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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies of graded eggs were usually closely balanced while offerings of nest run product ranged sufficient to available for present requirements. In the Midwest, breaking stock offerings were adequate to available, but were short to barely adequate in the Eastern region. Demand was fair to moderate for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged on all sizes in all areas. The market tone was steady, with some caution still noted. Demand was irregular, although mostly moderate to good, best where promotions were planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate with demand being only fair and unaggressive. Light types hens were generally sufficient for the fair demand. Processing schedules were normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand was mixed in a range of fair to good. Supplies were adequate for current seasonal needs.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all reported areas. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for on-going features. Food service demand was generally moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to instances tight on all sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand continued moderate to very selective with offerings adequate to available. Schedules reduced for next week. Floor stocks closely balanced to short. Trade sentiment steady with caution noted.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good and best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings generally balanced.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the weekend. In Atlanta, asking prices for next week were trending unchanged to sharply higher on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were trending higher on mediums and unchanged on all other sizes. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were sufficient to close. Breaking stock demand was fair and unaggressive for short to barely adequate offerings. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced. Light type hens were generally adequate for the fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were normal.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes, firm on medium, with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings 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.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	54-58
Philadelphia	77-86	76-84	48.5-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71.5-80	68.5-78	40.5-45
Jackson (1)	71-73	70-72	43-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	82-93	50-60
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	47-51
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-74	43-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	41-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	43-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	88-92	58-62
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	94-101	92-97	65-70
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	109	105	78
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large; firm on medium and small with asking prices 4 cents higher. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 58. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 97, 2 for 399; smaller outlets-extra large dozen 99, large dozen 90, small 30 pack 199.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	78

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	96-102
EXTRA LARGE	94-101
LARGE	92-97
MEDIUM	65-70

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand continued moderate to very selective with offerings adequate to available. Schedules reduced for next week. Floor stocks closely balanced to short. Trade sentiment steady with caution noted.

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
NEST RUN	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-23
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 price on nest run breaking stock was unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was only fair and unaggressive for short to barely adequate offerings. However, most buyers were anticipating increased availability next week. Supplies were limited as good quality product moved into grading channels. Breaking schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was unsettled but generally no better than steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern area for the week ending March 16, 2001 were 2% less than the previous week and 2% less than a year ago.

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

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-36	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-25	
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 16-Mar-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
PW	1,083,058	26,560	9,840	5,318	1,878	3,950
LY	1,066,731	24,301	10,922	5,941	2,074	3,828
% CHG PW	-2	-4	2	-2	-10	0
% CHG LY	-1	5	-8	-12	-19	3
2002	12,317,411	281,103	123,839	65,930	30,970	44,896
2001	12,017,104	271,609	122,429	66,869	27,852	43,666
% CHG YTD	2	3	1	-1	11	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.17	42.17	42.18
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.45	38.52	38.59

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and about steady for yolk. Offerings were usually adequate for whole egg, about adequate for whites, and fully sufficient for yolk. Demand was fair to fairly good for all liquid products. Most liquid processors were keeping a very close eye on further market developments concerning retail shell egg pricing. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared with last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 22 March, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	30-34	32.73	.76
WHITES	8	10-14.5	12.06	.65
YOLKS	11	58.5-61	60.23	.65

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on whole, unchanged to lower on whites, and lower on yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was fully steady on whole, and usually steady to improving on balance of items. Demand and trading was mostly light to occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were usually barely adequate for irregular needs even though some breaking facilities reduced schedules. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 16, 2002 were 1% more than the previous week and 1% more than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-45	41-44
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-77	72-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-73	67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.		

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged 1 cent higher on whole egg, unchanged on whites, 1 cent lower for sugared yolk, with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment fully steady for whole egg, steady for whites and barely steady to mostly unsettled for sugar and salt yolk. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate or available. Freezer stocks were in a comfortable position to closely balanced for most operators. Breaking stock supplies were tight to short of needs at the beginning of the week and had become more available by the week's end. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)	TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE		41-43	
WHITES		22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)		71-74	72-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)		67-70	68-70

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/16 was unchanged from the previous week. Frozen demand fairly good and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on albumen, balanced of mostly prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light, with buyers continuing to watching further market developments. Supplies were irregular but usually available. The undertone was steady on blends, unsettled but improved on albumen, steady to full steady on whole, and fully steady to firm on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 16, 2002 were 10% lower than the previous week and 19% less than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 11% higher than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.	
WHOLE	1.39-1.80 MOSTLY 1.50-1.60
YOLKS	1.61-2.00 MOSTLY 1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.75-2.00 MOSTLY 1.80-1.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 15, 2002-MAR 21, 2002

CURRENT LOADS 74.25								FUTURE LOADS 57.75			TOTAL LOADS 132.00					
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	49.00	64.14	—	—	—	—	14.00	
GNR W 1	60.50	66.94	60.22	62.02	57.27	57.95	76.00	GL W J	58.00	—	—	—	—	63.50	4.00	
GNR W 2	—	63.00	—	60.00	59.25	62.00	8.00	GL W XL	62.25	—	—	—	—	73.21	3.50	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.50	36.00	3.00	GL W LG	62.03	72.71	—	—	77.75	74.27	12.25	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.00	.75	GL W MD	41.00	46.25	—	—	—	—	10.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	3.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.00	1.00	
GL W XL	—	74.81	69.14	71.69	72.00	—	25.25	NRBS - 42	31.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W LG	—	75.38	67.67	69.00	67.00	—	19.00	NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W MD	—	44.23	39.59	38.53	49.50	42.00	20.25									
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.63	18.00	20.00	4.50									
GL BR XL	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	1.25									
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.55	36.29	28.00									
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.50	33.00	1.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	3.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	22.50	25.43	16.00									

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 fair. Offerings increased and were generally sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand mostly moderate to occasionally good. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules lighter. Offerings after Easter ample.

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 22-Mar-02 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	84.89	83.02	54.72
SOUTHERN	80.85	79.08	48.00
MIDWEST	74.70	73.12	45.46
WESTERN	101.15	97.61	70.25
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.06	85.64	57.68

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on the heavy canners, unchanged on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Trading was fair and product was clearing satisfactorily. Demand was in a full range of light to good. The undertone was generally steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY	31.5-38 MAJORITY 31.5-32.5
CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5	32.5-38 MAJORITY 33.5-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-Mar-02

(PRELIMINARY) (THOUSANDS)	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS

NOT AVAILABLE

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
	Week Ending Mar 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	355	299	3,042	1,702
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	1	0	1	22
Total	356	299	3,043	1,724

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
	Week Ending Mar 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	265	60	1,071	1,084
Frozen	136	87	617	291
Dried	46	61	532	143
Total	447	208	2,220	1,518

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

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)				
	Week Ending Mar 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	48	77	72
Extra Large	120	676	570	2,396
Large	300	1,806	8,056	17,881
Medium	2,510	620	9,441	6,618
Ungraded	0	5,304	0	18,144
Misc	300	750	4,594	3,187
Total	3,230	9,204	22,738	48,298

/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
	53-56	28-32	7-10

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
120-123	81-84	74-77	56-59	25-28

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
76-86	69-73	67-72	41-44	25-29

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

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	18-Mar-02	1,397	156,973	76,813
AM	1-Feb-02	1,548	141,676	77,105
CHG		-151	15297	-292
PCT CHG		-10	11	0

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 16-Mar-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.3	23.5	-1	-2
BOSTON	3.4	3.4	0	3
CHICAGO	52.6	57.4	-8	12
DETROIT	39.4	26.3	50	36
KANSAS CITY	11.1	3.8	192	164
LOS ANGELES	113.4	102.1	11	-6
NEW ORLEANS	13.0	10.9	19	46
NEW YORK	35.7	32.8	9	-3
ST. LOUIS	20.1	23.5	-14	15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.9	20.7	11	10
TOTAL	334.9	304.4	10	7
4 WK MVG AVG	305.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 16-Mar-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	232.2	2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	565.5	1	5
W.N. CENTRAL	294.3	4	5
S. ATLANTIC	205.8	-3	1
S. CENTRAL	88.4	-2	11
WEST	204.9	8	11
TOTAL	1591.1	2	5

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	114	107	89	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	107-111	100-104	82-86	51-55
MOSTLY	109-110	102-103	84-85	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	113-117	106-110	88-92	57-61
MOSTLY	113	106	88	57
VERMONT	115-117	110	89-92	-
MOSTLY	117	-	92	-

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MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Jan-31 2001	Jan-31 2002	Feb-28 2001	Feb-28 2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	4,488	2,001	2,985	2,258
Yolks	1,042	630	1,127	1,036
Whole & Mixed	10,282	6,846	10,339	7,294
Unclassified	1,084	3,671	1,017	3,383
<i>Total Frozen Eggs</i>	<i>16,896</i>	<i>13,148</i>	<i>15,468</i>	<i>13,971</i>

CHICKENS AND EGGS**FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT**

U.S. egg production totaled 6.56 billion during February 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.57 billion table eggs and 987 million hatching eggs, of which 929 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2002 averaged 337 million, slightly higher than the average number of layers during February 2001. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,946 eggs, up slightly from the 1,943 eggs in February 2001.

February 2002 contained 20 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, equal to February 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, slightly lower than a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2002, averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.15 billion eggs during February 2002, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during February, at 316 million, was slightly higher than year earlier.