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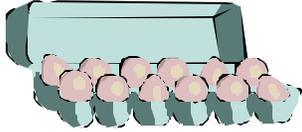
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to higher in Boston. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was mostly fair to good, and generally improved entering the holiday weekend. Supplies were generally adequate to balanced, with the larger sizes occasionally short of full needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate from regular sources, and demand for additional product remained limited. Light type hens were ample for the light demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to two cents higher on all sizes. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Movement into all outlets ranged fair to good. Offerings were usually adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate for the somewhat cautious demand. Light type fowl were ample for the light demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets was fair to good. Supplies were generally adequate to available.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents higher for large and small, and increased 1 cent for medium. Prices were unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand and institutional movement was fair to good. Supplies were adequate for the smaller sizes and adequate to closely balanced, instances short of full needs for the heavier weights. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet with offerings adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to about steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices on extra large and large increased 2 cents, mediums 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good and overall noted as improved for the holiday weekend. Supplies of larger sizes adequate to barely adequate, smaller sizes adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was at least steady. Retail demand ranged fair to fairly good entering the holiday weekend, best for planned promotional activity. Supplies were generally adequate to occasionally balanced. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than the current week. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for current needs, and demand was generally improved but cautious. Offerings of light type fowl were ample for the light demand.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 3 cents higher on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings moved into good balance and were held with more confidence in all areas.

## 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)	84-88	76-80	55-59
New York	56-58	53-56	47-50
Philadelphia	52-56	50-54	44-47
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	41-46	40-45	37-42
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-43	37-41	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	58-61	54-56	49-50
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	62-74	61-68	58-64
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	78	71	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices		(4) - Prices To Retailers	

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 3 cents higher on all sizes. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Southern California: Jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 67-89, large dozen 79-99, medium 20 pack 97.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	94
EXTRA LARGE	78
LARGE	71
MEDIUM	68

## 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	81-91
EXTRA LARGE	62-74
LARGE	61-68
MEDIUM	58-64

## 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** Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was quiet as most buyers were content with current inventories as the long weekend approaches. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to about 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	22-27	24-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

## 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** Prices were unchanged. Demand was somewhat cautious but improved. Offerings were generally adequate for immediate needs. Undertone was mostly steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 26, 2000 were 2 % less than last week, and unchanged from the same week last year.  
PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	22-27	23-25
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-13	

## 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 20-May-00  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,263,540	28,333	13,000	6,859	3,295	4,089
PW	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
LY	1,111,743	27,115	9,956	5,552	2,368	3,492
% PW	1	1	2	2	3	1
% LY	14	4	31	24	39	17
2000	23,045,262	522,801	230,140	125,068	58,632	76,357
1999	21,261,563	485,845	208,881	115,399	52,605	66,732

## AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.38	41.26	41.48

**NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS** Pasteurized whites reported at 28 cents fob with no pasteurized salt yolk reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, unsettled to barely steady for whites, and mostly steady to instances fully steady for yolk. Whole egg demand was good approaching the upcoming holiday. White demand was fair at best while demand for additional spot loads of yolk continued to show improvement. Offerings of whole egg were adequate or available, at least adequate to fully adequate for whites with some discounting noted. Yolk offerings were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate for current needs. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 26 May, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	33	21-25	23.06	-.12
WHITES	25	23-28	26.82	.35
YOLKS	18	28-30	29.06	.48

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on whole and sugar yolks, unchanged to lower on salt yolks, and balance of other items were irregular when compared to last week's values. Offerings were usually reported as adequate to available. Buying interest improved but sellers were somewhat cautious at the lower trending price levels. The undertone was mixed. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 20, 2000 were 4% more last week, and 4% more than a year ago. Shell egg suppliers were usually sufficient for current needs.

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

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	36-40	37-39	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		51-59
WHITES	37-42	37-39	44-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-46	44-46	50-56
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	40-43		47-64

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Prices were unchanged to lower with the exception of salt yolk which was unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for all frozen products with whites in the weakest position and reported as occasionally hard to move. Demand was generally hand to mouth as buyers were reluctant to purchase much outside of current needs. Schedules were reduced for next week in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Breaking stock supplies were in close balance to adequate.  
WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-38	37-38
WHITES	36-39	39
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-46	44-46
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	41-43	

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS** Prices 1 cent lower on whites, unchanged on the balance. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/20 was 8% less than the previous week. Breaking stock lighter. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)  
LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	42-45
WHITES	42-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-49

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Majority prices were irregular on yolks, other items were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair but improved. Offerings were sufficient for trade requirements. The undertone was at best unsettled. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending May 20, 2000 were 3% more than the previous week, and 39% higher than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.35-1.67	MOSTLY	1.37-1.45
YOLKS	1.00-1.20	MOSTLY	1.03-1.11
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.88-3.25	MOSTLY	2.90-3.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.08-1.27		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 19- MAY 25, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS					
102.25								38.00			140.25					
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	28.33	33.17	29.00	30.75	29.50	31.17	30.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	36.00	37.00	1.00	
GNR W 2	29.00	30.00	—	—	28.50	29.50	7.00	GNR W 2	—	33.67	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.50	29.33	4.00	GNR W 3	—	33.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	2.00	GL W XL	32.80	37.00	—	—	—	40.00	4.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	37.81	33.38	—	26.25	GL W LG	31.00	—	—	—	—	39.85	19.25	
GL W LG	—	36.60	29.00	31.83	30.65	—	29.00	GL W MD	28.43	—	—	36.00	32.00	35.54	14.50	
GL W MD	26.75	30.83	28.88	30.50	27.59	—	20.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	1.25	
GL W SM	—	—	21.50	23.00	25.00	—	2.25	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.13	29.88	2.00	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	2.00									

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 LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were ample for the light demand. Processing schedules ranged from reduced for the holiday to normal. Finished product was fully adequate at about unchanged price levels. Undertone was generally steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly light. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for full trade needs. Schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged with a very limited number of producers receiving the top of the market for spent hens. Offerings continue ample for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time with reduced schedules planned for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked full schedules. Offerings exceeded available line time.

**LIVE HENS**

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

	LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)	
Eastern Light	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 26-May-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	55.21	52.83	46.71
SOUTHERN	51.32	48.98	42.72
MIDWEST	41.55	40.32	36.88
WESTERN	82.10	75.67	60.46
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.46	57.86	49.03

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on lights and unchanged to lower on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was unaggressive and light. Offerings were slow to clear and usually reported as available. The undertone was about steady on lights, but weak on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT  
FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-26 MAJORITY 24-26	30-33.25 MAJORITY 32-33.25

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST  
INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	31-34.5 MAJORITY 33.5-34.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 20-MAY-00  
**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(PRELIMINARY)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,873	1,584	3,457
LAST WEEK	2,024	1,238	3,262
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,329	1,356	3,685
TO-DATE/2000	40,647	27,531	68,178
TO-DATE/1999	44,152	26,853	71,005

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	426	0	426
LAST WEEK	364	0	364
SAME WEEK YR AGO	442	0	442
TO-DATE/2000	10,211	50	10,261
TO-DATE/1999	9,748	155	9,903

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	2,299	1,584	3,883
LAST WEEK	2,388	1,238	3,626
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,771	1,356	4,127
TO-DATE/2000	50,858	27,581	78,439
TO-DATE/1999	53,900	27,008	80,908

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

Type	Week Ending May 13, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000 (000)	1999 /1	2000 (000)	1999
Liquid	104	201	2,064	5,207
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	0	0	112	174
Total	104	201	2,216	5,387

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

Type	Week Ending May 13, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000 (000)	1999 /1	2000 (000)	1999
Liquid	97	179	2,253	1,770
Frozen	14	2	200	97
Dried	40	0	563	10
Total	151	181	3,016	1,877

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

Type	Week Ending May 13, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	39	17	357	255
Extra Large	1,019	180	11,452	10,135
Large	4,992	4,108	53,722	39,673
Medium	180	413	11,960	17,121
Ungraded	7,680	16,260	63,600	147,199
Misc	0	750	5,310	3,228
Total	13,910	21,728	146,401	217,611

/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. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
45-48	36-42	34-39	30-35	23-27

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
23-25	20-22	17-19

**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
114-117	67-70	59-62	38-41	14-17

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 22-May-00	3,447	135,753	92,074
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	256	8349	1891
PCT CHG	8	7	2

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 20-May-00

**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PCT CHG	
	CW	PW	PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.7	17.0	22	-34
BOSTON	3.9	3.7	5	-20
CHICAGO	42.5	44.0	-3	-4
DETROIT	29.3	25.1	17	4
KANSAS CITY	4.9	2.5	96	29
LOS ANGELES	91.1	89.7	2	10
NEW ORLEANS	11.6	11.4	2	6
NEW YORK	42.3	38.7	9	3
ST. LOUIS	14.8	16.9	-12	2
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	20.7	1	12
TOTAL	282.1	269.7	5	0
4 WK MVG AVG	293.0			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 20-May-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	220.5	-3	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	504.2	4	10
W.N. CENTRAL	256.6	0	13
S. ATLANTIC	179.5	-1	-3
S. CENTRAL	68.6	-5	-5
WEST	181.1	3	-17
TOTAL	1410.5	1	2

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**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT.**

MAY 23, 2000.

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	98 -	90 -	69 -	47 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	91-95 93-94	83-87 85-86	62-66 64-65	40-44 42-43
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	94-98 94	86-90 86	65-69 65	43-47 43
VERMONT MOSTLY	100-101 101	93-95 93	70-72 72	- -

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**CHICKENS  
AND EGGS****April Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.01 billion during April 2000, up 3 percent from the 6.78 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2000 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during April 1999. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,130 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,110 eggs in April 1999. April 2000 contained 20 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in April 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on May 1, 2000 totaled 328 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 267 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 58.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.94 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2000, averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.0 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.57 billion eggs during April, up 3 percent from April 1999. The average number of layers during April, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

**Monthly Cold Storage Report**

(In Units of 1,000)

	REVISED - A		-B-	
	Mar 31 1999	Mar 31 2000	Apr 30 1999	Apr 30 2000
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	849	616	660	439
Yolks	573	672	646	658
Whole & Mixed	6,714	6,192	6,674	5,394
Unclassified	1,102	611	1,376	628
Total Frozen Eggs	9,238	8,091	9,356	7,119