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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Boston and Chicago, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on all weights. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to instances ample and demand for additional product was moderate. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for normal processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the heavier weight eggs and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to close for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand; trade sentiment was usually steady. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the light and unaggressive demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where feature activity was present. Supplies were generally adequate for current trade needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for large and were unchanged for the balance of sizes. Prices in other areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for all sizes. Retail demand was usually moderate to fairly good. Food service movement remained good. Supplies were mostly adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers were adequate for heavy nest runs with lighter weight shell eggs fully adequate to occasionally ample. Some buyers electing to purchase the attractively priced lighter weight product. Finished product demand mostly moderate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large were 1 cent higher, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate instances good, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to closely balanced with larger size eggs in the best position.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher than current week. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions were planned for next week. Supplies were usually adequate. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient and demand was moderate. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the light and unaggressive demand.

**WESTERN** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was firm. Asking prices for next week in California 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium; in the Northwest 9 cents higher on jumbo, 8 cents higher on extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to good, best where first-of-the-month features planned. Offerings were tight to adequate with larger sizes in the closest position.

### 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)	97-105	84-93	59-62
New York	69-71	66-69	43-46
Philadelphia	58-69	56-67	39-43
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	32-33
Jackson (1)	69-70	66-67	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-78	62-76	37-51
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	35-40
Detroit (2)	52-55	51-54	29-32
Major Ohio Cities (2)	49-58	48-56	29-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	56-63	54-61	33-40
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	73-75	67-70	45-48
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	76-88	73-80	53-59
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	91	83	63
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

**CALIFORNIA** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 8 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand was moderate overall, good where features planned to cover anticipated increased first-of-the-month needs. Offerings tight to adequate with larger sizes confidently held. Small invoice price 43. Ads noted: Southern California - no major chains; small outlets - extra large dozen 79, large dozen 77-97, medium dozen 2 for \$1.

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	83
MEDIUM	63

### 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	91-101
EXTRA LARGE	76-88
LARGE	73-80
MEDIUM	53-59

### PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-269
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged. Offers were adequate for heavy nest runs with lighter weight shell eggs fully adequate to occasionally ample. Some buyers electing to purchase the attractively priced lighter weight product. Finished product demand mostly moderate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment 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	29-31	29-30
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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged to lower when compared to early week trading. Demand was moderate with buyers cautious but still purchasing breaking stock. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks were adequate for normal breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 21, 2001 were 6 % more than the previous week, but 5 % less than a year earlier.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	26-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-17
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 21-Jul-01

\*\*\*Please note additional information, % Change YTD\*\*\*

\*\*\*Please note revision on Liquid whole\*\*\*

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,203,734	26,765	12,116	6,286	2,802	4,345
PW	1,224,734	*28,250*	12,184	6,371	2,672	4,533
LY	1,213,970	28,001	11,887	6,186	3,190	4,171
% PW	-2	-5	-1	-1	5	-4
% LY	-1	-4	2	2	-12	4
2001	32,775,959	*745,950*	331,029	178,955	71,201	117,504
2000	33,756,011	763,135	340,637	182,720	85,805	111,678
*% YTD	-3	-2	-3	-2	-17	5

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.13	41.92	41.39
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.52	38.22	37.95

\*\*\*Effective July 25, Poultry Market News will report the percent change for the year-to-date as compared to the previous year.\*\*\*

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 64 to 68 cents fob, with pasteurized whites reported at 17.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and steady to fully steady for whole egg and yolk. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good.

Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged from last week. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for heavy nest run product with lighter weight breaking stock fully adequate to ample.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 27 July, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM
				LAST WEEK
WHOLE	13	27-30	28.31	.78
WHITES	28	13-19.25	15.77	-.14
YOLKS	13	66.5-69.5	68.08	.98

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Markets generally improved with mostly prices unchanged to higher on whites and sugar yolks, higher on salt yolk, and about unchanged on whole when compared to a week earlier. Spot trading was only fair with offerings usually adequate for trade needs. Trade sentiment was still fully steady on sugar yolks and improved but generally steady on balance. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending July 21, 2001 were 4% more than the previous week, but 8% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	41-45	42-43	50-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-90
WHITES	28-32	28-31	34-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-80	78-80	80-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-78	73-75	77-79

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Prices ranged unchanged for all frozen products except salt yolk which was 1 cent lower. Mostly values generally strengthened for all frozen products with the exception of sugar yolk. Offerings mostly adequate with demand moderate and usually for pre-arranged needs. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Floor stocks balanced. Breaking stock supplies balanced to adequate with prices about unchanged when compared to last week.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-43	42-43
WHITES	28-32	29-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80	78-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-75	73-75

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were 1 cent higher on whole unchanged on whites, sugared and salted yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 7/21 increased 21 percent from the previous week. Breaking stocks were adequate overall. Freezer stocks generally adequate. Frozen demand moderate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	34-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Majority prices were unchanged on whole and blends, unchanged to slightly lower on yolks, and unchanged to lower on albumen when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was usually no better than steady on albumen, fully steady on yolks, and steady on balance. Spot trading was light, however some interest was noted on forward deliveries. Supplies were sufficient with yolk held with confidence. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending July 21, 2001 were 5% more than the previous week, but 12% less than the same week a year ago. Total year to date change was about 17% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.48-1.90	MOSTLY	1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.72-2.00	MOSTLY	1.75-1.87
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.20-2.50	MOSTLY	2.30-2.35
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.35	MOSTLY	1.20-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 20 - 26, 2001																
CURRENT LOADS				104.75	FUTURE LOADS				74.25	TOTAL LOADS				179.00		
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	39.71	42.67	38.88	40.50	43.65	40.00	59.00	GNR W 1	—	49.50	—	—	—	—	24.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	36.50	38.00	33.25	33.00	3.00	GNR W 2	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	32.25	33.50	—	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	63.86	68.43	1.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	54.14	—	—	—	61.50	4.25	
GL W XL	—	54.29	46.88	48.75	49.97	—	16.50	GL W LG	—	55.08	—	62.00	—	58.45	16.50	
GL W LG	—	55.33	43.60	45.33	49.16	53.00	30.25	GL W MD	22.84	—	—	—	—	30.25	6.75	
GL W MD	24.00	25.50	21.00	26.35	25.63	28.25	16.75	GL W SM	17.00	—	—	—	—	—	.75	
GL W SM	22.13	23.38	19.25	21.74	15.00	17.00	8.75	NRBS - 39	23.00	24.50	—	—	—	—	2.00	
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	32.50	34.00	3.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.50	30.95	26.00									
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	27.50	30.50	1.00									
NRBS - 39	21.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	18.00	21.00	2.00									

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** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannery movement was moderate with offerings at least sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Schedules were adequate for a fair finished demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings were ample with demand light to moderate. A large number of spent hens were being moved into other than traditional forms of slaughter. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Demand was moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

#### 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 27-Jul-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	66.82	64.45	43.11
SOUTHERN	64.30	62.39	38.10
MIDWEST	56.78	55.54	33.89
WESTERN	84.16	77.79	57.28
TWELVE METRO AREAS	70.53	66.99	45.68

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED  
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged on heavy canners and unchanged to lower on lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were moving but reported as adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was moderate. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT  
FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

23-25.5 MAJORITY 23-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(WITHOUT NECKS)

31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST  
INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 24.5-25

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(WITHOUT NECKS)

32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 21-JULY-01

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(PRELIMINARY)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,661	1,534	3,195
LAST WEEK	1,685	1,642	3,327
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,959	1,609	3,568
TO-DATE/2001	51,583	39,427	91,010
TO-DATE/2000	56,984	40,635	97,619

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	278	8	286
LAST WEEK	490	4	494
SAME WEEK YR AGO	332	29	361
TO-DATE/2001	13,515	199	13,714
TO-DATE/2000	14,109	304	14,413

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,939	1,542	3,481
LAST WEEK	2,175	1,646	3,821
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,291	1,638	3,929
TO-DATE/2001	65,098	39,626	104,724
TO-DATE/2000	71,093	40,939	112,032

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Jul 14, 2001	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	182	182	5,960	3,356
Frozen	0	0	78	126
Dried	0	18	40	304
Total	182	200	6,078	3,786

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Jul 14, 2001	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	125	111	2,877	3,234
Frozen	111	28	758	406
Dried	8	33	309	643
Total	244	172	3,944	4,283

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

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Jul 14, 2001	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	60	87	861
Extra Large	1,620	1,194	26,266	23,585
Large	2,360	3,168	65,548	78,810
Medium	1,320	942	26,098	18,585
Ungraded	4,470	11,250	188,660	143,644
Misc	2,370	750	48,274	6,987
Total	12,140	17,364	354,933	272,472

/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, Poultry Development Division.

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG**

JULY 24, 2001

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	111	98	73	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	104-108	92-96	66-70	43-47
MOSTLY	106-107	94-95	68-69	45-46
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	108-112	96-100	69-73	46-50
MOSTLY	108	96	69	46
<b>VERMONT</b>	114-115	100-101	76-79	-
MOSTLY	114	101	76	-

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

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	38-41	13-15	7-10

**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
60-63	51-57	49-54	27-32	22-26

**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
125-128	84-87	72-75	41-44	17-20

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 23-Jul-01	2,283	182,349	60,075
AM 1-Jul-01	3,836	166,426	63,549
CHG	-1553	15923	-3474
PCT CHG	-40	10	-5

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 21-Jul-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.3	29.2	-7	60
BOSTON	8.3	3.6	131	108
CHICAGO	45.7	51.3	-11	12
DETROIT	27.3	26.1	5	-17
KANSAS CITY	7.9	4.9	61	155
LOS ANGELES	98.9	105.5	-6	-2
NEW ORLEANS	9.3	9.4	-1	0
NEW YORK	35.0	34.4	2	1
ST. LOUIS	18.7	15.8	18	5
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	22.2	2	7
TOTAL	301.0	302.4	0	7
4 WK MVG AVG	297.4			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 21-Jul-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.9	-5	1
E.N. CENTRAL	510.4	1	3
W.N. CENTRAL	264.7	-2	1
S. ATLANTIC	169.6	-4	-12
S. CENTRAL	72.4	-1	-3
WEST	209.5	8	18
TOTAL	1445.5	0	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	89

**CHICKENS AND EGGS****JUNE EGG PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.97 billion during June 2001, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 5.89 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 67.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during June 2001 averaged 332 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during June 2000. June egg production per 100 layers was 2,099 eggs, slightly above the 2093 eggs in June 2000.

June 2001 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and four Saturdays in June 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on July 1, 2001, totaled 331 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 331 million layers consisted of 272 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.84 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on July 1, 2001, averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from the 69.7 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.53 billion eggs during June 2001, up 3 percent from June 2000. The average number of layers during June, at 311 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

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