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In Chicago, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged on all weights. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to weak with mediums in the best position. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for current slaughter needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. In Philadelphia and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone continued unsettled and ranged barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules for next week were mostly normal. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices on all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady on mediums. Larger sizes were unsettled, usually ranging barely steady to at times weak entering the weekend. Retail demand was fair, although improvement was noted where features were planned or in progress for the upcoming week. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for requirements.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large and unchanged for the balance. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate and was noted as slightly improved from earlier in the week, mostly due to several features that are planned for next week. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good as the resort and vacation season begins to slow down. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums not as available when compared to earlier in the week. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly quiet demand. Most breakers were reporting fully adequate inventories with little interest in securing additional shell eggs outside of regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large declined 2 cents, mediums unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate to ample.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was mostly light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate for sufficient to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the light demand.

WEST COAST Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak throughout the region. Asking prices for next week on jumbo 3 cents lower, extra large and large 4 cents lower and medium 1 cent lower. Retailer demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate overall.

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)	98-104	89-95	54-58
New York	63-67	61-65	37-41
Philadelphia	61-71	60-69	36-42
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58-67	56-63	29-35
Jackson (1)	72-74	66-68	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-80	63-74	37-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-56	50-54	27-31
Detroit (2)	52-57	51-55	28-32
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-58	53-56	26-30
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	54-60	28-33
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-78	72-74	46-48
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	77-89	75-78	48-51
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	99	88	61
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 3 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, 1 cent lower on medium and small. Retailer demand was fair. Offerings were adequate overall with mediums in somewhat better balance. Benchmark price on small 41. Ads in Southern California: none noted at major chains; smaller outlets - extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, medium dozen 2 for 99 and medium 5 dozen sleeve wrapped 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	116
EXTRALARGE	99
LARGE	88
MEDIUM	61

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	79-106
EXTRALARGE	77-89
LARGE	75-78
MEDIUM	48-51

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-319
EXTRALARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the mostly quiet demand. Most breakers were reporting fully adequate inventories with little interest in securing additional shell eggs outside of regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about 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	31-35	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-22	
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 prices were unchanged on nest run breaking stock, however unchanged to slightly lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week's trading. The market tone was mixed as traders monitor market developments. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Demand was moderate, although buyers were unaggressive for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 17, 2002 were about unchanged from the previous week, but 5 percent less than the same week last year. CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-36	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	17-27	20-22
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-Aug-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,296,759	30,330	11,792	5,994	2,943	4,655
PW	1,262,748	29,313	11,342	5,992	2,712	4,368
LY	1,227,683	27,053	12,350	6,371	2,637	4,387
% CHG PW	3	3	4	0	9	7
% CHG LY	6	12	-5	-6	12	6
2002	39,527,470	918,709	383,642	205,823	94,337	140,459
2001	37,610,416	853,602	379,261	204,045	81,962	134,727
% CHG YTD	5	8	1	1	15	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	40.69	40.40	40.86
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.10	36.94	37.28

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 77 to 81.5 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for all products at currently quoted price ranges. Offerings were generally adequate with demand mostly fair. Liquid product produced outside of contractual needs found little resistance in securing buyers. Breaking stock prices ranged lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 23 August, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	16	31-34	32.16	-.37
WHITES	16	9-16.5	11.34	-.29
YOLKS	5	77-79	78.20	-.65

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower on whole egg and whites with the balance of products unchanged when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was steady to barely steady with some caution noted. Demand remained light to fair. Supplies were adequate or available for immediate trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 17, 2002 were 6% higher than the previous week, but 5% lower than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	42-49	45-46	52-56
BLENDS	TFEWR		67-85
WHITES	22-32	22-24	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS	82-88	84-87	90-94
SALTED YOLKS	79-82	81-82	86-91

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

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with sugared yolk unchanged to a penny lower. The balance of prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, whites and sugared yolk at current reported levels with salt yolk reported as cautiously steady to instances barely steady. Demand was fair for whole egg, whites, and sugared yolk and quiet for salt yolk. Unexpected additional interest in whole egg was seen in a few locations throughout the Midwest this week. Offerings were adequate or available and processors willingly packed ahead for futures sales. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week.

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	44-46	45-46
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-82	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were 1 cent lower on whites, whole and yolks were unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/17 was 3% lower than previous week's level. Demand was moderate overall and supplies generally adequate to cover most needs.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	51-54
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	90-93
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	86-89

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and yolk and unchanged on the balance of items when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was unsettled to barely steady. Supplies were at least adequate and whites remained in the longest position. Trading was limited. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 17, 2002 were 9% higher than the previous week and 12% more than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date percent change was 15% higher than a year ago.

	WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.
WHOLE	1.60-1.95 MOSTLY 1.63-1.75
YOLKS	1.95-2.20 MOSTLY 2.05-2.10
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.65-2.00 MOSTLY 1.65-1.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 16, 2002-AUG 22, 2002

CURRENT LOADS			FUTURE LOADS			TOTAL LOADS											
75.50			83.50			159.00											
SE			NE			MW			5SC			NW			SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	43.00	46.00	—	41.90	37.50	—	12.50	GNR W 1	43.00	44.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	—	29.00	31.00	2.50	GL W J	59.00	63.00	—	—	—	65.00	2.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.00	31.50	3.00	GL W XL	51.00	46.00	—	—	—	51.68	22.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	37.00	43.28	—	—	—	46.49	31.25		
GL W XL	51.33	52.57	—	50.33	40.88	48.00	54.25	GL W MD	24.04	27.86	—	—	—	28.86	10.75		
GL W LG	—	49.60	—	49.94	38.34	—	37.00	GL W SM	—	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W MD	—	24.00	22.88	20.00	25.50	25.67	19.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GL W SM	22.00	23.38	21.20	23.05	17.00	—	8.00	NRBS - 50	27.00	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL BR XL	—	—	46.00	—	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 48	29.00	18.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	34.99	29.00	NRBS - 45	24.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	2.00	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 42	20.00	21.00	—	—	19.00	22.00	4.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.50	18.50	—	23.30	11.00										

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 light and un-aggressive for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings more than sufficient. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were more available than the previous week and rated as usually adequate into slaughter operations and limited into renderers. Demand was mostly fair. Slaughter schedules about full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were fair with schedules providing at least adequate volume for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light slaughter schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
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 23-Aug-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	67.00	65.12	39.35
SOUTHERN	70.15	65.37	38.65
MIDWEST	56.22	54.54	29.34
WESTERN	87.79	80.08	53.20
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.18	67.98	41.88

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. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Demand was moderate at best for the mostly light seasonally needs. The undertone was steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-26 MAJORITY 20-21

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

28-36 MAJORITY 29-31

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-38 MAJORITY 31-32

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 10-Aug-02

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,738	1,605	3,343
LAST WEEK	1,633	1,560	3,193
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,571	1,513	3,084
TO-DATE/2002	56,499	43,665	100,164
TO-DATE/2001	56,441	43,899	100,340

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	326	7	333
LAST WEEK	258	27	285
SAME WEEK YR AGO	239	0	239
TO-DATE/2002	9,991	215	10,206
TO-DATE/2001	14,518	216	14,734

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	2,064	1,612	3,676
LAST WEEK	1,891	1,587	3,478
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,810	1,513	3,323
TO-DATE/2002	66,490	43,880	110,370
TO-DATE/2001	70,959	44,115	115,074

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

	Week Ending August 10, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	364	250	11,378	6,871
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	327	40
Total	364	250	11,726	6,989

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

	Week Ending August 10, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	168	121	4,069	3,313
Frozen	38	3	2,213	814
Dried	6	50	3,298	375
Total	212	174	9,580	4,502

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

	Week Ending August 10, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,160	87
Extra Large	300	1,900	18,263	34,117
Large	2,050	2,428	75,353	75,994
Medium	0	1,830	30,420	30,478
Ungraded	2,190	11,700	185,495	228,470
Misc	420	1,500	13,482	58,029
Total	4,960	19,358	324,173	427,175

/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
	31-34	9-13	5-8

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	79-82	70-73	35-38	19-22

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
58-68	52-55	49-54	25-29	22-26

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 20, 2002. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	116	107	70	52
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	110-114	101-105	63-67	46-50
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	112-113	103-104	65-66	48-49
VERMONT MOSTLY	115-119	106-110	69-73	51-55
VERMONT MOSTLY	115	106	69	51
VERMONT MOSTLY	120-123	110-114	75-80	-
VERMONT MOSTLY	123	114	80	-

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

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 08/19/02	2,825	214,978	76,046
AM 08/01/02	2,024	215,685	75,870
CHG	801	-707	176
PCT CHG	40%	0%	0%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 17-Aug-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.8	18.9	10	-14
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	-19
CHICAGO	35.3	49.7	-29	-22
DETROIT	25.0	23.6	6	1
KANSAS CITY	3.9	3.5	11	0
LOS ANGELES	82.4	85.7	-4	-24
NEW ORLEANS	12.5	11.6	8	29
NEW YORK	31.3	30.0	4	-4
ST. LOUIS	16.6	15.5	7	-2
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	22.2	0	-1
TOTAL	253.6	264.2	-4	-13
4 WK MVG AVG	263.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 17-Aug-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.7	-4	3
E.N. CENTRAL	555.5	-2	9
W.N. CENTRAL	270.7	1	-1
S. ATLANTIC	177.6	1	4
S. CENTRAL	79.8	-1	0
WEST	182.5	2	-12
TOTAL	1486.8	-1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

CHICKEN AND EGGS**July Egg Production Up 2 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during July 2002, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.24 billion table eggs and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.04 billion were broiler-type and 62.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2002 averaged 335 million, up 1 percent from the total average number of layers during July 2001. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,190 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,166 eggs in July 2001.

July 2002 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to July 2001 which contained 22 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2002, totaled 336 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 336 million layers consisted of 276 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.67 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2002, averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.88 billion eggs during July 2002, up 2 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during July, at 314 million, was up 1 percent from a year ago.

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 17-Aug-02**(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	1,764	1,523	3,287
LAST WEEK	1,738	1,605	3,343
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,795	1,466	3,261
TO-DATE/2002	58,263	45,188	103,451
TO-DATE/2001	58,236	45,365	103,601

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	302	4	306
LAST WEEK	326	7	333
SAME WEEK YR AGO	359	8	367
TO-DATE/2002	10,293	219	10,512
TO-DATE/2001	14,877	224	15,101

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,066	1,527	3,593
LAST WEEK	2,064	1,612	3,676
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,154	1,474	3,628
TO-DATE/2002	68,556	45,407	113,963
TO-DATE/2001	73,113	45,589	118,702