10% more than the previous week, and 16% 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 1.45-1.50
YOLKS	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY 1.20
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.05-3.30	MOSTLY 3.05-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.30	MOSTLY 1.15-1.20

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 25 - MAR 02, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				98.75				FUTURE LOADS				78.75				TOTAL LOADS				177.50			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		NW		SW		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	29.50	37.00	30.25	31.67	32.00	—	20.00	GNR W 1	33.00	34.60	—	—	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	33.00	34.60	7.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	29.17	32.00	29.04	32.17	11.00	GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	39.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	32.00	3.00				
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.63	25.13	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	.50	GNR BR 1	—	60.00	.50				
GNR W 4	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	40.50	—	1.00	GL W XL	37.38	39.75	—	—	—	47.49	12.25	GL W XL	37.38	39.75	12.25				
GL W XL	36.00	39.54	36.25	38.10	36.98	—	28.25	GL W LG	33.79	—	—	—	—	43.78	8.00	GL W LG	33.79	—	8.00				
GL W LG	36.00	39.60	32.50	34.33	36.00	—	20.25	GL W MD	23.33	—	—	—	23.00	28.91	7.50	GL W MD	23.33	—	7.50				
GL W MD	—	29.00	24.50	26.30	27.36	29.67	24.50	NRBS - 48	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	7.00	NRBS - 48	—	28.00	7.00				
GL W SM	—	—	20.17	21.83	—	—	3.00																
NRBS - 48	24.50	—	25.00	31.33	24.17	26.31	42.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	30.00	23.50	—	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	6.00	9.00	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.

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for fully adequate ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were fully adequate for slaughter needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices continued unchanged. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate to ample for current production needs with a good number of excess birds going into rendering facilities. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally 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 03-Mar-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	57.00	54.62	45.50
SOUTHERN	55.23	53.10	42.30
MIDWEST	47.59	46.43	35.92
WESTERN	84.81	78.38	60.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.83	61.27	48.28

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY  
METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were irregular but generally a steady tone was noted on light canners and a barely steady to steady tone on heavies. Demand was fair to good for short to fully adequate offerings of heavy canners. Interest was normal for usually adequate offerings of light canner fowl.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

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

26-27.75 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

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

26-28.5 MAJORITY

**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

33.5-38 MAJORITY 37-38

**HEAVY CANNER HENS** (WITHOUT NECKS)

34-41 MAJORITY 39-40.25

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 26-FEB-00

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	1,915	1,349	3,264
LAST WEEK	1,986	1,335	3,321
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,040	1,356	3,396
TO-DATE/2000	16,144	10,650	26,794
TO-DATE/1999	17,595	10,585	28,180

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	533	0	533
LAST WEEK	599	0	599
SAME WEEK YR AGO	476	7	483
TO-DATE/2000	4,571	27	4,598
TO-DATE/1999	3,957	58	4,015

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	2,448	1,349	3,797
LAST WEEK	2,585	1,335	3,920
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,516	1,363	3,879
TO-DATE/2000	20,715	10,677	31,392
TO-DATE/1999	21,552	10,643	32,195

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

Type	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	103	145	863	1,995
Frozen	0	0	0	6
Dried	0	0	18	18
Total	103	145	881	2,019

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

Type	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	183	0	902	436
Frozen	6	0	24	57
Dried	40	0	241	0
Total	229	0	1,167	493

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

Type	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	13	0
Extra Large	0	900	2,133	2,100
Large	1,590	300	14,290	8,284
Medium	750	1,050	2,678	2,676
Ungraded	0	4,650	6,180	42,899
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	2,340	6,900	26,044	55,959

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**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	29-34	23-27

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	17-19	13-15

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

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	70-73	63-66	40-43	16-19

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 28-Feb-00	4,385	111,221	78,639
AM 1-Feb-00	4,916	94,257	72,756
CHG	-531	16964	5883
PCT CHG	-11	18	8

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 26-Feb-00**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.1	25.4	-17	-34
BOSTON	3.7	3.6	3	-37
CHICAGO	43.7	44.6	-2	-1
DETROIT	26.3	26.5	-1	7
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	91.3	90.7	1	-3
NEW ORLEANS	8.4	9.0	-7	-26
NEW YORK	35.7	33.1	8	-19
ST. LOUIS	14.1	12.7	11	8
SAN FRANCISCO	23.2	21.4	8	14
TOTAL	267.6	267.1	0	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	282.6			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 26-Feb-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	215.7	-4	-10
E.N. CENTRAL	473.2	3	11
W.N. CENTRAL	245.9	2	11
S. ATLANTIC	183.6	-3	-4
S. CENTRAL	75.2	3	11
WEST	191.8	-1	-14
TOTAL	1385.4	0	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG**, FEBRUARY 29, 2000.  
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	103	96	73	49
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	96-100 98-99	89-93 91-92	66-70 68-69	42-46 44-45
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	99-103 99	92-96 92	69-73 69	45-49 45
VERMONT MOSTLY	105	95-100 95	73-75 75	- -

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