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Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady with some caution noted. Demand was light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient and demand was light to moderate. Light type hens were at least adequate for normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 6.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on all sizes, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady with caution noted. Demand improved in some areas and ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand ranged slow to fairly good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Heavy nest run offerings were adequate with breakers willingly accepting additional loads at this call. Graded loose offerings were fully adequate. Demand was moderate to instances good for graded loose product. Schedules generally full-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to instances moderate, best where limited specials are a factor. Supplies available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was steady with some caution noted. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies ranged adequate to available for trade needs. 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 12, 2002 was 56.21 cents, 14.37 cents less than a week earlier and 29.61 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was light to moderate. Light type hens were at least adequate for the fair demand.

WESTERN Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1 cent lower on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand moderate, best where features in progress and planned. Offerings in fair balance.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady, with caution noted, as traders watch further market developments. Demand was improving and ranged light to moderate, better where promotions were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were fully adequate for needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	47-51
Philadelphia	52-57	51-55	46-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-49.5	42-45.5	36-39
Jackson (1)	61-63	60-62	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	55-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1 cent lower on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, best to cover features. Offerings in fair balance. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Northern California: major-large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE		
JUMBO	84		
EXTRA LARGE	81		
LARGE	76		
MEDIUM	71		
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	239-299	JUMBO	239-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 19, 2002 will increase by 3 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 12, 2002 were 248,708 cases which was 19 percent above the prior week and 33 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	205,854	42,854	248,708
% change from the prior week.....	+19	+19	+19

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Heavy nest run offerings were adequate with breakers willingly accepting additional loads at this call. Graded loose product offerings were fully adequate. Demand was moderate to instances good. Schedules generally full-time. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.
 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	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-15	11-15

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 compared to the past week. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Slaughter schedules provided sufficient supplies for a slow to moderate demand on finished product. Trade sentiment was about steady.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-APR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9.5	8.99

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Interest for finished product was still clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady.
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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-10	8.85
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 15, 2002

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.3	17.6	9.5	12.6	10.7 61.7
	Change	-0.5	0.1	-2.3	-1.6	-0.3 -7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	50.3	11.2	26.9	25.8 137.3
	Change	1.0	5.2	-4.1	1.5	-0.7 2%
Large	Curr Wk	38.2	127.4	63.8	78.3	79.5 387.2
	Change	-4.8	6.2	-8.6	-12.7	-0.6 -5%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	37.3	18.0	18.2	22.9 107.2
	Change	2.4	8.0	-2.3	4.6	-2.0 11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	5.1	4.7	3.5	9.6 27.1
	Change	-0.4	-0.2	1.2	-0.4	0.1 1%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	17.2	7.6	13.1	7.5 49.3
	Change	-1.3	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1 -4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.9	51.1	39.3	25.3	29.7 163.3
	Change	-0.1	8.3	-3.4	-2.6	2.5 3%
Total	Curr Wk	109.4	306.0	154.1	177.9	185.7 933.1
	Change	-3%	10%	-11%	-6%	-1% -1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.1	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	269.3	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1202.4 -1% 211
 1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 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.

 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 01, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 01, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 12, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		8.00		FUTURE LOADS				11.75		TOTAL LOADS				19.75	
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	28.00	—	27.50	30.00	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	34.00	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.00	38.75	34.00	—	4.75								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	21.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	8.75								
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	26.50	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	.50								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/08/02-04/12/02

CURRENT LOADS		89.00		FUTURE LOADS				63.75		TOTAL LOADS				152.75	
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	28.00	30.50	29.88	31.00	31.88	32.37	26.00	GNR W 1	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	28.33	—	—	27.00	28.50	11.00	GNR W 3	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	35.00	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	40.00	33.00	—	—	37.50	6.00	GL W J	42.00	—	—	—	—	48.00	1.00
GL W J	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	30.65	36.29	—	—	—	42.22	15.50
GL W XL	—	37.65	37.42	38.55	34.84	—	42.00	GL W LG	30.29	35.33	—	—	—	39.33	14.00
GL W LG	27.00	36.95	28.50	31.13	30.57	38.00	27.75	GL W MD	30.40	32.00	31.25	—	38.00	36.28	10.00
GL W MD	—	33.38	32.75	33.33	28.83	30.00	11.25	NRBS - 48	26.00	28.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	—	—	21.63	23.25	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 42	17.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.20	27.20	30.36	28.14	70.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.00	25.00	—	—	1.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	2.50								

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 03/31/02 - 04/06/02

State	Number Cases		Number Cases		Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped To Northern CA	Shipped To Central CA	Shipped To Southern CA	Shipped To Southern CA		
Arizona	0	420	0	420		420
Colorado	0	0	3,646	0	3,646	3,646
Iowa	4,809	0	24,575	0	24,575	29,384
Michigan	0	0	800	0	800	800
Minnesota	0	0	8,166	0	8,166	8,166
Missouri	0	0	1,580	0	1,580	1,580
New Hampshire	0	0	828	0	828	828
Oregon	2,359	1,270	0	0	0	3,629
South Dakota	0	0	800	0	800	800
Utah	0	2,620	7,279	0	7,279	9,899
Wisconsin	0	0	870	0	870	870
TOTAL	7,168	4,310	48,544	4,310	48,544	60,022

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
117-120	72-75	61-64	49-52	25-28

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
47-57	40-44	38-43	36-39	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
24-27	19-23	7-10

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 3/31/02-4/6/02
30-dozen cases 6,916
Receipts from the mainland: 3/24/02-3/30/02
30-dozen cases 10,356

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
64.57	62.27	56.27	46.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/08/02	04/01/02	04/09/01
PACIFIC COAST	105	147	189
LOS ANGELES	65	105	173

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2002 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,028,579	-26	48
FREE FLOWING	3,521,137	-4	34
BLEND	890,307	-17	20
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	11,535,158	1	12
BLEND	127,963	85	-27
YOLK			
PLAIN	923,330	-8	77
BLEND	46,300	-41	34
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	3,066,373	-6	66
TOTAL	21,139,147	-4	25

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

MARCH 3, 2002 - MARCH 30, 2002

TOTAL 6,923,000 POUNDS.

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