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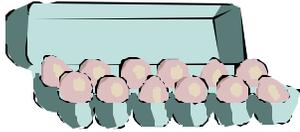
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were mostly lower to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. The market tone was cautiously steady to steady. Retail demand was generally light to moderate with limited feature activity noted. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained limited as dealers watched market developments closely. Light type fowl were ample for current processing needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 10 cents lower on the larger sizes, unchanged to 5.5 cents lower on mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents lower on extra large and large, unchanged to 4 cents lower on mediums. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was limited as traders cautiously watched further market developments. Light type fowl were ample for the light demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand was mostly fair to occasionally moderate. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower for the larger sizes and mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was about steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, usually light to moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light for the adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices on all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where limited features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida prices were lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally cautious entering the week. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending April 28, 2000, was 65.12 cents, 4.12 cents less than last week, but 12.85 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light demand, and limited interest was noted in additional product as traders monitor market developments closely. Offerings of light type fowl were ample for processing schedules which ranged from normal to heavy.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 9 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 12 cents lower on jumbo, 13 cents lower on extra large, 14 cents lower on large, and 10 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 20% higher than last Monday with California up 18% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 24%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

## 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)	86-88	78-80	55-57
New York	58-60	55-58	45-48
Philadelphia	56-62	54-60	44-46
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	37-38
Jackson (1)	58-59	56-57	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-68	52-66	42-58
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	45-50	44-49	36-41
Detroit (2)	42-45	41-44	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-50.5	42-49	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	46-53	44-51	36-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)*	62-64	58-61	48-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	68

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

\*CORRECTION FOR 4/24/00 74-76 70-73 53-56

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 7 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 18% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 48. No new ads noted in Northern California.

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

	RANGE	
JUMBO	95	
EXTRA LARGE	83	
LARGE	76	
MEDIUM	68	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		
	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE 209-239
LARGE	149-219	LARGE 179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 139-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 05, 2000 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 28, 2000 were 229,413 cases which was 54 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	195,829	33,584	229,413
% change from the prior week.....	-58	+18	-54

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 were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as breakers assess immediate needs. Offerings were usually adequate from regular sources. Schedules full-time. 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	27-30	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-15	

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. Demand was light to no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-MAY-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-17.5	10-13	12.63

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority trading was unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Buyers were somewhat cautious as offerings remain fully adequate to ample for processors needs. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Finished product was adequate to available. Market conditions were no better than steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16.5	8.25-10	10.18
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 May 01, 2000**

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.8	15.3	10.1	14.2	7.9 54.3
	Change	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1 3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.3	37.7	11.4	28.7	16.4 111.5
	Change	0.9	14.1	2.4	4.2	3.1 28%
Large	Curr Wk	30.2	99.1	62.9	76.3	89.0 357.5
	Change	5.6	40.0	20.6	26.4	24.9 49%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.6	25.6	12.4	16.7	20.9 87.2
	Change	2.0	6.0	1.0	3.8	1.2 19%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	4.8	1.1	3.1	5.3 18.5
	Change	0.9	-0.6	-1.9	-0.1	1.1 -3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	16.9	6.7	11.8	5.9 44.6
	Change	-0.8	-3.3	-3.3	-1.1	-0.8 -17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.5	53.6	12.4	28.1	41.3 154.9
	Change	-4.9	12.3	0.1	4.1	1.9 10%
Total	Curr Wk	92.9	253.0	117.0	178.9	186.7 828.5
Percent	Change	6%	37%	19%	27%	20% 24%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	828.5	24%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	407.9	0%	39
Total Shell Egg	1236.4	15%	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.

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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.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 17, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	127	127	117	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 28, 2000

CURRENT LOADS		15.25		FUTURE LOADS		7.00		TOTAL LOADS		22.25					
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	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	44.00	1.50
GNR W 3	—	—	28.00	30.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	42.93	6.75
GL W XL	—	—	—	41.00	36.33	—	3.50	GL W MD	31.00	—	—	—	—	37.13	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	33.93	—	6.75								
GL W MD	—	—	23.00	24.00	28.00	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	20.50	22.00	—	—	1.00								
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.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/22/00-04/28/00

CURRENT LOADS		95.00		FUTURE LOADS		78.50		TOTAL LOADS		173.50					
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	34.00	—	35.67	36.43	—	31.00	38.25	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	30.00	—	—	.75	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	33.25	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.75	29.50	24.00	—	4.00	GL W J	37.00	—	—	—	46.00	50.00	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	35.77	39.00	—	—	—	42.36	17.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	35.09	—	—	—	—	41.79	15.25
GL W XL	35.00	39.00	42.90	45.06	34.87	35.00	35.75	GL W MD	29.43	—	—	—	—	35.71	9.75
GL W LG	—	41.00	28.00	36.40	32.29	31.43	21.00	GL W SM	—	23.00	—	—	—	24.00	2.00
GL W MD	—	28.33	26.87	28.80	27.22	29.00	22.00								
GL W SM	—	—	20.33	21.58	19.00	—	7.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.50	8.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/16/00 - 04/22/00**

Origin State	AR	CO	IA	MI	MN	OH	OR	SD	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	0	940	2,124	0	770	0	3,834
C. CA	0	0	810	0	3,257	0	660	0	1,625	0	6,352
S. CA	2,440	4,082	2,658	810	5,490	1,650	0	600	1,222	920	19,872
TTL STATE	2,440	4,082	3,468	810	8,747	2,590	2,784	600	3,617	920	30,058

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	67-70	59-62	36-39	14-17

**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
50-53	41-47	39-44	30-35	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
25-27	18-20	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
66.13	52.59	42.26

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

ON HAND	4/24/00	4/17/00	4/26/99
PACIFIC COAST	431	449	167
LOS ANGELES	307	338	61

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

PRICES DELIVERED

TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR APRIL 25, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTD AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 04/16/00-04/22/00  
30-dozen cases 5,286

Receipts from the mainland: 04/09/00-04/15/00  
30-dozen cases 3,617

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