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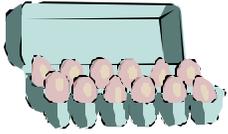
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged fair to good, although often improved entering the weekend, with holiday promotional activity usually generating the best movement. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to at times fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained limited. Spent hen availability was adequate to ample for normal and reduced schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was slightly improved and ranged moderate to instances good, best where specials were planned or in progress. In the Philadelphia area, large eggs were advertised at 59 cents per dozen, limit 2. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen availability was adequate to ample for normal and reduced schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged this week. The market tone was generally steady. Demand improved and ranged moderate to occasionally good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail and food service demand was fair to good with current features for the upcoming Easter holiday providing the best movement. Supplies were adequate for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices remained unchanged. Most breakers were not seeking extra product and were satisfied with regular commitments. Offerings were at least adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress for the upcoming Easter holiday. Feature noted on extra large eggs 78 cents and on large size eggs one dozen free with purchase of \$25. Supplies mostly adequate instances short on mediums.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good entering the weekend, best for the occasional promotion. Supplies of all sizes were adequate. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from the current week. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product was generally unaggressive. Offerings of light type fowl were adequate to ample for current requirements.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good. Floor stocks cleared satisfactorily in most quarters with additional 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)	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
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	86-95	85-92	71-77
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	99	95	81

(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 seasonally good. Offerings adequate with floor stock clearances generally meeting expectations. Small invoice price 61. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99, 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 97-119, extra large dozen 109, 20 pack 169 and 2 for \$3, large dozen 97-99, medium 20 pack 99.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	99
LARGE	95
MEDIUM	81

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	97-107
EXTRA LARGE	86-95
LARGE	85-92
MEDIUM	71-77

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	199-219
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock ranged unchanged with mostly prices unchanged to lower. Checks and undergrades remained unchanged. Most breakers were not seeking additional shell eggs at this call and were working to keep inventories in close balance with current production requirements. Offerings at least adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely 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	31
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

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was light to moderate with most traders unaggressive as floor stocks were reported as fully adequate for current needs. Offerings also ranged from fully adequate to ample for anticipated requirements. Undertone was unsettled and very cautious. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 08, 2000 were 4% more than the previous week, but 5% less than the same week a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-33	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	14-19	

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 08-Apr-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,112,167	25,962	10,511	5,960	2,300	3,586
PW	1,111,188	26,487	10,284	5,529	2,255*	4,144*
LY	1,075,263	25,000	10,504	5,645	2,852	3,501
% PW	0	-2	2	8	2	-13
% LY	3	4	0	6	-19	2
2000	15,797,709	357,141	158,083	86,649	40,741*	52,620*
1999	14,488,974	331,007	141,955	78,560	36,170	45,811

* - Revised figures, reflected in to-date figure

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.38	41.80	41.52

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 35 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported at 31 to 32 cents fob. Trade sentiment was about steady to cautiously steady for whole egg, generally steady for whites, and mixed from steady to weak on yolk. Offerings of whole egg and yolk were adequate for the light to moderate trading and demand. White offerings were adequate to tight for the mostly fair demand. Many buyers were out of the market and were waiting for further price adjustments. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate for needs. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 14 April, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	26-32	29.54	-.16
WHITES	14	31-33	32.07	-.37
YOLKS	8	25.5-29	27.75	-.75

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were usually unchanged on truck lot trading when compared to last week's values. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. The undertone was mixed and unsettled. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 08, 2000 were 2% more than last week, and 6% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were sufficient for needs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-42	41-42	47-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		50-60
WHITES	40-44	41-44	47-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48		51-60
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	42-46	42-44	49-69
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices were irregular when compared with last week's quoted prices with the exception of whites and salt yolk which ranged unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand noted as quiet. Buyers were currently watching current market developments and not purchasing much outside of immediate needs. Regular commitments were keeping most operators fairly busy. Trade sentiment was steady on whites and steady to about steady for the remainder of products. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate and prices ranged unchanged during the week.

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

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/8 was 1% more 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	46-49	
WHITES	46-49	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-54	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-51	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Majority prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with most traders still unaggressive. Offerings and floor stocks were at least sufficient for full trade needs. The undertone was cautiously steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending April 08, 2000 were 2% more than the previous week, and 19% lower 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	1.09-1.25	MOSTLY	1.10-1.20
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.00-3.40	MOSTLY	3.05-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.16-1.30	MOSTLY	1.18-1.21

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 07, 2000-APR 13, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS											
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	47.75	50.00	48.00	49.90	46.00	—	27.00	GNR W 1	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	38.50	40.50	—	—	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	20.13	22.00	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.23	—	3.25							
GL W J	—	—	—	—	40.77	—	3.25	GL W XL	50.75	50.00	—	—	57.00	56.33	—	5.00							
GL W XL	—	57.00	—	57.78	50.41	—	13.00	GL W LG	52.25	56.00	—	—	—	55.94	—	8.50							
GL W LG	—	56.00	53.67	57.18	49.18	—	15.00	GL W MD	33.00	—	—	—	—	37.44	—	4.50							
GL W MD	—	36.75	32.17	36.00	29.33	—	11.50	GL BR XL	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50							
GL W SM	19.00	—	19.80	21.25	—	—	6.00	GL BR LG	—	58.00	—	—	—	—	—	.75							
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	52.00	—	.50	NRBS - 39	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	52.00	—	.75																
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	32.50	33.33	10.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.75	3.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for offerings that were adequate to ample for schedules that ranged from normal to less than normal. Undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Finished sales were slow, with schedules fully adequate for requirements. Trade sentiment was weak.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to moderate demand. Offerings have steadily increased as the Easter holiday approaches. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings continued to increase.

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 14-APR-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	73.51	71.13	54.01
SOUTHERN	71.37	69.24	50.96
MIDWEST	64.04	63.01	45.65
WESTERN	91.92	86.67	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.79	74.70	56.19

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on light canners, and unchanged to slightly lower on heavies. Demand was fair for offerings that ranged from in close balance to fully adequate. The undertone was steady on lights, and about steady to steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

25-26.25 MAJORITY 32.5-36 MAJORITY 35.5-36

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

26-28 MAJORITY 26-27 33-38.5 MAJORITY 37.5-38.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 08-APR-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	2,009	1,345	3,354
LAST WEEK	1,911	1,314	3,225
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,098	1,318	3,416
TO-DATE/2000	28,301	19,114	47,415
TO-DATE/1999	30,103	18,616	48,719

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	561	11	572
LAST WEEK	594	0	594
SAME WEEK YR AGO	571	0	571
TO-DATE/2000	7,692	50	7,742
TO-DATE/1999	6,895	113	7,008

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	(THOUSANDS)		
HEAD	2,570	1,356	3,926
LAST WEEK	2,505	1,314	3,819
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,669	1,318	3,987
TO-DATE/2000	35,993	19,164	55,157
TO-DATE/1999	36,998	18,729	55,727

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

Type	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	0	293	1,589	3,334
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	0	0	58	147
Total	0	293	1,687	3,487

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

Type	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	155	30	1,693	1,078
Frozen	13	0	128	82
Dried	40	0	385	10
Total	208	30	2,206	1,170

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

Type	Week Ending April 1, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	84	30	246	116
Extra Large	1,310	1,060	7,253	6,927
Large	3,020	229	32,227	22,688
Medium	1,010	950	9,367	11,351
Ungraded	5,280	6,690	22,680	61,289
Misc	750	0	3,000	900
Total	11,454	8,959	74,773	103,271

/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
68-71	59-65	57-62	39-44	23-27

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

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

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

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

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 10-Apr-00	3,846	123,494	83,570
AM 1-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
CHG	-74	-1,356	4,579
PCT CHG	-2	-1	6

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 08-Apr-00

SELECTED

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
		THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.9	26.5	-6	-36
BOSTON	3.4	2.8	21	-29
CHICAGO	41.1	35.8	15	13
DETROIT	37.8	22.4	69	-17
KANSAS CITY	7.1	3.9	82	109
LOS ANGELES	111.5	88.3	26	30
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	10.7	6	-11
NEW YORK	41.6	38.7	7	7
ST. LOUIS	11.7	16.7	-30	-3
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	22.3	-6	11
TOTAL	311.4	268.1	16	5
4 WK MVG AVG	300.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 08-Apr-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	228.4	0	1
E.N. CENTRAL	513.1	-5	11
W.N. CENTRAL	254.6	-7	14
S. ATLANTIC	183.0	-10	-4
S. CENTRAL	81.7	0	9
WEST	193.8	0	-3
TOTAL	1454.6	-4	6

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT,

APRIL 11, 2000.

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	107	99	73	49
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	100-104	92-96	66-70	42-46
MOSTLY	102-103	94-95	68-69	44-45
RHODE ISLAND	103-107	95-99	69-73	45-49
MOSTLY	103	95	69	45
VERMONT	110	100-102	75-76	-
MOSTLY	-	102	76	-

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U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2000
 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,151,068	-14	16
FREE FLOWING	3,152,150	10	200
BLEND	834,985	3	45
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	4,690,543	11	78
BLEND	107,400	-29	9
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,382,250	17	54
BLEND	31,250	-45	-49
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,837,550	-14	91
TOTAL	14,187,196	2	82

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
 FEBRUARY 27, 2000 - APRIL 1, 2000
 TOTAL 10,965,000 POUNDS.

 Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.
