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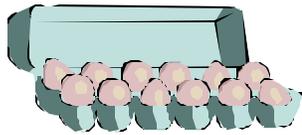
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



When based on previous week averages, prices in Philadelphia were unchanged to slightly higher, and higher in Florida. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mixed and ranged from light to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to .5 cents higher on mediums, when based on previous week average values. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to at times good, best into retail features. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to occasionally good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate on all sizes.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand uneven and ranged from light to good, mostly moderate. Supplies adequate.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was fairly good with the best movement coming from retail features and the upcoming Easter holiday. Supplies were adequate for all sizes with most graders working over time schedules. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were light for the adequate to available offerings. Breakers were generally satisfied with regular commitments as finished product was slow moving. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was mostly steady.

SOUTHERN In Florida prices were higher. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate, better where features were in place. Supplies were adequate to occasionally available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for week ending April 07, 2000, was 69.24 cents, 3.20 cents more than the week before, and 4.42 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 17% higher than last Monday with California up 20% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 12%. Retailer demand improved seasonally. 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	85-87	59-61
New York	73-75	70-73	53-56
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	52-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
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
MIDWEST CITIES			
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
WESTERN CITIES			
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 unchanged. The California inventory was 20% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand continued to improve seasonally. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 61. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 129, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 159.

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 239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 209-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE 179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 139-179

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 14, 2000 will decrease by 8 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 07, 2000 were 303,774 cases which was 20 percent above the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	268,182	35,592	303,774

% change from the prior week..... +23 -2 +20
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Trading and demand light for the adequate or available offerings. Breakers generally satisfied with regular commitments as finished product movement is slow. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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 Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17	10-13	12.65

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Undertone was steady to about steady.

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 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
 SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APR-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8.25-11	10.69
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 10, 2000

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.5	19.6	7.9	18.5	11.7	68.2
	Change	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.1	3.0	16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.6	42.3	14.3	39.2	28.2	156.6
	Change	-3.8	0.0	1.2	1.7	-2.8	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	75.5	156.5	93.7	129.2	143.0	597.9
	Change	-11.9	9.1	10.1	31.6	31.2	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	34.1	26.4	22.8	29.2	126.7
	Change	-1.5	3.1	8.1	1.9	3.3	13%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	6.8	3.3	4.8	6.6	26.5
	Change	0.6	0.0	-0.7	-3.2	1.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	15.5	8.4	15.3	6.5	50.8
	Change	0.7	1.0	-0.7	-2.7	0.2	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.0	50.9	17.8	37.3	44.9	187.9
	Change	-1.2	-15.0	-5.6	5.5	3.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	179.9	325.7	171.8	267.1	270.1	1214.6
	Change	-8%	0%	9%	16%	17%	6%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1214.6	6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	394.7	-6%	39

Total Shell Egg 1609.3 3% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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.

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 27, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 27, 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 APRIL 07, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							13.75	FUTURE LOADS							12.00	TOTAL LOADS							25.75
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	—	58.00	53.80	—	2.75	GL W XL	47.75	—	—	—	—	57.00	.50								
GL W LG	—	—	53.25	55.00	48.00	—	4.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	2.25								
GL W MD	—	35.00	29.00	—	32.00	—	1.50	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	—	38.75	2.00								
GL W SM	19.00	—	19.00	21.00	—	—	2.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	32.50	34.50	2.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00																

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 04/01/00-04/07/00

CURRENT LOADS							79.25	FUTURE LOADS							33.25	TOTAL LOADS							112.50
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	47.50	51.00	47.67	49.94	—	—	24.00	GNR W 1	48.00	55.00	—	—	—	—	8.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	34.08	35.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.33	24.17	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	57.87	3.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	46.63	—	3.75	GL W XL	53.25	—	—	—	—	62.00	3.00								
GL W XL	—	—	55.50	57.86	53.62	—	10.25	GL W LG	54.56	61.47	—	—	—	61.57	13.25								
GL W LG	—	59.62	53.50	56.25	53.14	—	17.00	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	—	41.19	9.75								
GL W MD	—	37.00	33.67	38.00	33.12	—	12.50	NRBS - 39	18.00	20.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	20.50	23.50	20.01	21.80	—	—	11.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	32.50	34.25	4.50																
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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/26/00 - 04/01/00

Origin State	CO	IL	IA	MN	MO	NV	NH	OH	OR	PA	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,008	0	0	0	2	1,103
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	806	0	0	0	806
S. CA	5,243	600	19,652	8,428	3,550	336	300	2,243	0	0	2,906	900	1,442	45,600
TTL STATE	5,336	600	19,652	8,428	3,550	336	300	2,243	1,008	806	2,906	900	1,444	47,509

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
78.27	60.93	42.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	4/03/00	3/27/00	4/5/99
PACIFIC COAST	454	436	68
LOS ANGELES	319	319	10

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR APRIL 4,2000:

	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: 3/26/00-4/1/00
30-dozen cases 3,546

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

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