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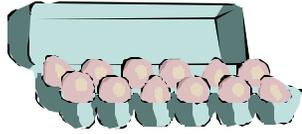
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were generally higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. The market tone was at least steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to moderate, mostly fair, with better movement centering around the scattered promotional activity. Supplies were usually adequate, however, the larger sizes were often in good balance. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the generally unaggressive demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for processors' current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 3.5 cents higher for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where items were featured. Supplies were mixed for the smaller sizes and generally balanced on the larger sized eggs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where featured. Supplies were generally balanced on the larger sizes and mixed for mediums.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings mostly adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities increased 3 cents for the larger sizes, were up 2 cents for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service movement was mostly light to fair. Supplies were in good balance for the larger sizes and were mixed for the balance. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers were showing little or no interest in additional product. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks were in balance to adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week. Supplies were adequate to occasionally balanced. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 31, 2000, was 66.04 cents, 9.24 cents more than last week, but 11.79 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for current processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 3 cents higher on large. Medium and small were 6 cents higher in California, and medium were 5 cents higher in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 12% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 29%. Retailer demand fair. 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.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	85-87	59-61
New York	73-75	70-73	53-56
Philadelphia	70-73	68-71	51.5-53
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	45-46
Jackson (1)	74-75	71-72	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	52-66
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	45-50
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-66	60-64	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-67	62-69	45-52
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	79-81	75-78	58-61
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	95	81

- (1) - Prices reported weekly
- (2) - Delivered Warehouse
- (3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, 3 cents higher on large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 61. Ads in Northern California: smaller outlets-large dozen 79-98.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	81

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-185

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 07, 2000 will increase by 23 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 31, 2000 were 254,180 cases which was 6 percent below the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	217,802	36,378	254,180

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+0	-6

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Most breakers were showing very little interest in any additional nest runs. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment 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	31-35	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-19	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with supplies adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-12	11.19

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was steady to about steady.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-11	10.54
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr 03, 2000**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	17.5	4.1	17.4	8.7	56.4
	Change	0.7	1.9	-0.1	3.1	-0.1	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.4	40.6	10.5	37.5	31.0	156.0
	Change	6.2	1.4	-2.1	8.2	1.4	11%
Large	Curr Wk	87.4	139.6	64.5	97.6	111.8	500.9
	Change	13.4	30.7	18.2	22.1	20.8	27%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	29.3	14.9	20.9	25.9	106.7
	Change	2.1	-4.9	1.6	2.9	2.8	4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	5.8	3.9	8.0	5.4	27.5
	Change	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.6	1.8	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	13.2	9.0	18.0	6.3	50.9
	Change	0.1	-2.3	-0.4	3.1	-1.8	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.2	65.9	22.0	31.8	41.9	199.8
	Change	-0.4	-13.6	5.7	-0.4	0.2	-4%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	195.2	311.9	128.9	231.2	231.0	1098.2
	Change	13%	4%	23%	20%	12%	13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1098.2	13%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	418.8	-5%	40
Total Shell Egg	1517.0	7%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 23, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 31, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
11.75							19.75							31.50						
SE		NE		MW			LOADS	SC		NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	—	—	47.50	49.00	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00					
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	34.00	36.50	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25					
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	21.67	23.17	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.50					
GL W XL	—	—	55.00	56.75	—	—	4.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	40.50	2.00					
GL W LG	—	—	53.50	55.00	—	—	3.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W MD	—	38.50	33.86	34.00	33.00	—	4.75													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00													

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.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/25/00-03/31/00

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
83.50							97.75							181.25						
SE		NE		MW			LOADS	SC		NW		SW			LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	48.38	54.00	47.50	48.10	—	—	72.00	GNR W 1	—	56.80	—	—	—	—	39.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	3.00					
GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	35.19	36.20	9.00	GNR W 3	—	46.83	—	—	—	—	3.00					
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	21.67	23.17	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	2.00					
GNR BR 1	—	—	42.50	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	62.00	—	—	—	60.00	5.00					
GL W XL	—	60.00	55.00	56.83	51.75	—	11.00	GL W LG	—	60.60	—	—	—	—	12.00					
GL W LG	—	59.86	54.10	55.80	—	—	25.00	GL W MD	36.00	—	—	—	—	39.83	7.75					
GL W MD	—	38.00	33.43	35.82	31.89	—	13.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00					
GL W SM	—	22.00	20.67	22.50	—	—	4.50	NRBS - 42	21.00	23.00	—	—	—	—	1.00					
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	35.00	.50	NRBS - 39	18.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	1.00					
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	34.25	9.00													
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	27.50	29.00	2.00													
NRBS - 42	30.00	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00													
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	16.50	18.17	1.50													

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/19/00 - 03/25/00**

Origin State	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	SD	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	720	2,600	0	0	0	0	1,103	0	0	903	0	5,326
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. CA	5,772	18,637	842	3,136	2,782	3,882	0	950	900	1,900	982	39,783
TTL STATE	6,492	21,237	842	3,136	2,782	3,882	1,103	950	900	2,803	982	45,109

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	74-77	66-69	40-43	16-19

**DETROIT EGGS**

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
68-71	59-65	57-62	39-44	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-45	27-29	13-15

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76.57	60.53	42.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	3/27/00	3/20/00	3/29/99
PACIFIC COAST	436	504	17
LOS ANGELES	319	386	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR MARCH 28,2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.21
MEDIUM	124-135	132.33
SMALL	105-109	106.01

Receipts from the mainland: 3/19/00-3/25/00  
30-dozen cases 3,944

Receipts from the mainland: 3/12/00-3/18/00  
30-dozen cases 3,148

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