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In Chicago, prices were unchanged on medium and 6 cents lower on the larger sizes. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled to weak entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was in a full range of light to good, best where features stimulated additional movement. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was quiet and unaggressive as offerings increased. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas entering the holiday weekend. The market tone was weak and unsettled. Demand ranged moderate to occasionally good, slightly better where holiday features stimulated some additional movement. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was only fair and unaggressive for increasing offerings. Light type hens were at least adequate for a fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were irregular.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled to weak entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand was fair to instances good, somewhat better where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate for needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 6 cents lower for large and were unchanged for medium and small. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Retail demand was in a full range with features and last minute orders for Easter causing some improved interest. Due to improved activity in the retail market some excess product was being absorbed. Food service demand was usually moderate. Supplies were mixed. Central states nest run breaking stock were irregular. Trading and demand was quiet. Trade sentiment unsettled, undertone barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large dropped 6 cents, mediums unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate instances good and best where features are a factor. Supplies available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled to weak entering the holiday weekend. Asking prices for next week were trending sharply lower on all sizes. Demand into all channels was light to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were usually sufficient. Breaking stock demand was only fair for increased offerings. Breaking schedules ranged reduced to heavy. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 14 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good. 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)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	70-74	68-72	53-57
Philadelphia	68-86	67-84	52-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	77-81	75-78	45-49
Jackson (1)	80-82	79-81	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	82-93	54-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-64	58-62	45-49
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-74	47-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	45-49
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	47-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	88-92	60-64
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	94-101	92-97	69-74
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	109	105	82
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very weak with asking prices for next week 14 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 62. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 78-99, buy 1 get 1 free, large dozen 99, 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	82

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	69-74

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 irregular when compared to previously reported values, with checks and undergrades lower. Trading and demand was quiet. Many breakers were working from thin inventories but were reporting an increase in incoming loads of breaking stock from regular suppliers. Most breakers were attempting to hold for cheaper values at this call. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment unsettled, undertone barely 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	29-33	30-33
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 on nest run breaking stock and sharply lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. Interest improved but demand was only fair and unaggressive for increased offerings. Supplies were not yet heavy, but buyers were anticipating increase availability for next week. Breaking schedules were in a full range of less than normal to heavy. Traders were generally cautious and some bids lower. The undertone was barely steady. Cases processed under federal inspection in the Eastern area for the week ending 23 March 2002 were 2% more than a week earlier, but 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
NEST RUN	27-32
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

WEEK ENDING 23-MAR-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,073,968	25,510	10,127	5,653	1,363	3,876
PW	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
LY	1,064,832	24,556	10,848	5,434	1,676	3,939
% PW	1	0	1	8	-19	-2
% LY	1	4	-7	4	-19	-2
2002	13,391,379	306,613	133,966	71,583	32,333	48,772
2001	13,081,936	296,165	133,277	72,303	29,528	47,605
% CHG YTD	2	4	1	-1	9	2
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.06	42.17	42.05	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.45	38.45	38.35	

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for all liquid products. Demand and trading was very quiet as most traders wait for Easter to pass and lower priced shell eggs to appear. Many buyers felt that they would be paying lower values for the liquid whole egg and yolk in the coming weeks. Offerings were adequate for all products. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower when compared with last week's reported prices.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	7	31-32	31.29	-1.44
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS	10	57-60	59.05	-1.18

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were irregular on whole, slightly lower on sugar yolks, and unchanged on whites and salt yolks when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was about steady. Demand and trading improved but was usually light to occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for cautious and irregular needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 23, 2002 were 1% more than the previous week and 1% more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	40-45	42	49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		63-90
WHITES	22-32	22-25	28-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-77	71-73	78-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-73	67-70	74-83

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower for whole egg, with mostly values on whites and salted yolk unchanged and sugared yolk 1 cent lower. Offerings adequate for the mostly light demand. Freezer inventories reported as balanced to adequate for all products with whole egg in the closest position. Most operators were waiting for good news on the recent Japanese trade restrictions. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate with prices lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB.

CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	40-43	42-43
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-76	71-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-70	68-70

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/23 was 21% more than the previous week. Breaking stock much more available. Frozen demand slowed and freezer stocks were 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 on yolks and blends and unchanged to lower on whole and albumen when compared to a week earlier. Trading was slightly improved but still light. Supplies were in a full range of close balance to available. The undertone was steady on blends, unsettled and mixed on balance of items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 23, 2002 were 19% lower than the previous week, and 19% less than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 9% higher than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.39-1.65	MOSTLY	1.50-1.56
YOLKS	1.60-2.00	MOSTLY	1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.65-2.30	MOSTLY	1.75-1.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.13-1.23	MOSTLY	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 95.75								FUTURE LOADS 57.00		TOTAL LOADS 152.75					
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	56.00	60.00	57.79	59.00	47.36	50.56	63.00	GNR W 1	—	54.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	27.44	29.88	4.00	GL W J	50.50	—	—	—	—	57.50	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	41.00	44.00	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	5.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	45.83	67.00	—	—	—	58.72	18.50
GL W XL	—	—	64.13	66.07	51.33	45.00	33.00	GL W MD	33.67	41.78	—	—	—	36.36	8.00
GL W LG	—	68.00	56.50	58.00	45.20	—	24.25	NRBS - 48	30.00	30.80	—	—	—	—	8.00
GL W MD	—	44.00	—	39.00	28.10	36.29	11.25	NRBS - 42	18.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	22.10	24.20	4.50								
GL BR XL	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	25.00	27.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	29.11	30.00	29.40	31.55	27.13	32.29	55.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.50	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	32.80	33.00	24.25	6.25								

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 were at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal processing schedules as some locations will be down Monday. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings usually adequate to fully adequate for the moderate to instances good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent leghorn hens. Finished sales were fair. Current schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules light to moderate. 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 29-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	78.49	76.61	55.08
SOUTHERN	83.15	81.40	52.06
MIDWEST	72.65	71.07	48.10
WESTERN	101.15	97.61	72.60
TWELVE METRO AREAS	85.75	83.34	59.62

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies increased in availability but still cleared satisfactorily. 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)
23-24 MAJORITY	31-38 MAJORITY 31-32

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY 25	32-38 MAJORITY 33-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-Mar-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,812	1,360	3,172
LAST WEEK	1,636	1,363	2,999
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,953	1,396	3,349
TO-DATE/2002	21,342	15,508	36,850
TO-DATE/2001	22,281	15,366	37,647

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	357	0	357
LAST WEEK	258	0	258
SAME WEEK YR AGO	501	7	508
TO-DATE/2002	4,293	20	4,313
TO-DATE/2001	6,607	73	6,680

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	2,169	1,360	3,529
LAST WEEK	1,894	1,363	3,257
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,454	1,403	3,857
TO-DATE/2002	25,635	15,528	41,163
TO-DATE/2001	28,888	15,439	44,327

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	300	309	3,342	2,011
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	1	22
Total	300	309	3,343	2,033

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

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)		Year-To-Date		
Week Ending Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	80	13	1,151	1,097
Frozen	117	9	734	300
Dried	159	0	691	143
Total	356	22	2,576	1,540

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 Mar 16, 2002	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	173	15	250	87
Extra Large	780	330	1,350	2,726
Large	641	2,328	8,697	20,209
Medium	1,437	1,020	10,878	7,638
Ungraded	0	7,622	0	25,766
Misc	60	2,350	4,654	5,537
Total	3,091	13,665	25,829	61,963

/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
	39-42	26-30	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	45-48	25-29

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 25-Mar-02	1,480	166,321	75,071
AM 1-Mar-02	1,548	141,676	77,105
CHG	-68	24645	-2034
PCT CHG	-4	17	-3

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-Mar-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.6	23.3	10	3
BOSTON	3.4	3.4	0	-3
CHICAGO	70.7	52.6	34	43
DETROIT	37.5	39.4	-5	37
KANSAS CITY	6.9	11.1	-38	165
LOS ANGELES	117.6	113.4	4	-7
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	13.0	-13	64
NEW YORK	34.4	35.7	-4	-6
ST. LOUIS	16.7	20.1	-17	-19
SAN FRANCISCO	27.9	22.9	22	29
TOTAL	352.0	334.9	5	9
4 WK MVG AVG	322.1			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 23-Mar-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	233.4	1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	524.2	-7	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	264.5	-10	-7
S. ATLANTIC	210.4	2	5
S. CENTRAL	89.5	1	9
WEST	215.0	5	20

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

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NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG

MARCH 26, 2002

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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