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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on mediums. All other prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed, mostly barely steady to weak. Demand ranged light to moderate and slightly better where scattered features were planned for next week. Supplies were fully adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to available for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least fully adequate for mostly normal schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums. Prices were unchanged on the balance of sizes and other areas. The market tone was mixed. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were normal. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light to fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as usually normal.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for present requirements.

**MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged in all reported areas. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to at times moderate. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with buyers attempting to purchase at lower values. Offerings were increasingly available with excess graded shell eggs continuing to make its way into breaking channels. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady, undertone barely steady to instances weak.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums declined 1 cent. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where specials are planned or in progress. Supplies available.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak entering the weekend. Asking prices for the upcoming week were trending lower on all sizes. Demand was light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate for sufficient supplies. Breaking schedules were normal. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, 2-4 cents lower on the balance. Retailer demand continued to improve. 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	87-93	76-82	66-70
New York	50-54	48-52	48-52
Philadelphia	48-56	47-54	43-50
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
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
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	33-37
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
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	63-68	60-63	56-58
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	65-73	63-68	58-62
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	81	76	71

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices  
(4) - Prices to Retailers

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on all sizes. Retailer demand improved to cover planned features. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 89, large dozen 99, 18 pack 99, medium 20 pack 99.

**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	84
EXTRA LARGE	81
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	71

### 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	67-76
EXTRA LARGE	65-73
LARGE	63-68
MEDIUM	58-62

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** Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with buyers attempting to purchase at lower values. Offerings were increasingly available with excess graded shell eggs continuing to make its way into breaking channels. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady, undertone barely steady to instances weak. 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	27-30	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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Demand was moderate. However, traders were closely watching further market developments. Supplies were adequate but not abundant for normal breaking schedules. The market tone was unsettled to mostly steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern area for the week ending 27 April 2002 were 2% more than the previous week, but 6% 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	26-30	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18.25	13-18
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 -27-Apr-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
PW	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
LY	1,219,529	27,079	12,652	7,539	2,631	4,231
% CHG PW	1	1	0	-1	-6	2
% CHG LY	0	7	-8	-18	9	3
2002	19,365,237	448,313	191,887	102,964	45,757	69,910
2001	18,724,327	425,268	189,815	103,773	39,750	67,733
% CHG YTD	3	5	1	-1	15	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.91	42.29	42.23
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.36	38.75	38.76

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 59 to 61.5 cents fob, pasteurized whites reported at 16 cents fob. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady for whole egg, steady for whites and generally steady for yolk. Demand was good for whole egg and whites and fair for yolk. Offerings of all products were available to fully sufficient with whole egg availability surpassing current production needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared with last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 03 May, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	19	26.5-29.75	27.55	.49
WHITES	12	9.5-15.5	11.63	.80
YOLKS	6	58.5-60.5	60.17	.34

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady on yolks, about steady to steady on whole, and steady on whites. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending April 27, 2002 were unchanged from the previous week, but 4% lower than a year ago.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)		
	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	37-45	41-42	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	71-73	77-82
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	66-69	73-78
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg values ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with mostly prices on whites and salted yolk unchanged. Sugared yolk was mostly 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was about steady for whole egg and steady on the balance of products. Demand was rated as seasonally moderate with offerings adequate for current needs. Floor stocks balanced to tight. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to mostly fully adequate with prices unchanged to slightly lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-42	
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	71-74	71-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	67-69

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/27 was 16% more than the previous week. Frozen demand just fair and freezer stocks adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
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 albumen and unchanged to higher on the balance of items when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was fully steady on yolks, unsettled on albumen, and usually steady on whole. Buyer interest was improving for long term deliveries, however sales were usually confined for immediate deliveries. Offerings were adequate to available for current trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending April 27, 2002 were 6% lower than the previous week, but 9% higher than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 15% more than a year ago.

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

WHOLE	1.41-1.65	MOSTLY	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.59-1.85	MOSTLY	1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.70-2.05	MOSTLY	1.73-1.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.10-1.25	MOSTLY	1.15

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 26, 2002-MAY 02, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
93.50								56.00								149.50							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	LOADS						
GNR W 1	27.00	29.75	25.83	28.00	30.29	31.65	29.00	GNR W 1	—	34.50	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00	GL W J	43.00	—	—	—	—	45.80	2.50								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	32.67	—	1.50	GL W XL	—	38.60	—	—	—	40.71	12.25								
GL W XL	—	38.75	33.31	36.41	31.17	—	43.00	GL W LG	32.33	36.20	—	—	—	38.78	14.50								
GL W LG	—	38.11	29.00	30.63	29.83	30.86	21.50	GL W MD	29.00	34.14	—	—	—	33.67	6.75								
GL W MD	32.00	34.83	27.00	30.07	—	31.50	14.25	GL W SM	18.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	21.75	24.25	21.88	24.13	21.25	22.50	7.00	NRBS - 48	27.00	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	26.50	30.00	27.00	—	—	29.00	7.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	28.00	27.80	28.19	46.50																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	25.50	—	—	.75																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	4.00																
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	11.00	13.00	3.00																

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 to fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were too few to report. Demand for leghorn hens was only moderate with offerings fully adequate for needs. Schedules were as desired for a fair finished supply demand. Trade sentiment was about steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules full. Offerings 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 03-May-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	53.05	51.17	47.18
SOUTHERN	51.52	48.76	44.40
MIDWEST	44.92	43.34	38.63
WESTERN	73.06	68.99	63.90
TWELVE METRO AREAS	58.32	55.63	51.02

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both lights and heavies when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand ranged light to moderate The undertone was about steady.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-25.5 MAJORITY	22.25-23.25 31-38 MAJORITY

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-27.5 MAJORITY	23.5-24.25 31.5-38 MAJORITY

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 13-Apr-02

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

(UNAVAILABLE)

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Week Ending Apr 20, 2002				
Liquid	453	335	5,511	3,333
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	8	22
Total	453	335	5,519	3,355

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Week Ending Apr 20, 2002				
Liquid	62	57	1,562	1,516
Frozen	88	6	1,199	506
Dried	70	0	1,120	203
Total	220	63	3,881	2,225

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Week Ending Apr 20, 2002				
Jumbo	50	0	350	87
Extra Large	60	690	2,298	9,396
Large	3,040	1,700	19,837	29,885
Medium	1,080	660	16,125	12,268
Ungraded	16,710	15,276	49,980	65,864
Misc	0	4,500	10,204	12,287
Total	20,940	22,826	98,794	129,787

/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
	20-23	14-18	6-9

**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
117-120	68-71	57-60	47-50	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
47-57	40-44	38-43	36-39	25-29

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

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 29-Apr-02	1,736	123,692	70,543
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	256	-40534	-7084
PCT CHG	17	-25	-9

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT APRIL 30, 2002 PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
<b>MAINE</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>58</b>
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>97-101</b>	<b>86-90</b>	<b>75-79</b>	<b>51-55</b>
MOSTLY	99-100	88-89	77-78	53-54
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	<b>104-108</b>	<b>93-97</b>	<b>81-85</b>	<b>57-61</b>
MOSTLY	104	93	81	57
<b>VERMONT</b>	<b>108-110</b>	<b>95-97</b>	<b>85</b>	-
MOSTLY	108	97	-	-

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 27-Apr-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.3	21.1	-4	0
BOSTON	3.5	3.7	-5	-10
CHICAGO	42.3	38.6	10	2
DETROIT	24.9	22.7	10	12
KANSAS CITY	2.9	2.4	21	123
LOS ANGELES	83.9	87.1	-4	2
NEW ORLEANS	10.5	13.8	-24	33
NEW YORK	32.1	34.9	-8	-12
ST. LOUIS	19.1	17.2	11	30
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	20.4	6	1
TOTAL	261.1	261.9	0	3
4 WK MVG AVG	260.5			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 27-Apr-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.8	-3	5
E.N. CENTRAL	458.0	-17	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	242.3	-15	-10
S. ATLANTIC	168.7	-5	-7
S. CENTRAL	79.9	1	7
WEST	179.4	-8	-3
TOTAL	1348.1	-11	-4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

**EGG PRODUCTS** (Released May 03, 2002)

Shell Eggs Broken Down 6 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 141 million dozen during March 2002, down 6 percent from March a year ago.

March 2002 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in March 2001.

During calendar year 2002, shell eggs broken totaled 432 million dozen, up 1 percent from the 426 billion dozen broken in 2001. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2002 was 550 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2001.

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