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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York, Chicago, and Boston. In most other locations, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged steady to firm, mostly fully steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, mainly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times tight for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient and demand for additional product was light to moderate. Light type hens were mostly adequate for current requirements.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 8 cents higher on all sizes based on previous week average prices. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady for white eggs and steady on browns. Demand was moderate to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate and demand was only fair. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient for slaughter needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were mostly adequate for trade needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices were sharply higher on all sizes in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to very good, mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings usually adequate for current breaker needs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

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

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was mostly fully steady. Demand was moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for trade 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 23, 2001 was 76.82 cents, 7 cents more than the week before and 20.02 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient and demand was only fair. Light type fowl were generally adequate for slaughter requirements.

**WESTERN** Prices 10 cents higher on extra large, large, and medium throughout the region, 6 cents higher on jumbo in California and 8 cents higher on jumbo in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 14% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 18%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings short.

**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	90-92	87-90	73-76
Philadelphia	84-90	82-88	69-73
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	81-82	79.5-81	64-65
Jackson (1)	89-90	88-89	73-74
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-101	85-99	69-83
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	77-82	76-81	61-66
Detroit (2)	74-77	73-76	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	73-81	72-79	57-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	78-85	76-83	61-68
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	116	109	99

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 6 cents higher on jumbo, 10 cents higher on extra large, large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings short of full needs. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen 129, 18 pack 150-229.

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

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	124		
EXTRA LARGE	116		
LARGE	109		
MEDIUM	99		
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>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JJUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 30, 2001 will increase by 14percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 23, 2001 were 262,831 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 5 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	226,828	36,003	262,831
% change from the prior week.....	+4	+2	+3

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. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings usually adequate for current breaker needs. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment 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	
NEST RUN	38-43	39-40
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** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past weeks trading. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were at or near normal volume. Finished sales were moderate. 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-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.90
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was in a closer range with majority sales generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules for current week were in a range of less than normal to normal. Interest for canners were clearing. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-MAR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-9 CENTS/LB.		8.23
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 26,2001**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	22.2	8.5	13.8	12.5	66.7
	Change	0.6	6.3	2.1	1.1	3.9	27%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	35.6	45.2	11.9	31.8	24.3	148.8
	Change	11.1	2.1	-2.1	4.0	2.0	13%
Large	Curr Wk	71.0	153.1	87.8	90.1	127.0	529.0
	Change	18.5	49.6	26.1	17.3	22.3	34%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.4	29.8	15.7	20.7	19.7	99.3
	Change	-2.5	0.3	3.7	0.5	0.2	2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	6.5	1.5	7.0	6.6	26.5
	Change	1.9	0.0	-0.5	1.0	-0.1	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	8.9	19.3	3.6	12.3	4.5	48.6
	Change	1.6	-4.4	-0.6	-1.0	0.3	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.3	51.9	23.8	39.5	33.7	186.2
	Change	-2.0	3.0	1.0	2.1	-1.0	2%
Total	Curr Wk	180.8	328.0	152.8	215.2	228.3	1,105.1
	Change	19%	21%	24%	13%	14%	18%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,105.1	18%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	267.6	-5%	38

Total Shell Egg 1,372.7 13% 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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**CANADIAN EGGS**

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

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6

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

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	139	139	129	77

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

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
14.25								14.50								28.75							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W 1	62.00	—	63.00	64.50	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	55.00	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	59.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						
GNR BR 1	—	—	47.00	48.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.75	70.00	—	.75							
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	86.00	83.50	86.00	—	5.50							
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	75.80	—	6.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	71.50	66.00	—	1.25							
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	54.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00							
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	1.00																
GL BR MD	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.50																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/19/01-03/23/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
125.00								103.00								228.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS						
GNR W XL	—	67.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	68.42	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.50						
GNR W 1	58.80	66.00	58.93	61.50	70.00	66.50	88.00	GNR W 2	—	59.63	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00						
GNR W 2	—	—	—	68.00	55.00	—	6.00	GNR W 3	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00						
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	GNR W 4	—	45.33	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00						
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	41.50	—	9.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75						
GNR BR 1	—	—	46.75	48.88	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.75	69.10	—	7.75							
GL W J	—	—	77.50	79.00	56.07	—	8.00	GL W XL	72.00	—	—	—	73.00	76.83	—	5.75							
GL W XL	—	77.00	62.00	71.89	67.89	—	15.50	GL W LG	70.00	71.71	—	84.25	77.50	77.58	—	20.50							
GL W LG	—	76.00	54.57	66.43	71.05	68.00	35.00	GL W MD	—	54.67	—	—	71.50	64.09	—	9.25							
GL W MD	—	62.00	50.88	55.33	55.86	54.00	14.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.00							
GL W SM	23.00	—	24.25	26.38	—	—	5.00	GL BR XL	54.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GL BR MD	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00							
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.75	2.00															
NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	42.00	17.00															
NRBS - 42	—	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 39	—	—	26.00	20.00	—	—	33.00	1.50															

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 03/11/01 - 03/17/01**

State	# Cases Shipped To			Total State
	Northern, CA	Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Arizona	0.00	0.00	72.00	72.00
Colorado	0.00	0.00	5,312.00	5,312.00
Iowa	3,090.00	528.00	26,677.00	30,295.00
Michigan	0.00	479.00	802.00	1,281.00
Minnesota	0.00	1,620.00	10,870.00	12,490.00
Mississippi	0.00	0.00	1,485.00	1,485.00
Missouri	0.00	0.00	9,345.00	9,345.00
Montana	0.00	0.00	2,002.00	2,002.00
Nevada	0.00	0.00	1,274.00	1,274.00
Ohio	0.00	2,120.00	3,190.00	5,310.00
Oregon	2,728.00	2,694.00	0.00	5,422.00
Texas	0.00	950.00	830.00	1,780.00
Utah	770.00	4,280.00	5,375.00	10,425.00
Wisconsin	56.00	0.00	3,520.00	3,576.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,644.00</b>	<b>12,671.00</b>	<b>70,754.00</b>	<b>90,069.00</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>6,644.00</b>	<b>12,671.00</b>	<b>70,754.00</b>	<b>90,069.00</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

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

	<b>RANGE</b>
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.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	82-85
EXTRA LARGE	73-79
LARGE	71-76
MEDIUM	55-60
SMALL	29-33

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
LARGE	56-58
MEDIUM	40-42
SMALL	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.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	80.27
LARGE	79.27
MEDIUM	64.57
SMALL	47.51

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

	<b>Current Week</b>	<b>Previous Week</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
<b>ON HAND</b>	<b>03/19/01</b>	<b>03/12/01</b>	<b>03/20/00</b>
PACIFIC COAST	195	76	436
LOS ANGELES	165	46	319

**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**

	<b>3/11-17</b>	<b>3/04-10</b>
Eggs: "30 Dozen Cases"	4,377	5,054

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