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In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to lower on medium. In Florida, prices were slightly lower on all sizes. In California, prices were higher on large, medium, and small. Elsewhere prices remained unchanged. The market tone ranged at least steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate, better where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample in all areas except California, in which offerings were held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for trade needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents lower on mediums based on previous week average prices. The remainder of prices were unchanged. The market tone was at least steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was at least steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for trade requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in all areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. A few breakers were diverting heavy nest runs into cartoned channels at this call. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand uneven and ranges from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta prices were unchanged. In Florida prices were slightly lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light, although better where promotions were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to 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 March 09, 2001 was 69.82 cents, 2.83 cents less than the previous week, but 16.72 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample and demand was only fair. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for slaughter schedules.

WESTERN Prices in California unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent higher on large, medium, and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 10% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

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)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	57-60
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	56-57
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	65-66	63.5-65	49-50
Jackson (1)	73-74	72-73	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	70-85	69-83	53-67
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	44-49
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-64	57-62	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	78-81	75-77	59-61
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	90	80
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 10% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small invoice price 60. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 149.

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

	RANGE	
JUMBO	109	
EXTRA LARGE	97	
LARGE	90	
MEDIUM	80	
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	219-259	EXTRA LARGE 219-249
LARGE	199-229	LARGE 199-235
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 149-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 16, 2001 will decrease by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 09, 2001 were 278,799 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	242,067	36,732	278,799
% change from the prior week.....	+9	-5	+7

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. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. A few breakers were diverting heavy nest runs into cartoned channels at this call. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment generally 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
NEST RUN	35-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24

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 slightly lower when compared to the past week. Availability of spent hens were adequate for processing schedules. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11 CENTS/LB.	6-8	7.37

* 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 about adequate to short offerings. Processing schedules were in a range of less than normal to normal. Movement of finished product was clearing available offerings. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.07

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 MAR 12,2001

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	8.5	19.6	6.5	14.0	10.6	59.2
	Change	-1.9	-2.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.9	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.4	40.7	12.6	38.1	24.9	136.7
	Change	-2.7	-7.8	-0.3	1.8	0.1	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	33.9	89.3	64.5	65.4	92.3	345.4
	Change	-9.8	-1.1	-1.0	-8.9	7.7	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.7	36.2	13.3	22.6	16.9	107.7
	Change	2.4	-5.7	-1.9	0.1	-1.9	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	8.6	1.6	5.8	7.3	25.6
	Change	-2.4	-3.0	0.2	0.9	1.9	-9%
Misc	Curr Wk	8.5	18.9	2.6	10.2	4.3	44.5
	Change	0.5	-3.0	-1.4	-3.8	-0.1	-15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.2	49.6	22.8	35.4	32.3	170.3
	Change	3.5	0.5	-4.6	-0.4	0.7	0%
Total	Curr Wk	122.5	262.9	123.9	191.5	188.6	889.4
Percent	Change	-8%	-8%	-6%	-5%	4%	-5%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	889.4	-5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.6	1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1171.0 -4% 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.

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 26, 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 MARCH 09, 2001

CURRENT LOADS 20.00 FUTURE LOADS 19.75 TOTAL LOADS 39.75

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	50.00	45.50	47.00	49.10	—	18.00	GNR W 1	—	51.60	—	—	—	—	14.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	60.50	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	54.00	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	59.00	63.86	3.50
GL W LG	—	—	51.00	53.00	53.00	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	58.88	62.50	4.00
GL W MD	—	—	38.00	40.00	—	—	7.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	46.75	50.00	4.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/03/01-03/09/01

CURRENT LOADS 153.00 FUTURE LOADS 57.00 TOTAL LOADS 210.00

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	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	47.76	49.93	—	—	—	57.88	47.50
GNR W 1	45.08	52.00	45.33	49.23	47.87	46.50	68.50	GNR W 3	—	43.89	—	—	—	—	4.75
GNR W 2	—	48.00	43.75	45.50	42.50	—	5.00	GNR W 4	—	37.67	—	—	—	—	.75
GNR W 3	—	—	36.00	—	39.89	41.00	6.75	GNR BR 1	—	55.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	33.00	34.00	33.29	34.75	2.75	GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	62.13	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.17	47.00	—	51.00	4.00	GL W XL	51.42	55.00	—	—	57.78	61.28	20.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	48.67	—	3.00	GL W LG	50.11	—	—	56.75	57.92	60.68	16.75
GL W XL	51.00	53.40	52.50	54.05	51.06	—	19.50	GL W MD	36.20	37.82	—	—	46.75	46.50	12.50
GL W LG	—	53.00	51.00	53.00	51.50	—	19.00	NRBS - 50	38.00	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	38.50	40.00	34.00	34.70	15.00								
GL W SM	24.00	26.50	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	39.00	11.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	24.00	25.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	25.00	—	23.50	26.86	11.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	19.00	—	—	22.00	1.00								

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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/25/01 - 03/03/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA		
Colorado	0.00	809.00	2,155.00		2,964.00
Iowa	3,110.00	0.00	7,650.00		10,760.00
Maine	0.00	800.00	0.00		800.00
Michigan	0.00	0.00	1,650.00		1,650.00
Minnesota	780.00	780.00	14,708.00		16,268.00
Mississippi	0.00	0.00	800.00		800.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	7,204.00		7,204.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	360.00		360.00
Ohio	0.00	830.00	3,326.00		4,156.00
Oregon	768.00	4,238.00	0.00		5,006.00
Utah	770.00	5,541.00	5,164.00		11,475.00
Washington	0.00	0.00	600.00		600.00
Wisconsin	270.00	780.00	1,700.00		2,750.00
TOTAL	5,698.00	13,778.00	45,317.00		64,793.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	5,698.00	13,778.00	45,317.00		64,793.00

NEW ENGLAND

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	122-125
EXTRA LARGE	85-88
LARGE	74-77
MEDIUM	60-63
SMALL	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.

	RANGE
JUMBO	65-68
EXTRA LARGE	56-62
LARGE	54-59
MEDIUM	38-43
SMALL	27-31

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
LARGE	39-41
MEDIUM	23-25
SMALL	11-13

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.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80.27
LARGE	79.27
MEDIUM	64.57
SMALL	47.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
ON HAND	03/05/01	02/26/01	03/06/00
PACIFIC COAST	46	86	607
LOS ANGELES	19	59	495

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

NOTICE

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

RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND

	2/25-3/3	2/18-2/24
Eggs: "30 Dozen Cases"	4,555	5,270

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