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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate and was best where promotions were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to available, instances ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate and demand for additional product was light to instances good. Light type hens were at least adequate for slaughter requirements.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 12.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 10.5 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower on all sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for slaughter needs.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower again this week. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to instances moderate. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to at times good demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets generally moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies of larger sizes available, lighter weights adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were lower on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available 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 April 20, 2001 was 72.98 cents, 12.84 cents less than the previous week, but 3.74 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock demand was light for fully adequate supplies. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 17% higher than last Monday with California up 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 30%. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample.

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)	101-103	90-92	76-78
New York	67-69	64-67	53-56
Philadelphia	65-71	63-69	52-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	44-45
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	53-54
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-77	60-75	49-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	42-47
Detroit (2)	52-55	51-54	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	53-59	52-57	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	56-61	54-61	42-49
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-73	66-69	55-58
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	86	79

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 9 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 11% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 59. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	99		
EXTRA LARGE	93		
LARGE	86		
MEDIUM	79		
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	245-279
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	225-269
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	199-259
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	179-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 27, 2001 will decrease by 32 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 20, 2001 were 311,929 cases which was 36 percent below the prior week and 17 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	276,734	35,195	311,929
% change from the prior week.....	-39	+7	-36

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate and building. Schedules full-time. 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	32-36	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-20	

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 higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to good for spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with scheduling sufficient to cover sales requirements. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.	7.5-9	8.88

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies increased in availability and clearances were irregular. The undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.78
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 APR 23, 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	7.8	20.0	7.2	11.5	10.1 56.6
	Change	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-2.4	0.1 -3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.2	43.9	10.7	24.2	19.5 130.5
	Change	3.3	4.3	3.4	4.5	3.6 17%
Large	Curr Wk	43.1	109.1	57.9	69.3	76.3 355.7
	Change	8.1	37.0	20.7	22.9	19.0 43%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.3	34.4	14.5	20.7	18.3 102.2
	Change	2.0	-1.7	3.4	-1.0	2.1 5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	5.4	2.1	6.7	5.0 23.7
	Change	-0.9	-1.8	-0.2	1.0	1.8 0%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.1	20.2	4.3	9.6	4.6 45.8
	Change	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-2.1	0.3 -5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.6	53.1	16.7	16.3	29.6 147.3
	Change	6.7	13.2	4.4	1.5	-2.7 19%
Total	Curr Wk	140.6	286.1	113.4	158.3	163.4 861.8
Percent	Change	16%	22%	38%	18%	17% 21%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	861.8	21%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	294.2	11%	38
Total Shell Egg	1156.0	18%	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 APRIL 09, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	178.8	175.8	166.7	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 09, 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 APRIL 20, 2001

CURRENT LOADS 29.25 FUTURE LOADS 19.75 TOTAL LOADS 49.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	37.00	39.00	36.75	40.00	9.00	GL W XL	39.00	—	—	—	—	48.60	2.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	34.00	36.00	3.00	GL W LG	37.38	—	—	—	—	47.07	3.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	34.50	—	—	—	—	42.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	41.00	43.00	1.00								
GL W XL	—	—	44.50	46.08	38.00	—	6.75								
GL W LG	—	—	43.00	45.00	38.83	—	4.50								
GL W MD	—	37.00	34.50	36.00	33.00	—	11.00								
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	22.75	—	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	34.00	1.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	24.50	—	—	28.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.50	—	—	25.00	5.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/16/01-04/20/01

CURRENT LOADS 175.50 FUTURE LOADS 80.50 TOTAL LOADS 256.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	43.50	40.00	41.94	43.50	37.17	40.17	47.00	GL W J	46.60	—	—	—	—	56.92	3.25
GNR W 2	—	38.00	42.00	44.00	34.00	36.00	7.00	GL W XL	40.75	41.50	—	—	51.50	50.56	34.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	28.50	—	—	3.00	GL W LG	38.48	44.00	—	—	—	47.63	34.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	46.50	47.50	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	35.71	—	—	—	—	42.14	13.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	43.92	43.00	3.00	NRBS - 48	34.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	43.00	49.50	47.86	41.04	—	33.75								
GL W LG	—	—	44.75	46.36	39.34	—	32.25								
GL W MD	—	37.20	34.50	36.28	33.59	36.83	30.25								
GL W SM	23.13	25.00	21.75	22.75	—	26.50	6.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	33.00	—	37.50	5.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	31.00	32.27	34.64	35.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	30.50	32.00	1.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	24.50	—	28.00	29.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.50	—	—	25.00	5.00								

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 04/08/01 - 04/14/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern, CA	CA		Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Colorado		0.00	0.00		2,084.00	2,084.00
Iowa		2,308.00	0.00		10,185.00	12,493.00
Michigan		0.00	0.00		820.00	820.00
Minnesota		0.00	1,620.00		4,660.00	6,280.00
Missouri		0.00	0.00		804.00	804.00
Nevada		0.00	357.00		378.00	735.00
Ohio		0.00	830.00		0.00	830.00
Oregon		1,171.00	363.00		0.00	1,534.00
Utah		1,690.00	1,490.00		2,380.00	5,560.00
TOTAL		5,169.00	4,660.00		21,311.00	31,140.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		5,169.00	4,660.00		21,311.00	31,140.00

NEW ENGLAND

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	82-85	71-74	57-60	18-21

DETROIT EGGS

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
60-63	51-57	49-54	36-41	24-28

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
34-36	21-23	10-12

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.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
77.10	76.10	62.34	44.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	<u>04/16/01</u>	<u>04/09/01</u>	<u>04/17/00</u>
PACIFIC COAST	162	189	449
LOS ANGELES	130	173	338

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: 04/08/01-04/14/01
30-dozen cases 4,632
Receipts from the mainland: 04/01/01-04/07/01
30-dozen cases 5,975

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