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Prices were unchanged in New York, although some other locations were making weekly price adjustments. Traders were cautious with trade sentiment generally reported from no better than barely steady to steady. Demand overall was very light to moderate with supplies noted as adequate to ample for current requirements. Floor stocks were in a better position in some locations and on some sizes but overall supplies were still reported as at least fully sufficient for full needs. Breaking stock supplies were irregular and also ranged adequate to ample for trade needs. Light type fowl bookings were ample to burdensome for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 8.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents lower for extra large, unchanged to 8 cents lower for large, and unchanged to 1 cent lower on mediums, based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were ample and demand was light. Light type fowl were ample to burdensome for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for features. Foodservice movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to instances good demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules continue full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

CHICAGO Prices unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail demand light to fair. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies adequate with additional product available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower on larger sizes, lower on mediums and unchanged on smalls. The market tone was about steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate with floor stocks usually available. 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 27, 2001 was 61.61 cents, 11.37 cents less than the previous week and 3.51 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices in California 7 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last Monday with California up 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 21%. Retailer demand moderate. 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)	94-96	82-84	75-77
New York	59-61	56-59	49-52
Philadelphia	57-62.5	55-60.5	48-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	41-42
Jackson (1)	57-58	56-57	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-67	51-65	46-60
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	47-52	46-51	38-43
Detroit (2)	44-47	43-46	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-51	44-49	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	46-53	38-45
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	61-67	59-63	53-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	85	79	75

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

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, 8 cents lower on extra large, 7 cents lower on large, and 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 55. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 119, large dozen buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	RANGE	
JUMBO	92	
EXTRA LARGE	85	
LARGE	79	
MEDIUM	75	
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 239-279
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE 219-269
LARGE	199-229	LARGE 199-249
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM 169-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 04, 2001 will decrease by 26 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 27, 2001 were 324,398 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 58 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	293,834	30,564	324,398
% change from the prior week.....	+7	-13	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 16 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to instances good demand. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules continue full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17	

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 generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were only fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	8.79

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. However, demand was lighter for usually fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies increased in availability and clearances were irregular but still clearing. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 30-APR-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-9.5	8.88
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 30, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	19.6	7.4	14.0	10.0	58.4
	Change	-0.4	-0.4	-1.1	2.5	-0.1	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.7	40.6	12.8	30.9	22.1	139.1
	Change	0.5	-3.3	1.1	6.7	2.5	6%
Large	Curr Wk	43.1	105.5	75.9	79.8	83.3	387.6
	Change	0.0	-3.6	6.5	10.5	3.7	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	30.3	14.3	22.4	22.4	103.4
	Change	-0.3	-4.1	-1.7	1.7	3.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	4.0	2.2	6.0	6.2	21.3
	Change	-1.6	-1.4	0.1	-0.7	1.2	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	16.4	4.3	9.3	5.7	41.1
	Change	-1.7	-3.8	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.8	87.1	24.0	20.4	33.6	199.9
	Change	3.2	34.0	6.4	4.1	4.0	35%
Total	Curr Wk	140.3	303.5	140.9	182.8	183.3	950.8
	Change	0%	6%	9%	15%	9%	8%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	950.8	8%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	323.4	10%	38

Total Shell Egg 1274.2 8% 210
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
	140.6	286.1	129.8	158.3	168.2	883.0

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 16, 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 16, 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 27, 2001

CURRENT LOADS 34.75 FUTURE LOADS 4.75 TOTAL LOADS 39.50

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	28.50	31.00	31.00	32.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	34.25	—	—	—	—	41.00	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	28.50	30.00	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	39.00	—	—	5.75	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.00	26.00	.75
GL W LG	—	—	33.00	34.40	—	—	1.25								
GL W MD	28.00	31.50	28.00	—	27.00	—	3.00								
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	1.00							
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	26.16	27.32	22.75								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/23/01-04/30/01

CURRENT LOADS 188.00 FUTURE LOADS 58.00 TOTAL LOADS 246.00

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	32.18	32.86	33.90	35.00	34.98	37.08	59.00	GL W J	49.00	—	—	—	—	53.80	1.25
GNR W 2	—	32.50	29.75	30.00	29.75	31.50	9.00	GL W XL	36.94	37.00	—	—	43.00	45.45	12.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.50	30.00	2.00	GL W LG	35.52	38.33	—	—	—	44.40	11.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.00	3.00	GL W MD	35.33	33.46	—	—	—	40.25	9.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	42.83	43.86	—	—	4.50	NRBS - 48	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	21.00	26.00	.75
GL W XL	—	36.23	37.83	37.77	33.33	33.00	24.75								
GL W LG	—	—	35.19	36.37	36.50	37.00	16.00								
GL W MD	28.00	31.50	28.00	24.00	31.31	35.50	11.50								
GL W SM	23.38	24.75	21.58	23.25	—	21.00	6.00								
GL BR LG	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	28.14	—	27.00	28.00	28.27	31.16	86.75								

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 04/15/01 - 04/21/01

State	# Cases Shipped To		# Cases Shipped To	# Cases Shipped To		Total State
	Northern, CA	CA		Central, CA	Southern, CA	
Arkansas		65.00	0.00		0.00	65.00
Colorado		0.00	0.00		6,384.00	6,384.00
Iowa		972.00	1,560.00		22,823.00	25,355.00
Minnesota		0.00	0.00		16,892.00	16,892.00
Missouri		0.00	0.00		1,800.00	1,800.00
Nebraska		0.00	0.00		530.00	530.00
New Hampshire		0.00	0.00		1,706.00	1,706.00
Ohio		0.00	0.00		3,310.00	3,310.00
Oregon		4,282.00	288.00		0.00	4,570.00
Pennsylvania		0.00	0.00		798.00	798.00
Texas		0.00	0.00		3,310.00	3,310.00
Utah		1,370.00	1,440.00		3,007.00	5,817.00
Wisconsin		900.00	0.00		0.00	900.00
TOTAL		7,589.00	3,288.00		60,560.00	71,437.00
SHIPPED TO MILITARY		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY		7,589.00	3,288.00		60,560.00	71,437.00

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
114-117	75-78	63-66	56-59	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
52-55	43-49	41-46	32-37	24-28

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	17-19	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
67.72	66.72	58.65	44.51

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/23/01	04/16/01	04/24/00
PACIFIC COAST	98	162	431
LOS ANGELES	70	130	307

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: 04/15/01-04/21/01
 30-dozen cases 2,874
 Receipts from the mainland: 04/08/01-04/14/01
 30-dozen cases 4,632

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