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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



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**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices continued unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand and schedules were irregular. Light type fowl were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate for current requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices ended the week unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with the best movement coming from planned and ongoing feature activity. Foodservice movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings were usually adequate for needs. Breakers were watching the liquid markets for further movement and adjusting schedules accordingly. Floor stocks tight to balanced. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Light hen offerings were fully sufficient for current needs.

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

**SOUTHERN** Prices ended the week unchanged. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from current week. However, asking prices in Florida were ranging higher than current week. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light for about adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the fair demand.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good as pipelines were filled with Easter needs. Heavy floor stocks generally moving up to expectations with additional offerings light but mainly adequate.

**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)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	90-92	87-90	73-76
Philadelphia	84-90	82-88	69-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
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
MIDWEST CITIES			
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
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	100-113	99-106	89-95
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	116	109	99

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally good as stores stocked up for Easter needs. Offerings light but generally adequate. Small invoice price 79. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 109, large dozen 99, 3 for \$2.

### CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	116
LARGE	109
MEDIUM	99

### 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	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	100-113
LARGE	99-106
MEDIUM	89-95

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 were unchanged.

Demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings were usually adequate for needs. Breakers were watching the liquid markets for further movement and adjusting schedules accordingly. Floor stocks tight to balanced. 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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-42	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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were generally unchanged on limited availability of nest run breaking stock, and unchanged to higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Demand was light for reduced but about adequate offerings. Breakers were on normal to less than normal schedules. The undertone was steady but somewhat cautious. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 24, 2001 were 2% higher than the previous week, but 4% 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	21-30	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 24-Mar-01  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,064,832	24,556	10,848	5,434	1,676	3,939
PW	1,066,731	24,301	10,922	5,941	2,074	3,828
LY	1,109,586	26,540	9,986	5,438	2,302	3,631
% PW	0	1	-1	-9	-19	3
% LY	-4	-7	9	0	-27	8
2001	13,081,936	296,165	133,277	72,303	29,528	47,605
2000	13,574,370	304,692	137,288	75,160	36,186	44,890

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
42.05	42.18	41.09

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 71 to 74 cents fob with pasteurized whites at 23 to 24.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady for whole egg, unsettled for whites, and continued very firm for yolk. Offerings of whole egg were adequate to instances short of needs with whites adequate and yolk tight to mostly unavailable for additional needs outside of regular commitments. Demand was good for whole egg, light on whites, and excellent for yolk. Asking prices for next week were higher for whole egg and yolk. Breaking stock supplies were tight to balanced with prices generally unchanged.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 30 March, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	34-39	36.36	2.12
WHITES	6	21-24	22.50	.14
YOLKS	8	69-74	71.63	5.70

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices were sharply higher on yolks, unchanged to higher on blends, unchanged to slightly higher on whole, and unchanged on whites when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light and very irregular. Offerings continue to be held with confidence on yolks, other items were usually sufficient for trade needs. The undertone remained firm on yolks, unsettled on whites, and usually steady whole. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 24, 2001 were 1% more than the the previous week, and 3% more than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	47-50	48-49	54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		72-90
WHITES	33-36	33-35	39-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-80		80-83
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-77		77-79
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and white values ranged unchanged with sugar and salt yolk 1 to 3 cents higher.

Trade sentiment was mostly steady to about steady for whole egg and whites, and fully steady to firm for yolk. Demand continued to center around immediate needs with many buyers watching further market developments and resisting long term agreements. Most sellers were holding yolk products with confidence. Offerings were adequate for whites with the balance of products balanced to adequate for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were tight to balanced with prices generally unchanged.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-49	48-49
WHITES	33-36	34-35
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80	78-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-78	75-77

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged on whole and whites, 3 cents higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/24 was 18% more than the previous week. Breaking stock light and supplemented by liquid from the midwest. Frozen demand fairly good with freezer stocks in close balance.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	54-57
WHITES	40-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	85-88
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-85

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Prices were sharply higher on yolk, unchanged to higher on blends, balance of items were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was firm on yolks, steady on blends and whole, and unsettled to about steady on albumen. Trading was light and limited with supplies of yolk where available held with confidence, other product items were usually sufficient for trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 24, 2001 were 19% less than the previous week, and 27% less than the same week a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.65-1.85	MOSTLY	1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.55-2.90	MOSTLY	2.60-2.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.28-1.35		

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 23, 01-MAR 29, 01

CURRENT LOADS			102.50			FUTURE LOADS			103.75			TOTAL LOADS			206.25		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	—	62.00	—	—	—	—	.75	GNR W 1	—	65.57	—	—	—	—	23.00		
GNR W 1	61.30	64.57	62.17	64.38	—	61.00	81.00	GNR W 2	—	59.25	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 2	—	—	60.50	62.00	54.50	56.25	7.00	GNR W 3	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	4.00		
GNR W 3	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	4.50	GL W J	—	—	—	—	64.75	64.55	2.75		
GNR BR 1	—	—	46.17	47.33	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	75.00	—	—	75.00	79.00	4.50		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	2.00	GL W LG	—	73.25	—	86.00	83.50	81.55	24.75		
GL W XL	—	72.00	72.00	74.59	70.00	—	26.25	GL W MD	—	57.00	—	—	63.10	65.56	7.00		
GL W LG	—	72.00	68.50	70.00	72.33	—	32.75	NRBS - 50	38.00	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00		
GL W MD	53.00	—	54.50	56.00	54.00	—	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	25.50	—	—	3.25										
GL BR MD	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	42.00	—	41.75	3.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.50	39.82	22.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	28.00	29.00	—	—	.25										
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	24.50	26.00	5.50										

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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair. Offerings were fully adequate for normal processing schedules, even though Easter is two week away. Sales of canners product was clearing easily. Market conditions were steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices continue unchanged. Offerings were fully sufficient for the mostly light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked generally moderate schedules. Offerings spotty through Easter.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

	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 30-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	90.01	87.64	73.64
SOUTHERN	87.15	85.82	70.02
MIDWEST	78.10	76.87	61.65
WESTERN	108.53	103.55	92.56
TWELVE METRO AREAS	93.66	90.67	77.35

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower on light canners, and about unchanged on heavy canners. Supplies were clearing even though a slight increase in availability was reported. Demand was in a full range of fair to good. Undertone was generally steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** 23-26 MAJORITY

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)** 34.75-38 MAJORITY

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)** 25-27.5 MAJORITY 25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)** 36-40 MAJORITY 37-38

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 24-Mar-01

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,953	1,396	3,349
LAST WEEK	1,841	1,318	3,159
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,046	1,483	3,529
TO-DATE/2001	22,281	15,366	37,647
TO-DATE/2000	24,381	16,455	40,836

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

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	522	7	529
LAST WEEK	636(R)	10	646
SAME WEEK YR AGO	609	0	609
TO-DATE/2001	6,555	73	6,628
TO-DATE/2000	6,556	39	6,595

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

(R) Revised, reflected in to-date figure.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,475	1,403	3,878
LAST WEEK	2,477	1,328	3,805
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,655	1,483	4,138
TO-DATE/2001	28,836	15,439	44,275
TO-DATE/2000	30,937	16,494	47,431

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

	Week Ending Mar 17, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	309	142	2,011	1,453
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	58
Total	309	142	2,033	1,551

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

	Week Ending Mar 17, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	13	58	1,097	1,186
Frozen	9	12	300	109
Dried	0	0	143	321
Total	22	70	1,540	1,616

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

	Week Ending Mar 17, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	15	53	87	145
Extra Large	330	1,290	2,726	5,033
Large	2,328	3,944	20,209	26,827
Medium	1,020	150	7,638	6,987
Ungraded	7,622	4,530	25,766	12,960
Misc	2,350	750	5,537	2,250
Total	13,665	10,717	61,963	54,202

/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
82-85	73-79	71-76	55-60	29-33

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
56-58	40-42	13-15

**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  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 26-Mar-01	3,932	126,846	60,495
AM 1-Mar-01	3,524	103,319	62,929
CHG	408	23527	-2434
PCT CHG	12	23	-4

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 24-Mar-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.8	23.8	4	-9
BOSTON	3.5	3.3	6	67
CHICAGO	49.5	46.9	6	15
DETROIT	27.4	28.9	-5	-15
KANSAS CITY	2.6	4.2	-38	-32
LOS ANGELES	125.9	120.9	4	37
NEW ORLEANS	6.9	8.9	-22	-31
NEW YORK	36.6	36.8	-1	-7
ST. LOUIS	20.7	17.5	18	48
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	20.9	3	-2
TOTAL	319.5	312.1	2	12
4 WK MVG AVG	316.4			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 24-Mar-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	239.7	4	8
E.N. CENTRAL	545.3	1	2
W.N. CENTRAL	283.9	2	6
S. ATLANTIC	199.5	-2	2
S. CENTRAL	82.0	3	9
WEST	201.8	-5	-2
TOTAL	1552.2	0	3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG**

MARCH 27, 2001

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

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

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