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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were higher on all sizes in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and the Southeast. In all other areas, prices remained unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were generally adequate and held with increased confidence, as many producers begin to build inventories for the Easter holiday. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to one cent higher on all sizes. In Boston and New England, prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm on white eggs and steady on brown eggs. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were usually adequate and held with increased confidence, as inventories begin to build for the Easter holiday. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for about normal processing schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were one cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were generally adequate and held with confidence, as inventories increase for Easter.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 3 cents for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Prices in all other areas remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best into retail features. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and were still being held with extreme confidence. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Regular commitments satisfied most breakers needs. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes advanced 3 cents. Trade sentiment steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where scattered features are planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged to higher entering the weekend. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged moderate to good, mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate for trade needs. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher when compared to the current week. Breaking stock demand was only fair and supplies were irregular, although usually adequate for breakers needs. Light type hens were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and in confident hands.

### 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)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	82-84	79-82	66-69
Philadelphia	71-82	69-80	56-66
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
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
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	68-73	67-72	52-57
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
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	78-81	75-77	59-61
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	81-94	80-87	70-76
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	97	90	80

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 9 cents higher on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and confidently held. Small invoice price 60. Ads in Southern California: major- extra large 20 pack 199; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 109, extra large dozen 99, 20 pack 169, large dozen 89-99, medium dozen 79-99.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	109
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	90
MEDIUM	80

### 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	96-106
EXTRA LARGE	81-94
LARGE	80-87
MEDIUM	70-76

### 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	219-259
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	187-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices remain unchanged. Offerings adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Regular commitments satisfied most breakers. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly 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	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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair for usually normal breaking schedules. Offerings were irregular but usually fully adequate for breaker needs. The undertone was steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 10, 2001 were 5 % more than the previous week, but 13 % less than a year earlier. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-39	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-27	21-25
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 10-Mar-01

\*\*\*Previous week's were adjusted, all items affected\*\*\*

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,143,518	25,210	12,278	6,550	2,491	4,178
PW	*1,129,514*	*25,277*	*11,971*	*6,196*	*2,338*	*4,039*
LY	1,185,234	27,015	11,882	6,593	2,975	3,890
% PW	1	0	3	6	7	3
% LY	-4	-7	3	-1	-16	7
2001	*10,950,373*	*247,308**	*111,507*	*60,928**	*25,778**	*39,838*
2000	11,323,768	251,905	116,352	63,742	31,138	37,417

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
42.16	*42.04*	41.66

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 57 to 62 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, barely steady for whites and firm for yolk. Whole egg offerings were less available than the previous week with offerings of yolk very tight and about adequate for whites. Separation schedules declined due to price relationships of raw costs. Demand was light to mostly moderate for whole egg and whites and excellent for yolk. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with prices unchanged. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 16 March, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	18	31-37	34.17	1.12
WHITES	10	17-24	20.50	-2.28
YOLKS	9	54-64	58.50	4.42

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices were sharply higher on blends, higher on yolks, mostly unchanged on whole but the range trended higher, and whites were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Trading was only fair but interest was good on yolks and improved on blends. Supplies were held with confidence on yolks, other items were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was firm on yolks, fully steady to firm on blends, steady on whole, and unsettled on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 10, 2001 were 4 % more than last week, but 13 % less than a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	46-50	46-48	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		66-68
WHITES	33-36		40-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-71	68-70	73-76
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-70	65-68	71-74
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 2 cents higher, with whites unchanged to 1 cent lower, sugared yolk was 2 cents higher and salt yolk increased 2 to 3 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady for whole egg, barely steady to weak for whites, and fully steady to firm for sugar and salt yolk. Offerings were adequate for current needs and most buyers purchasing for short term requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate with prices unchanged throughout the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-49	47-48
WHITES	33-36	34-35
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-70	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-68	64-67

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whole, 1 cent lower on whites, and 2 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/10 was 3% less than the previous week. Breaking stock light and supplemented by liquid from the Midwest. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks about adequate.

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were unchanged to higher on yolk, and unchanged on balance when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was fully steady to firm on yolks, mixed but usually steady on whole and blends, and unsettled on albumen. Trading was irregular but interest improved sharply on yolks with supplies generally held with confidence, other product items were usually sufficient for trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 10, 2001 were 7 % more than the previous week, but 16 % less than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	1.60-1.85	1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.50-1.70	1.53-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.60-2.95	2.60-2.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	1.25-1.30

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 9 - 15, 2001

CURRENT LOADS								89.75			FUTURE LOADS			78.75			TOTAL LOADS				168.50
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	LOADS					
GNR W XL	—	54.00	48.50	50.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	49.50	53.11	—	—	64.00	65.50	37.00						
GNR W 1	48.40	56.33	50.04	52.17	51.50	—	76.00	GNR W 2	—	55.85	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GNR W 2	—	53.00	—	—	51.88	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	48.00	—	—	—	—	1.75						
GNR W 3	—	—	43.00	—	—	—	1.75	GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	62.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.25						
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	61.00	—	—	—	63.80	68.06	9.00						
GL W XL	—	64.33	54.75	61.81	59.59	69.00	13.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	62.00	61.33	66.82	15.00						
GL W LG	—	60.00	56.67	58.67	56.89	—	19.00	GL W MD	42.00	—	—	—	53.63	55.20	7.75						
GL W MD	—	46.00	46.10	44.67	—	—	11.75														
GL W SM	—	—	24.50	27.00	—	—	2.00														
NRBS - 48	—	—	52.00	53.50	40.00	—	9.00														
NRBS - 42	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.25														
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.00	—	—	27.00	5.00														
NRBS - 36	—	—	18.00	—	—	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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Market conditions and prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate for offerings that were sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were about normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for inbalance offerings of light hens for slaughter. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was only steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly light to moderate with a few heavy hen processors filling shorted needs with light hens at this call. Offerings continue fully adequate to instances ample for current schedules. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked lighter schedules overall. Offerings spotty through Easter.

**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	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading  
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-01  
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	77.90	75.52	62.39
SOUTHERN	71.16	69.82	54.60
MIDWEST	62.65	61.41	46.05
WESTERN	89.83	84.86	73.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.96	74.97	61.92

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on light canners but irregular on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair and product was clearing easily. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Undertone was about steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26.5 MAJORITY	21-23.5
25-28 MAJORITY	25
25-28 MAJORITY	36-39 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY	25
25-28 MAJORITY	36-39 MAJORITY

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 10-MARCH-01

(PRELIMINARY)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,010	1,270	3,280
LAST WEEK	1,910	1,261	3,171
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,109	1,513	3,622
TO-DATE/2001	18,487	12,652	31,139
TO-DATE/2000	20,364	13,524	33,888

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	571	4	575
LAST WEEK	640	4	644
SAME WEEK YR AGO	427	0	427
TO-DATE/2001	5,397	56	5,453
TO-DATE/2000	5,408	27	5,435

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	2,581	1,274	3,855
LAST WEEK	2,550	1,265	3,815
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,536	1,513	4,049
TO-DATE/2001	23,884	12,708	36,592
TO-DATE/2000	25,772	13,551	39,323

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	291	194	1,403	1,207
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	40	22	58
Total	291	234	1,425	1,305

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	55	62	1,024	1,045
Frozen	9	5	204	43
Dried	0	40	82	321
Total	64	107	1,310	1,409

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

Week Ending Mar 03, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	79	24	92
Extra Large	380	970	1,720	3,473
Large	2,970	2,423	16,075	19,898
Medium	2,848	1,047	5,998	4,848
Ungraded	780	0	12,840	6,180
Misc	0	750	2,437	1,500
Total	6,978	5,269	39,094	35,991

/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, Pltry Development Div.

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

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

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
47-49	31-33	11-13

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

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
122-125	85-88	74-77	60-63	21-24

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 12-Mar-01	3,035	117,993	63,280
AM 1-Mar-01	3,524	103,319	62,929
CHG	-489	14674	351
PCT CHG	-14	14	1

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 10-Mar-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.8	20.6	11	15
BOSTON	4.3	4.0	8	23
CHICAGO	48.1	55.5	-13	4
DETROIT	28.1	26.7	5	0
KANSAS CITY	10.6	4.1	159	179
LOS ANGELES	122.0	120.5	1	27
NEW ORLEANS	9.7	9.1	7	-3
NEW YORK	40.7	34.8	17	-6
ST. LOUIS	16.2	13.2	23	22
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	21.9	-4	-5
TOTAL	323.5	310.4	4	13
4 WK MVG AVG	317.4			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 10-Mar-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	226.9	0	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	487.5	0	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	256.7	-1	-3
S. ATLANTIC	202.3	3	4
S. CENTRAL	78.4	4	9
WEST	220.3	8	13
TOTAL	1472.1	1	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	90

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG**

MARCH 14, 2001

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	118	107	93	54
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	111-115	100-104	86-90	47-51
	113-114	102-103	88-89	49-50
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	114-118	103-107	89-93	50-54
	114	103	89	50
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-121	109-110	95-96	-
	121	110	96	-

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