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Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good and was best where promotions were planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were tight to fully adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were present or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the mostly light and unaggressive demand.

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 a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 1 cent higher for smalls and unchanged for the balance. Other prices ended the week unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was improved, moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand moderate to good as many breakers work extended schedules. Offerings of heavy nest runs were tight to adequate for immediate needs with lighter nest runs continuing at least adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies generally adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged from current week. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to moderate, best where promotions were planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate and demand for additional product was moderate. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the mostly light and unaggressive demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand was best to cover features in progress otherwise fair. Offerings fully adequate overall.

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)	98-100	85-87	59-61
New York	63-65	60-63	42-45
Philadelphia	61-63	59-61	41-42
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-56	53.5-55	33-34
Jackson (1)	65-66	62-63	42-43
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-76	60-74	39-53
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	34-39
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-56	49-54	32-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-72	64-68	44-47
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	76-88	72-79	55-61
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	91	82	65
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment generally steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand was fair, best to cover features. Offerings fully adequate for current needs. Small invoice price 45. Ads noted in Southern California: major chains - large 18 count 1 dollar and buy one get one free, in store ad medium dozen 149; small outlets - extra large dozen 79-89, large dozen 99, 20 count medium 99.

CALIFORNIA

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	107
EXTRA LARGE	91
LARGE	82
MEDIUM	65

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	94-104
EXTRA LARGE	76-88
LARGE	72-79
MEDIUM	55-61

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 Prices unchanged. Demand moderate to good as many breakers work extended schedules. Offerings of heavy nest runs were tight to adequate for immediate needs with lighter nest runs continuing at least adequate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time or better. Trade sentiment steady to fully 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	30-34	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-16	

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 Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks were generally more than sufficient for full processing schedulers. The undertone was usually steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 18, 2001 were 5% more than the previous week and 8 % more 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	13-19

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 18-Aug-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

Please note additional information, % Change YTD

	CASES		LIQUID		DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,227,683	27,053	12,350	6,371	2,637	4,387
PW	1,218,286	27,823	11,535	5,797	2,687	4,390
LY	1,161,730	25,439	11,918	6,568	2,788	3,971
% PW	1	-3	7	10	-2	0
% LY	6	6	4	-3	-5	10
2001	37,610,416	853,602	379,261	204,045	81,962	134,727
2000	38,436,209	867,133	387,981	208,914	96,728	127,516
***% YTD	-2	-2	-2	-2	-15	6
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			40.86	40.67	41.23	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			37.28	37.06	37.81	

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 68.5 to 69 cents fob, with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, firm for yolk, and steady on whites. Demand was good to very good for all liquid products. Offerings of whites were adequate for current interest with additional offerings of whole egg and yolk tight to barely adequate. Most processors were reporting heavier than normal sales to regular customers at this time. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to adequate with prices higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM Friday 24 August, 2001 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	19	30-31	30.42	1.13
WHITES	20	14.5-18.5	15.83	-.04
YOLKS	18	68.5-70.5	69.33	.39

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on yolks, but unchanged to slightly higher on whole and whites when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light on whites and usually moderate on balance. Offerings remain limited on yolks. Undertone was steady to fully steady on yolks, steady on whole and improved to generally steady on whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 18, 2001 were 70% more than the previous week, and 9% more than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	42-46	43-45	48-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	28-32	29-30	34-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-80	79-80	80-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-77	74-75	77-79

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged unchanged for whole egg and sugar yolk with whites and salt yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Offerings of frozen product were tight to adequate with sugar yolk and whole egg in the tightest position. Demand was moderate to good and continued best for sugared yolk. Most buyers were purchasing for immediate needs with a few looking to fulfill needs for the remainder of the year. Floor stocks tight to adequate with sugar yolk and whole egg in the shortest position. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to adequate with prices higher when compared to last week.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-47	43-45
WHITES	29-32	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-81	80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77	74-75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged on whole, whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/18 was unchanged from the previous week. Breaking stock generally adequate. Frozen demand fair with freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	50-53
WHITES	34-37
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whole, other items values were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was about steady on albumen, steady to full steady on yolk, and steady on whole. Trading was moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 18, 2001 were 2% less than the previous week, and 5% less than the same week a year ago. Year to date total change was 15% less than a year earlier.

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

WHOLE	1.50-1.85	MOSTLY	1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.70-1.94	MOSTLY	1.75-1.85
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.15-2.90	MOSTLY	2.25-2.30
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.20-1.35	MOSTLY	1.20-1.25

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 17, 2001 - AUG 23, 01

CURRENT LOADS			FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS											
115.50			60.75			176.25											
SE			NE			MW			SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	34.00	37.56	34.70	36.43	33.00	34.83	95.00	GNR W 1	42.13	42.57	—	—	—	—	22.75		
GNR W 2	—	36.00	—	—	30.75	32.75	10.50	GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	3.50		
GNR W 3	23.00	26.00	16.00	18.00	26.33	28.33	7.50	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	24.63	26.75	4.00	GNR BR 1	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	2.50		
GNR BR 1	—	—	35.00	36.50	—	—	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.00	64.00	1.75		
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	42.22	45.84	—	—	—	51.58	12.75		
GL W XL	—	44.47	44.00	45.40	41.18	47.00	61.25	GL W LG	39.33	43.23	—	—	—	43.67	25.25		
GL W LG	—	43.18	30.38	32.29	34.79	41.00	54.00	GL W MD	25.00	25.43	22.00	—	—	28.83	12.50		
GL W MD	19.75	24.15	23.36	23.40	26.50	27.25	45.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	19.00	18.57	16.00	17.50	—	—	3.75	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL BR MD	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	.25	NRBS - 39	16.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	31.00	30.50	32.00	27.25	NRBS - 36	13.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.50	27.50	30.39	31.70	75.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	22.88	24.50	7.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	18.00	21.50	21.35	19.50										
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	—	—	15.00	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 Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light and unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal. Cannery movement was moderate with offerings more than sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand for hens was light with offerings easily covering sales needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand light for the ample offerings of spent fowl. Rendering operators absorbed as many additional birds as schedules allowed. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full slaughter schedules. Demand was fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

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 24-Aug-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	63.51	61.13	43.01
SOUTHERN	62.36	60.24	39.44
MIDWEST	53.44	52.14	35.05
WESTERN	81.10	76.61	58.92
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.39	64.53	46.66

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on light and heavy canners, when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were at least adequate on light canners, adequate on the heavies. Demand was light moderately good. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY 30-38 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)
24.5-28.25 MAJORITY 24.5-25 32-40 MAJORITY 32-33

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 18-Aug-01

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

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,795	1,466	3,261
LAST WEEK	1,571	1,513	3,084
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,815	1,526	3,341
TO-DATE/2001	58,236	45,364	103,600
TO-DATE/2000	64,400	47,447	111,847

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	81	8	89
LAST WEEK	239	0	239
SAME WEEK YR AGO	400	32	432
TO-DATE/2001	14,574	227	14,801
TO-DATE/2000	15,938	413	16,351

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,876	1,474	3,350
LAST WEEK	1,810	1,513	3,323
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,215	1,558	3,773
TO-DATE/2001	72,810	45,591	118,401
TO-DATE/2000	80,338	47,860	128,198

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Aug 11, 2001		2001	2000	2000
Liquid	250	192	6,871	4,211
Frozen	0	0	78	126
Dried	0	0	40	340
Total	250	192	6,989	4,677

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Aug 11, 2001		2001	2000	2000
Liquid	121	108	3,313	3,756
Frozen	3	31	814	508
Dried	50	11	375	654
Total	174	150	4,502	4,918

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 Aug 11, 2001		2001	2000	2000
Jumbo	0	80	87	1,181
Extra Large	1,900	1,880	34,117	30,934
Large	2,428	3,190	75,994	89,137
Medium	1,830	1,050	30,478	22,434
Ungraded	11,700	17,040	228,470	205,984
Misc	1,500	0	58,029	7,887
Total	19,358	23,240	427,175	357,557

/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.

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

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	29-32	12-14	4-7

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	79-82	66-69	40-43	17-20

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
57-60	48-54	46-51	28-33	17-21

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 20-Aug-01	3,044	194,858	59,401
AM 1-Aug-01	2,271	183,272	59,991
CHG	773	11,586	-590
PCT CHG	34	6	-1

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 18-Aug-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.1	22.5	7	7
BOSTON	4.3	3.6	19	8
CHICAGO	45.1	58.3	-23	7
DETROIT	24.7	23.6	5	3
KANSAS CITY	3.9	3.5	11	-28
LOS ANGELES	108.7	113.2	-4	4
NEW ORLEANS	9.7	8.1	20	-5
NEW YORK	32.7	34.6	-5	-3
ST. LOUIS	16.9	19.6	-14	-1
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	23.0	-2	9
TOTAL	292.7	310.0	-6	3
4 WK MVG AVG	296.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 18-Aug-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (INTHOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	221.3	-1	6
E.N. CENTRAL	507.7	-1	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	262.0	0	3
S. ATLANTIC	170.8	-8	-6
S. CENTRAL	80.2	6	8
WEST	206.7	5	22
TOTAL	1448.7	0	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	89

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

AUGUST 21, 2001

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	112	99	73	50
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	105-109	92-96	66-70	43-47
MOSTLY	107-108	94-95	68-69	45-46
RHODE ISLAND	111-115	98-102	72-76	49-53
MOSTLY	111	98	72	49
VERMONT	115	100-102	77-79	-
MOSTLY	-	102	77	-

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CHICKENS AND EGGS Released August 21, 2001

JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. egg production totaled 7.18 billion during July 2001, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.09 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2001 averaged 332 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during July 2000. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, slightly below the 2,169 eggs in July 2000.

July 2001 contained 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, one holiday and five Saturdays in July 2000.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2001, totaled 332 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 332 million layers consisted of 273 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.77 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2001, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 70.1 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.72 billion eggs during July 2001, up 2 percent from July 2000. The average number of layers during July, at 311 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED UP 14 PERCENT

Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 37.9 million, up 14 percent from July 2000. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.9 million on August 1, 2001, up 2 percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 322,000 during July 2001, down 9 percent from July 2000.