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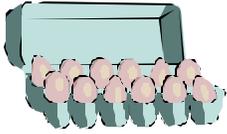
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on all sizes. In the Northeast, prices were unchanged to higher on the larger sizes, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone continued steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good at times, mostly fair to moderate, and was better where promotional activity was either planned or in progress. Supplies ranged adequate to instances short, usually adequate to balanced. Breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate to occasionally short for the fair demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices were unchanged in Philadelphia and New England. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was fair to mostly moderate, best where retail items were featured or planned for the upcoming week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices are unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was at least steady. Demand was fair to mostly moderate, best where specials were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were generally adequate.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were 4 cents higher for the larger sizes, 2 cents higher for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to at times good with the best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in good balance to instances close for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offers were generally adequate to instances short as buyers assess the market and sellers were continuing to hold product with confidence. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes advanced 2 cents. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Feature noted for large 49 cents, limit two. Offerings generally adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was generally moderate to fairly good, with best movement centering around the limited feature interest. Supplies were generally adequate to balanced. Prices for next week's deliveries were ranging higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the mostly fair demand. Light type hens were sufficient for current needs.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week in California 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small; in the Northwest 5 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 6 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good, best where features in progress. Offerings held confidently.

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)	89-92	82-85	59-61
New York	60-62	57-60	45-48
Philadelphia	54-60	52-58	43-45

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	50-55	49-54	37-42
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	62-65	59-61	48-49
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	70-80	69-76	57-63
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	84	79	67

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

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Offerings held confidently. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89, large dozen 69-99, medium 20 pack 97.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	79
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	70-80
LARGE	69-76
MEDIUM	57-63

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

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offers were generally adequate to instances short as buyers assess current market conditions and sellers continue to hold heavy nest runs with confidence. Floor stocks adequate to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully 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	27-32	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-14	

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. Demand was fair for usually adequate offerings. However, some breakers were sending some quality supplies to the grading channels. Undertone ranged from steady to firm.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	24-29	26-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-14	

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 11-Mar-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,185,234	27,015	11,882	6,593	2,975	3,890
PW	1,156,749	25,117	12,351	6,711	2,952	3,807
LY	1,047,103	25,038	9,633	5,205	1,954	3,104
% PW	2	8	-4	-2	1	2
% LY	13	8	23	27	52	25
2000	11,323,752	251,905	116,352	63,742	31,138	37,417
1999	10,350,472	234,665	101,908	56,849	25,861	32,442

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.66	41.48	41.05

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized whites or salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment was generally steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites with yolk barely steady to weak. Demand for whole egg was mostly moderate while white demand was moderate to good. Offerings were usually adequate for whole egg, tight to adequate for whites and at least fully adequate for yolk. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 17 March, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	20	22-28.5	25.40	.37
WHITES	15	31.5-32.5	31.83	.91
YOLKS	9	25-30	27.44	-3.17

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for usually fully adequate offerings of yolks, interest on balance of items was moderate but improved. The undertone was at least fully steady on whites and whole, and about steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspecting in the Eastern region for the week ending March 11, 2000 were 3% more than last week, and 7% more than a year ago. Shell egg suppliers were fully adequate for needs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-43	40-41	46-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-60
WHITES	41-45	41-44	47-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-50	46-48	51-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-46	43-45	49-69
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with the balance of prices generally unchanged. Additional offerings of whole egg and whites were sufficient for current needs with yolk at least adequate to fully adequate and buyers continuing to show limited interest for additional frozen yolk. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole and whites and barely steady to weak for yolk.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	39-43	40-41
WHITES	41-44	42-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48	46-48
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	42-45	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/11 was 15% less than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand moderate and 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 EGG Majority prices were unchanged on albumen and blends, unchanged to slightly higher on whole, but slightly lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was in a range of light to moderate, although most traders were still unaggressive. Floor stocks were sufficient for most trade needs. The undertone was mixed but somewhat improved. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 11, 2000 were 1% more than the previous week, and 52% more than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.45-1.65	MOSTLY	1.45-1.50
YOLKS	1.10-1.25	MOSTLY	1.15-1.20
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.00-3.40	MOSTLY	3.05-3.15
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 MAR 10 - MAR 16, 2000

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.00	40.87	32.80	35.63	—	36.00	66.00	GNR W 1	—	42.20	19.50
GNR W 2	—	—	29.00	30.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	—	2.25
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	31.00	32.75	2.00	GL W XL	49.00	—	9.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	27.13	28.75	4.00	GL W LG	46.14	45.67	25.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	32.05	34.50	18.50
GL W XL	—	45.00	40.00	42.29	43.03	—	17.75				
GL W LG	—	43.23	39.13	41.86	43.48	—	32.75				
GL W MD	—	—	26.50	28.25	30.55	34.38	27.25				
GL W SM	—	22.00	20.00	21.50	—	—	5.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.00	29.00	30.92	31.70	11.50				
NRBS - 45	—	26.00	—	—	26.67	30.00	3.00				
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 fair for generally adequate 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 no better than moderate for in balance offerings of spent light fowl. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continue unchanged. Processing schedules were usually full-time to over-time with offerings fully adequate to burdensome for current needs. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules lighter. Offerings spotty.

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 17-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	58.44	56.06	45.36
SOUTHERN	55.23	53.10	38.98
MIDWEST	47.80	46.56	35.80
WESTERN	84.68	79.07	59.99
TWELVE METRO AREAS	65.27	62.00	47.92

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY
METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices trended unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Trading of heavy canners was of moderate to good volume, light canners was generally limited volume. Demand improved on heavy canners and was at least moderate for usually adequate offerings. Floor stocks were clearing at most locations. Undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25.75-27 MAJORITY	33.5-38 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-28 MAJORITY	34-39.75 MAJORITY 38-39.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,109	1,513	3,622
LAST WEEK	2,111	1,361	3,472
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,060	1,241	3,301
TO-DATE/2000	20,364	13,524	33,888
TO-DATE/1999	21,583	13,174	34,757

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	408	0	408
LAST WEEK	390	0	390
SAME WEEK YR AGO	456	6	462
TO-DATE/2000 (R)	5,389	27	5,416
TO-DATE/1999	4,789	81	4,870

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION (R) Revised

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

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,517	1,513	4,030
LAST WEEK	2,501	1,361	3,862
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,516	1,247	3,763
TO-DATE/2000	25,753	13,551	39,304
TO-DATE/1999	26,372	13,255	39,627

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

Type	Week Ending March 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000 (000)	1999 /1	2000 (000)	1999
Liquid	194	97	1,212	2,327
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	40	0	58	58
Total	234	97	1,310	2,391

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

Type	Week Ending March 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000 (000)	1999 /1	2000 (000)	1999
Liquid	62	165	1,045	731
Frozen	5	8	43	74
Dried	40	0	321	10
Total	107	173	1,409	815

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

Type	Week Ending March 04, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	79	26	92	26
Extra Large	970	445	3,473	2,695
Large	2,423	1,824	19,898	12,008
Medium	1,047	1,513	4,848	5,989
Ungraded	0	0	6,180	46,769
Misc	750	0	1,500	0
Total	5,269	3,808	35,991	67,487

/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
30-32	19-21	13-15

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

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
109-112	71-74	64-67	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 13-Mar-00	4,506	119,217	75,624
AM 1-Mar-00	4,561	112,828	78,929
CHG	-55	6389	-3305
PCT CHG	-1	6	-4

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-Mar-00**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.8	22.0	-10	-35
BOSTON	3.5	4.3	-19	-30
CHICAGO	46.3	54.7	-15	-7
DETROIT	28.1	25.1	12	-24
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	95.8	105.3	-9	12
NEW ORLEANS	10.0	16.0	-38	-22
NEW YORK	43.2	37.1	16	-3
ST. LOUIS	13.3	15.8	-16	-21
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0	21.7	1	2
TOTAL	282.1	302.1	-7	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	281.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 11-Mar-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	230.0	3	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	498.9	6	5
W.N. CENTRAL	264.2	7	13
S. ATLANTIC	200.3	6	-3
S. CENTRAL	77.0	16	-7
WEST	188.3	2	-19
TOTAL	1458.7	6	-1

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, MARCH 14, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	103	96	73	49
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	96-100	89-93	66-70	42-46
MOSTLY	98-99	91-92	68-69	44-45
RHODE ISLAND	99-103	92-96	69-73	45-49
MOSTLY	99	92	69	45
VERMONT	105-106	99-100	73-76	-
MOSTLY	106	99	76	-

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