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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Midwest and California, prices were lower on all sizes. In the Southeast, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on the lighter weights. In most other areas, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady on the East coast, but ranged steady to weak in the Midwest and California. Demand was light to moderate, instances good, and was best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were generally adequate in all locations except California, which had light offerings. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available and demand was light to moderate. Light type fowl were sufficient for trade needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to lower when compared to the previous week. Elsewhere prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress. In the Philadelphia area large eggs were reported as being advertised at 39 cents per dozen. Supplies were sufficient at current price levels. Breaking stock demand was only fair for adequate offerings. Light type hens were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where promotional activities were in progress. Supplies were adequate for trade needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices were 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and 6 cents lower on mediums in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady for the larger sizes and steady to instances barely steady on the balance. Retail sales were light to moderate with food service demand mostly moderate to instances good and best in the Ohio area. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and adequate to instances ample for the lighter weights. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings continued adequate to available for current needs. Breakers were shortening schedules for the week and were not actively seeking additional heavy nest runs. Demand was very light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand generally moderate, instances good, best where features are a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on the larger sizes but lower on the balance. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending February 23, 2001 was 73.19 cents, 2.69 cents more than the week before and 9 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient and demand for additional product was only fair. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 4 cents lower on all sizes in California and 2 cents lower on all sizes in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 8% lower than last week with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 12%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings within the region in close balance.

**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)	106-108	95-97	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	60-63
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	59-61
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	67-68	65.5-67	53-54
Jackson (1)	76-77	74-75	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	74-89	73-87	58-72
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	49-54
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	45-48
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67	60-65	46-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	49-56
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	82-86	79-81	65-67
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	102	94	83
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 4 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Local offerings light. Small invoice price 63. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen and large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE	
JUMBO	115	
EXTRA LARGE	102	
LARGE	94	
MEDIUM	83	
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>		
	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO 239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE 219-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE 199-239
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM 149-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 02, 2001 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 23, 2001 were 244,070 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 11 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	209,575	34,495	244,070
% change from the prior week.....	-7	+5	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings continued adequate to available with demand very light to moderate. Breakers were shortening schedules for the week and were not actively seeking additional heavy nest runs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly 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	38-42	40
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	24-27	

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** Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand for spent fowl was moderate to good. Offerings were no better than adequate for needs. Finished sales were moderate with current schedules sufficient for sales needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-11 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.83

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. However, offerings ranged from short to about adequate for processors requirements. Demand was fair but unaggressive. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.21
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 26,2001**

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

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	17.3	5.6	11.4	10.0	54.6
	Change	1.8	-0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	42.2	10.9	27.6	20.9	125.1
	Change	0.6	8.3	-0.6	-1.0	2.7	9%
Large	Curr Wk	44.5	91.9	69.3	70.7	86.3	362.7
	Change	5.8	9.9	19.0	16.2	-7.3	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	34.9	15.3	24.5	16.8	104.5
	Change	0.2	5.8	0.2	3.3	-5.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	9.9	2.9	7.7	4.4	29.9
	Change	2.4	0.9	0.3	2.7	0.0	27%
Misc	Curr Wk	11.6	19.8	4.5	11.9	5.5	53.3
	Change	-0.1	-1.7	0.1	-0.6	0.0	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.3	41.0	23.8	33.4	26.9	152.4
	Change	4.3	-3.3	-2.9	5.5	-5.1	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	257.0	132.3	187.2	170.8	882.5
Percent	Change	12%	8%	14%	17%	-8%	8%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	882.5	8%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	255.0	0%	38

Total Shell Egg 1137.5 6% 208  
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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2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week 02/19/01 were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures for Shell Egg Breaking Stock are:  
Number of cases - 255.3, Number of cooperators - 38.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 12, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							11.75	FUTURE LOADS							12.00	TOTAL LOADS			23.75
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	—	—	46.00	45.00	44.00	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	55.00	1.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	1.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	56.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	56.00	60.00	1.00				
GL W XL	—	52.00	—	—	50.25	—	2.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	45.00	49.00	.75				
GL W LG	—	—	51.00	53.00	—	—	1.00												
GL W MD	—	—	39.00	41.00	—	—	6.00												
GL W SM	25.25	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00												
NRBS - 39	30.50	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00												

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/19/01-02/23/01

CURRENT LOADS							151.25	FUTURE LOADS							63.75	TOTAL LOADS			215.00
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS				
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W XL	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	54.17	55.65	—	—	—	57.17	34.00				
GNR W 1	47.10	50.50	46.10	47.75	52.38	—	70.00	GNR W 2	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	.50				
GNR W 2	—	50.00	44.50	46.00	—	45.00	4.50	GNR W 3	—	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 3	—	47.00	42.00	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	28.00	31.00	1.00	GL W J	60.44	—	—	—	—	70.00	3.25				
GNR BR 1	—	—	56.00	58.25	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	57.27	60.55	—	—	—	62.79	12.50				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	58.94	60.97	—	—	59.50	62.74	23.75				
GL W XL	—	56.40	—	55.33	51.81	—	18.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	48.40	50.43	4.25				
GL W LG	—	56.73	51.50	53.80	55.44	—	28.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	43.50	46.00	.25				
GL W MD	—	42.00	35.04	37.55	35.80	40.31	21.50	NRBS - 48	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	7.00				
GL W SM	26.33	28.17	25.73	27.07	—	—	6.75	NRBS - 42	31.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.50				
GL BR XL	—	—	—	57.00	53.50	—	1.00												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.75	—	25.00												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	44.00	—	.50												
NRBS - 39	30.50	—	13.00	15.00	24.25	29.93	11.25												

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.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/11/01 - 02/17/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern, CA		Central, CA		Southern, CA		
California	0.00		0.00		1,807.00		1,807.00
Colorado	0.00		0.00		3,388.00		3,388.00
Delaware	0.00		0.00		720.00		720.00
Iowa	2,808.00		0.00		15,675.00		18,483.00
Maine	0.00		950.00		0.00		950.00
Michigan	0.00		460.00		0.00		460.00
Minnesota	720.00		710.00		9,758.00		11,188.00
Missouri	0.00		0.00		4,498.00		4,498.00
New Hampshire	0.00		810.00		800.00		1,610.00
New Jersey	0.00		760.00		0.00		760.00
Ohio	0.00		0.00		800.00		800.00
Oregon	1,372.00		0.00		660.00		2,032.00
Utah	660.00		1,440.00		2,333.00		4,433.00
Wisconsin	900.00		0.00		3,119.00		4,019.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,460.00</b>		<b>5,130.00</b>		<b>43,558.00</b>		<b>55,148.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>6,460.00</b>		<b>5,130.00</b>		<b>43,558.00</b>		<b>55,148.00</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

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

<b>JUMBO</b>	<b>EX-LARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
127-130	87-90	76-79	60-63	21-24

**DETROIT EGGS**

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

<b>JUMBO</b>	<b>EX-LARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
68-71	59-65	57-62	43-48	28-34

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
42-44	28-30	12-14

**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.

<b>EX-LARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
80.19	79.19	74.10	51.79

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

<b>ON HAND</b>	<u>02/19/01</u>	<u>02/12/01</u>	<u>2/21/00</u>
PACIFIC COAST	106	213	125
LOS ANGELES	77	178	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 02/11/01-02/17/01

30-dozen cases 4,859

Receipts from the mainland: 02/04/01-02/10/01

30-dozen cases 4,174

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