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In most areas, prices were unchanged entering the week. The market tone was mixed, usually about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums when based on previous week average pricing. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes and areas. The market tone was unsettled entering the week. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the usually moderate demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged for all sizes. Trade sentiment was mixed, usually about steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times good. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Additional offers of heavy nest run breaking stock were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Buyers evaluating needs and watching further market developments. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for 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 available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled. Demand was light to moderate. 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 26, 2002 was 48.76 cents, 1.02 cents less than a week earlier and 12.85 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was usually moderate. Schedules were reported as normal for this week. Light type hens were at least sufficient to fully sufficient for the light to fair demand.

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 1%. Retailer demand moderate with improvement expected later in the week to cover increased planned features. Offerings adequate.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was mostly light to occasionally moderate where supported by limited promotional activity. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs.

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)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	48-52
Philadelphia	52-56	51-54	47-50
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-48	42-45	38-41
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	42-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-56
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	56-65
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate but expected to improve sharply late week for planned features. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 79-89, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free.

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

	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	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	173-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 03, 2002 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 26, 2002 were 283,897 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 7 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	237,064	46,833	283,897
% change from the prior week.....	-1	+0	-1

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. Additional offers of heavy nest run breaking stock were at least adequate to instances fully adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Buyers evaluating needs and watching further market developments. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks adequate to 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	28-30	28-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	

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 Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules at least adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-APR-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11.75	8-9	8.98

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Offerings increased in availability and clearances were irregular but cleared satisfactorily. The undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5	8.5-9	8.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM April 29, 2002

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

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	15.0	7.3	11.8	10.2	53.8
	Change	0.1	0.3	-2.0	0.8	-0.3	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.6	48.8	15.5	26.5	29.7	149.1
	Change	0.5	2.4	1.0	3.4	2.9	7%
Large	Curr Wk	59.0	111.6	72.2	96.0	94.1	432.9
	Change	7.8	-7.4	9.8	24.2	12.0	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	41.2	24.5	22.5	30.4	133.4
	Change	0.1	-4.7	5.0	5.3	-4.0	1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.2	6.0	3.8	3.9	8.1	25.0
	Change	-0.4	1.0	1.5	-0.5	-1.7	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	17.5	7.4	11.4	5.5	45.1
	Change	-0.6	0.7	0.9	-2.8	-1.2	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	60.6	26.8	30.3	27.6	162.8
	Change	2.2	-0.7	-4.9	0.4	-5.0	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	135.9	300.7	157.5	202.4	205.6	1,002.1
	Change	8%	-3%	8%	18%	1%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,002.1	5%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	257.0	-7%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,259.1	2%	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 15, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 15, 2001 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 26, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		18.25		FUTURE LOADS				6.00		TOTAL LOADS				24.00		
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS	
GNR W 1	30.00	32.00	—	—	30.50	33.50	2.00	GL W J	43.00	—	—	—	—	—	50.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	37.50	38.50	35.79	—	5.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.00	.75
GL W LG	—	—	34.00	36.00	34.50	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.00	.50
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00	GL W MD	31.50	—	—	—	—	—	35.50	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.50	25.00	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 50	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.00	9.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/22/02-04/26/02

CURRENT LOADS		104.00		FUTURE LOADS				60.25		TOTAL LOADS				164.25	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.00	33.94	32.13	33.46	33.36	34.65	55.50	GNR W 1	32.25	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	32.00	30.00	31.00	—	29.00	3.50	GL W J	43.00	—	—	—	—	50.00	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	26.00	27.00	—	—	.25	GL W XL	35.00	38.33	—	—	—	45.00	11.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	38.00	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	45.83	16.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	31.67	35.50	—	—	—	36.29	9.00
GL W XL	—	39.22	37.00	39.21	35.40	—	35.25	NRBS - 50	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL W LG	—	39.90	34.11	35.64	36.42	36.00	23.75	NRBS - 48	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W MD	—	35.00	39.31	35.75	27.20	35.00	13.00	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W SM	23.00	24.50	23.38	24.88	22.00	24.00	6.00	NRBS - 39	—	20.00	—	—	—	—	.25
NRBS - 50	27.00	29.00	21.50	—	—	—	1.25								
NRBS - 48	—	29.00	—	—	28.93	28.94	55.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.50	—	—	17.50	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.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 04/14/02 - 04/20/02

State	Number Cases		Number Cases		Total State
	Shipped To Northern CA	Shipped To Central CA	Shipped To Southern CA	Shipped To Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	576	576	
Arkansas	0	0	2,530	2,530	
Colorado	0	700	4,181	4,881	
Indiana	0	0	90	90	
Iowa	6,945	5,398	41,097	53,440	
Minnesota	0	0	5,065	5,065	
Missouri	0	0	8,850	8,850	
New Hampshire	0	0	1,850	1,850	
Ohio	0	0	4,070	4,070	
Oregon	2,416	0	0	2,416	
Texas	0	0	1,350	1,350	
Utah	704	1,480	12,359	14,543	
Washington	0	0	1,800	1,800	
Wisconsin	0	0	1,550	1,550	
TOTAL	10,065	7,578	85,368	103,011	

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

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/22/02	04/15/02	04/23/01
PACIFIC COAST	223	193	98
LOS ANGELES	194	155	70

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 4/24/02-4/30/02
30-dozen cases 6,876
Receipts from the mainland: 4/7/02-4/13/02
30-dozen cases 6,726

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
65.27	62.27	58.27	46.27

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